There are an estimated 446,000 patients in England and Wales with COPD and an MRC grade 3 or worse.

From 12 January to 10 April 2015 there were an estimated 68,000 referrals for patients with COPD in England and Wales.

For every 100 patients referred for PR:
- 69 attend an assessment
- 31 do not attend an assessment
- 10 do not enrol onto PR
- 59 enrol onto PR
- 17 do not complete PR
- 42 complete PR

COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; MRC = Medical Research Council dyspnoea scale; PR = pulmonary rehabilitation. Sources: Health and Social Care Information Centre (2014); Steiner et al (2016, 2015)