

*Perioperative Care for Older People  
undergoing Surgery  
The (POPS) Network*

October 2022



Celebration  
Event

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# Agenda

**09:00**      **OPEN**

**Welcome and introduction to the day** Prof. Jugdeep Dhesi, Consultant, GSTT & POPS Network Clinical Lead

**Sharing our improvement stories: Whipps Cross, RD&E, Lewisham**  
**Simon Griffiths**, Director, NHS Elect & **Lisa Godfrey**, Director, NHS Elect

**BREAK (10 mins)**

**Sharing our improvement stories: King's, UCH, Swansea Morrision** **Lisa Godfrey**, Director, NHS Elect

**Reflecting on your measurement journey** **Matt Tite**, Director, NHS Elect

**What's next for your POPS journey?** Prof. Jugdeep Dhesi

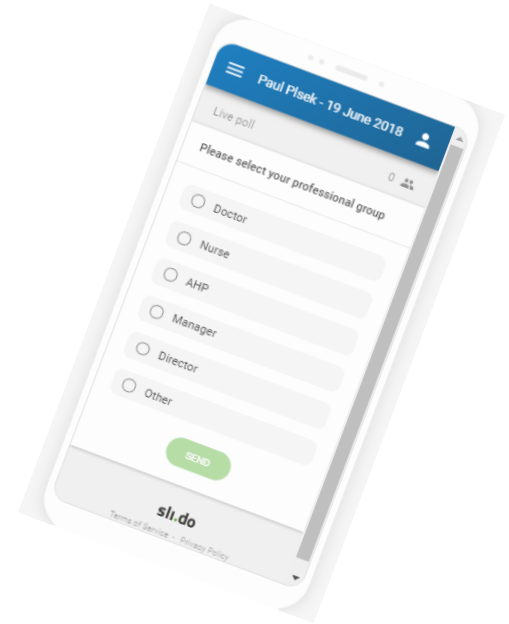
**Summary and evaluation** Prof. Jugdeep Dhesi & Deborah Thompson

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# *Welcome and introduction*

**Prof. Jugdeep Dhesi**

# *Welcome and introduction*

## **News**

- Update from Cohort One sites
- Building a KPI 'dashboard' between all the sites in the network
- Recent publications
  - Shane O'Hanlon editorial
  - PRSB
  - GSTT articles on perioperative care published in Age and Ageing and JAMDA
- What's new at CPOC
  - Diabetes
  - Education
  - CSDH
- THIS foundation and their evaluation work
- The grant application...

## **Reflections**

- Cohort Two



# *Sharing our improvement stories*

**Simon Griffiths & Lisa Godfrey**



# Celebrating success Acknowledging difficulties Looking to the future

Sheena Hubble, Debbie Cheeseman, Kat Haynes, Nur Khaleeda Abidin,  
Rachel Tucker, Jo Wreford, Bexs Snell



