June 2025

# Kidscope
## Paediatric Clinic
## NEWSLETTER 2

**As the 2024 -2025 term comes to a close, the team are pleased to share some highlights and updates from the Kidscope Clinic.**

### What is Kidscope?

Established in 2010, Kidscope is a consultant-led community paediatric clinic located in the northwest sector of Cork City, dedicated to serving preschool-aged children. Under the expert leadership of Dr. Louise Gibson, the clinic has supported over 2,200 children and families, making a significant impact on child health and wellbeing outcomes

### Stats & Outcomes Aug 24 - June 25

Number of children currently in Kidscope: **91**
Average age: **3 years 6 months**
Males: **59** Females: **32**
Number of DNAs during the term: **4**
Number of children discharged: **53**
Most common reasons for referral: **Sleep, Query Autism, Speech Concerns, Behaviour, Developmental Delay**
Most common outcomes: **Given prescriptions, Referred for bloods & genetic testing, Referred to community supports, Request school reports**



### Clinic Overview Aug 24 - June 25

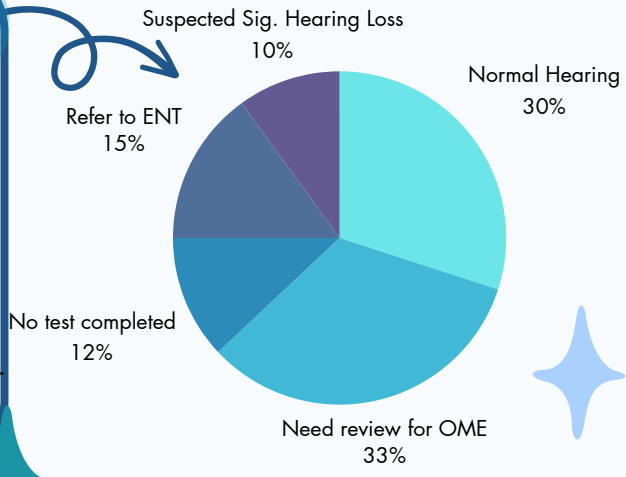
Weekly Clinics: Held every Thursday at the Niche Building in Knocknaheeny, **40 clinics** were hosted from August 2024 to June 2025.
Patient Visits: During this period, **196 children** were welcomed, including **58 new patients** and **138 follow-up** visits.
Medical Student Participation: **176 4th-year medical students** from UCC joined for their community paediatric placements, enriching their learning experience and supporting clinic operations.

### Student Feedback

"I loved Kidscope. Being able to do our own assessments really made us feel like we were becoming doctors"
" I found it extremely insightful and a great learning experience, it was very hands on and was a great experience, the best part of the month "
"I found Kidscope the best. More stuff like Kidscope or clinics in disadvantaged areas would be great"

## Welcoming Audiology

In the second half of the term, we welcomed Dr Niamh Crowley, Senior Paediatric Audiologist and MSc Audiology students to the clinic where they conducted initial hearing assessments to each child attending the clinic.
Student perspective was that it was highly enriching for clinical skills.
UCC hopes to work in partnership again with Kidscope for semester 2 of 2026 (Jan-Mar).











## Celebrating Achievements

**Let's Get to Know Kidscope Event:** In October 2024 Let's Grow Together hosted an event and month-long public exhibition in Hollyhill Library, sharing the Irish Research Council PhD research on the Kidscope Paediatric Clinic with the community and stakeholders. It also provided an opportunity for stakeholders to come together to expand on the knowledge and learnings of the Clinic, and to grow future support. The room was filled, with standing room only for the almost 80 attendees.

**Children's Rights Alliance; Child Poverty Monitor 2025:** Kidscope is proud to be featured in the Child Poverty Monitor 2025 as an example in best practice for Preventative Supports in Early Childhood. You can read the report here: ChildPovertyMonitor_2025.pdf

## Clinic Collaborations

This term we welcomed a number of professionals to partner with the clinic including:
Dr Alice Bailey (Senior Medical Officer)
Elizabeth O'Brien (Social Inclusion Candidate ANP)
Fiona Widdowson (CDNT 9 CNM)
Dr Niamh Crowley (Senior Paediatric Audiologist)
Gillian Casey (PHN)
We want to extend our sincerest gratitude to them and all involved in the clinic

## More info

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