Our main objective

**To improve front-door frail surgical patient recognition, assessment and management**



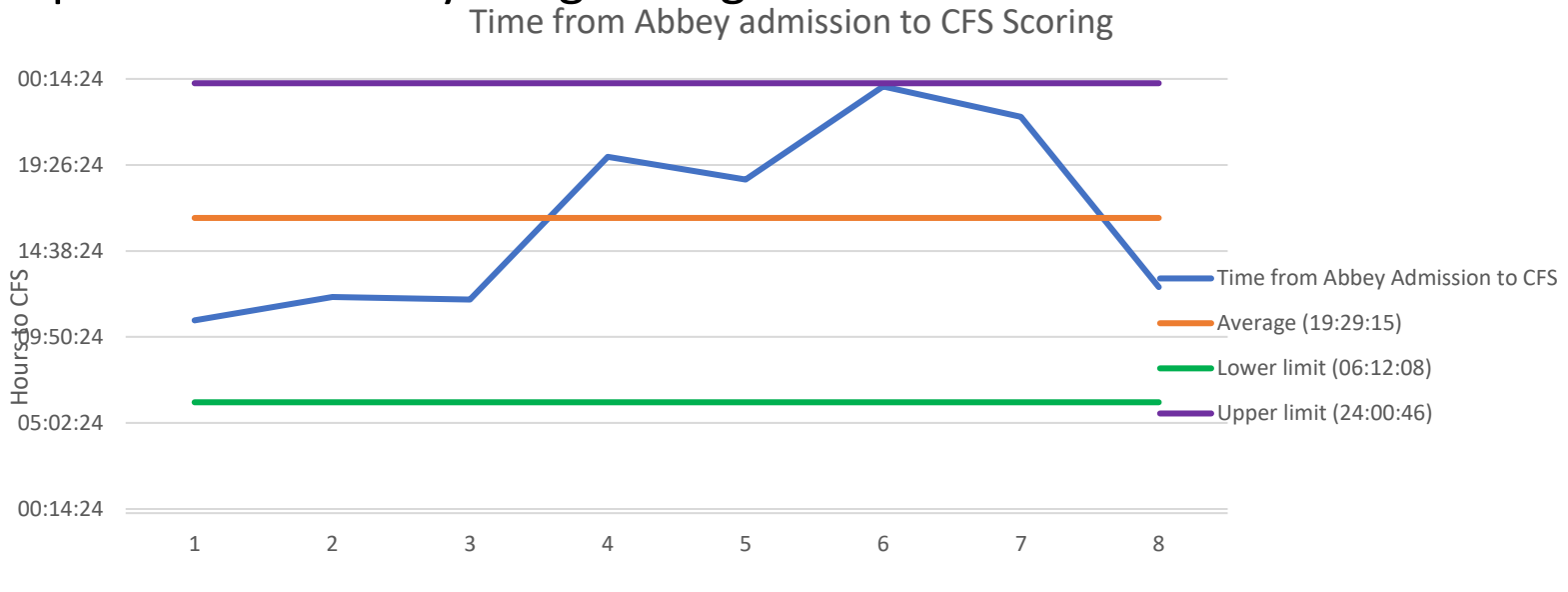
# Our story



# Successes!



- Clinical frailty score has started to be embedded in surgery
- Frailty week 26-30 Sept – quizzes, awards, teaching
- CFS now being recorded, discussed and used in conversations with patient and family ‘surgical regret’



# Resuscitation of NELA!

- To improve case capture and submission to the national database
- To improve our perioperative review of NELA patients from 68% to over 95% with the overarching goal to decrease mortality and /or LOS
- Audit of AKI and ward hypotension which has developed good links with the AKI service.



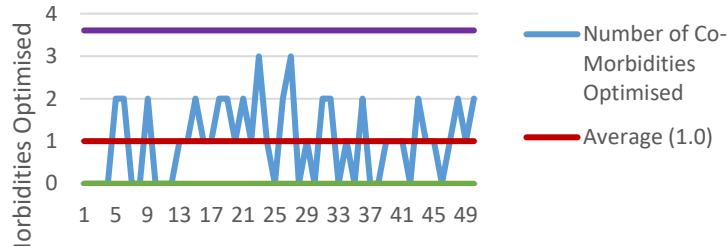
# Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment

- Concept embedded in Healthcare for Older People (HFOP), but not understood elsewhere
- EPIC has made this challenging!
- Even HFOP wards don't have CGA documentation
- We have worked on a collaborative approach with HFOP & Periop to come up with an EPIC document



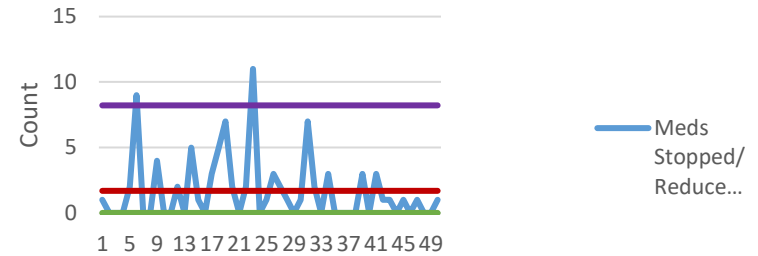
# Effectiveness of the periop team

Number of Co-Morbidities Optimised - SPC Chart



• ~64% of Patient Co-Morbidities were optimised

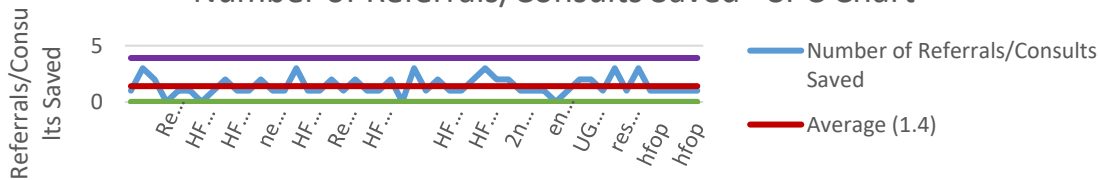
Number of Meds Stopped/Reduced



• Likely 1-2 medication alterations

• ~32% likelihood of 1-2 Medications being stopped

Number of Referrals/Consults Saved - SPC Chart



• ~80% likelihood of 1-2 referrals/consults saved

# What have we learnt?



- It's been hard to lose Sheena for a year but has forced us to work differently
- Sustainability of the team is more important than trying to achieve everything
- MDT Team working is key, we need each other
- Importance of communication - project aims, needs of team members and aspirational outcomes need to be discussed at the start
- Needs of older patients are often at odds with the needs of surgical workload

# Future plans



- We don't want to let Sheena down, so we will keep going!
- Continue to build up the periop team – but we need to work differently
- Discuss the data and needs of older adults in surgery with senior management teams
- Give the patient a voice
- Continue to work with the BI team to obtain SPC data that is meaningful to executive team to effect change
- Extend collaborative POPS working
- Try to recruit a geriatrician to Periop team

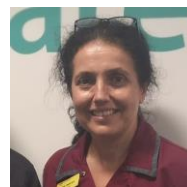


**POPS@LGT**  
**NHS Elect celebration event**  
**October 2022**



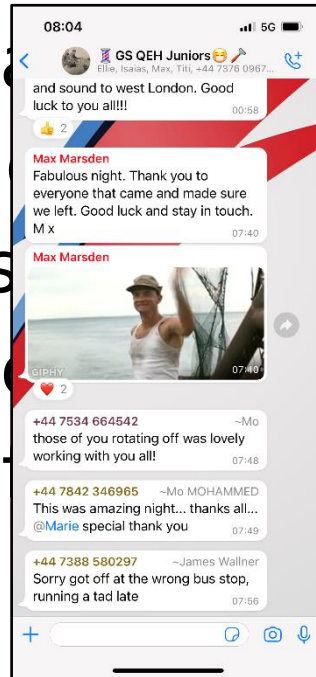
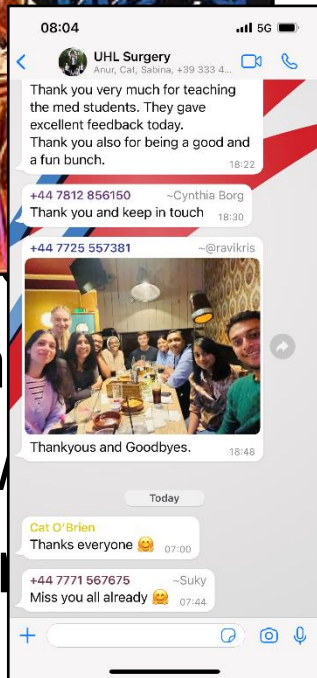
# POPS@LGT Project

- Start December 2021 / 1 year secondment
- Focus of project
  - Emergency General Surgery at QE (primary)
    - Establishing network building business case
    - Scoping timetable for team implementation
  - Review of long waiters
  - Trial of UHL POPS clinic



# Ward in-reach – How?

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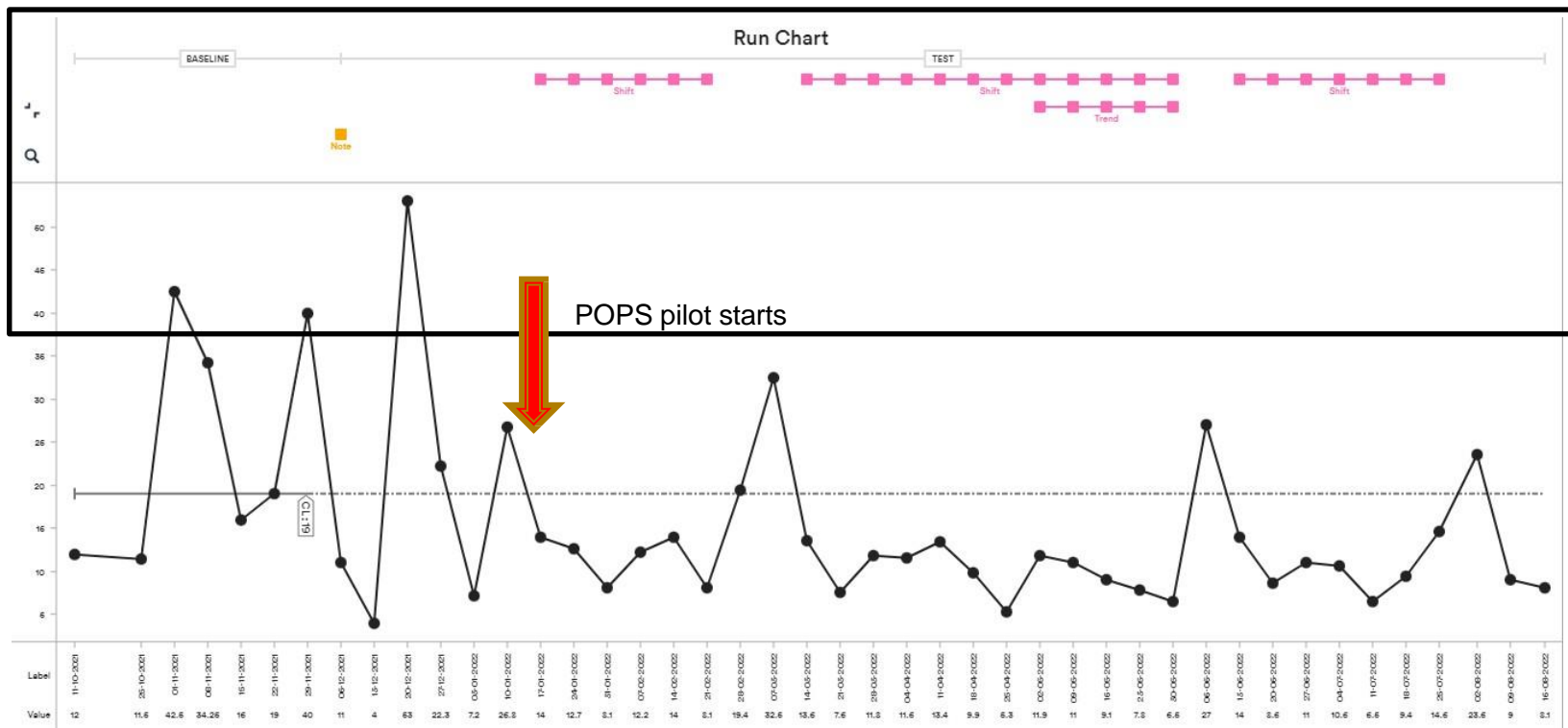


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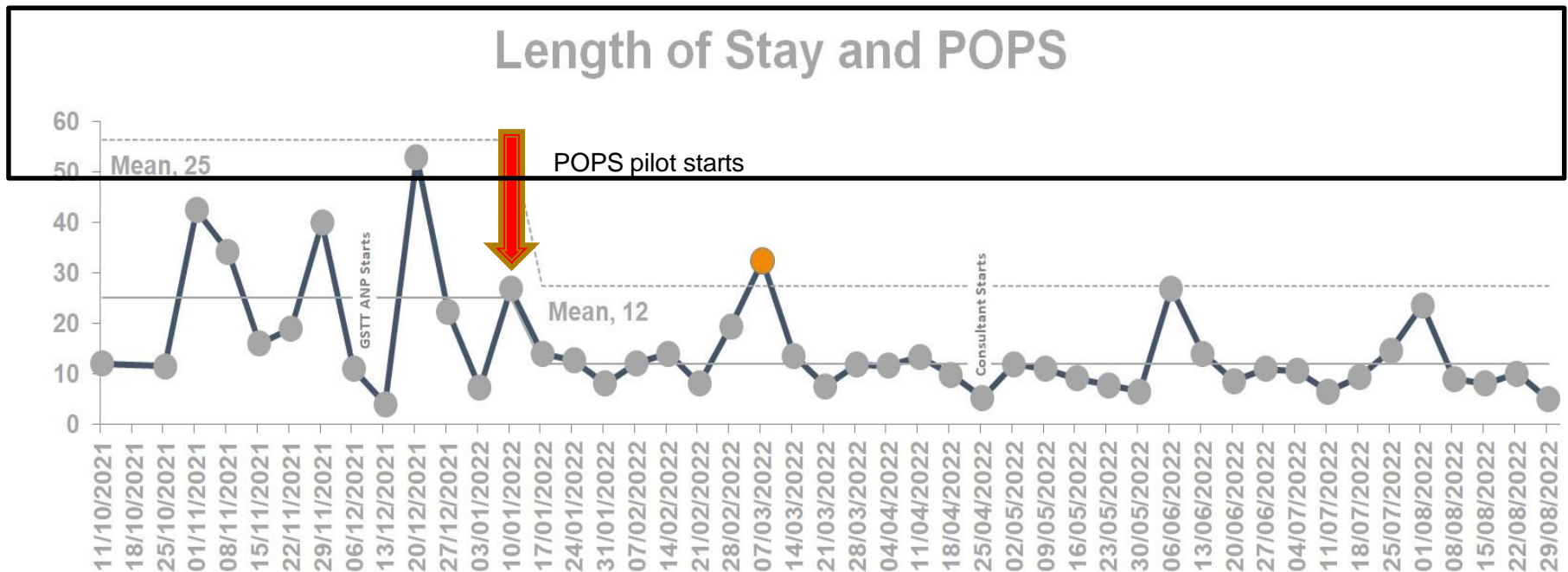
# Length of stay – initial impact start of service

- Life QI used to track weekly average LOS
- Prior to project - length of stay for a patient who was >65 years of age, highlighted as frail, the mean was LOS was 17 days (range 1 to 56 days).

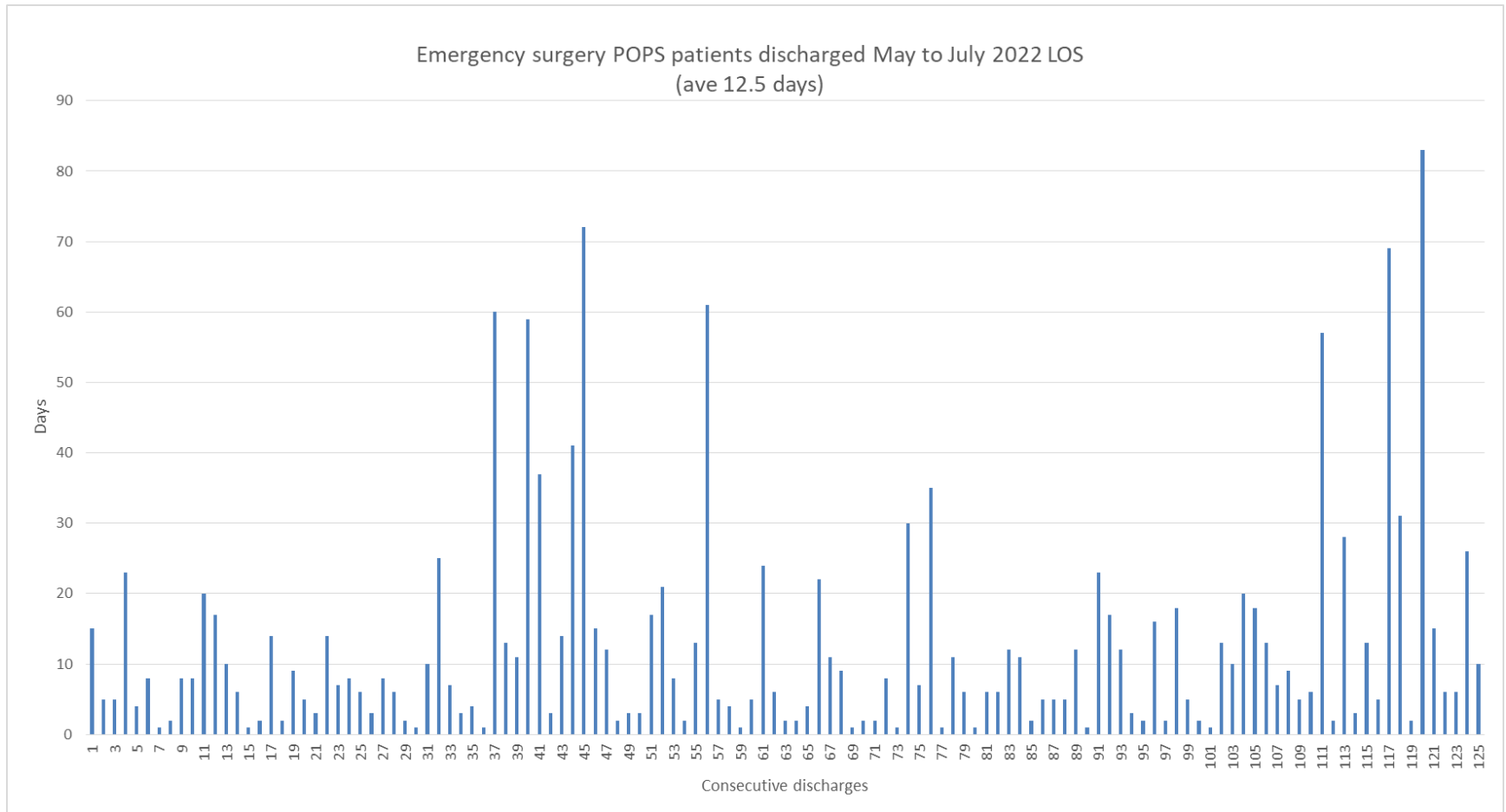


# Length of stay – initial impact start of service

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- Reduction in the mean length of stay to 13 days
- Variation in LOS has also reduced the upper control limit of >50 days to 25 days.



# Length of stay – 3 month analysis

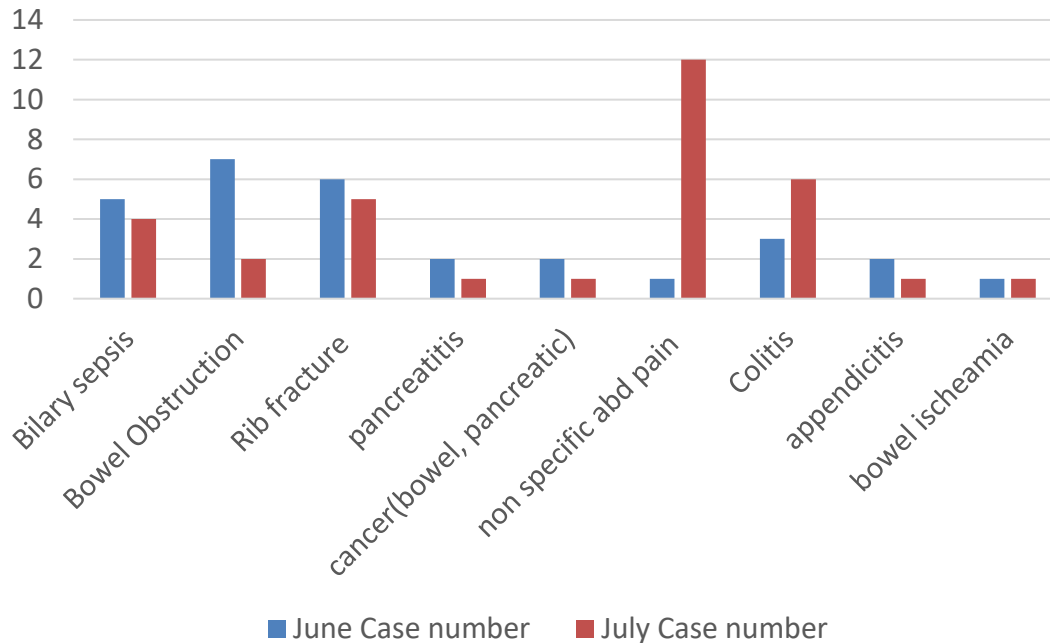


- *LOS reduction has been maintained and improved slightly*

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**In detail monthly analysis**

# Overview of Primary Diagnosis & Profile



## Total number admitted:

June - 35

July - 35

## Average LOS

June - 10 days

July - 8.5 days

## Required surgery:

June - 9

July - 3

## Mortality:

June - 4

July - 3

## Delirium

June - 3

July - 4

Average CFS - 5

Average medications - 5

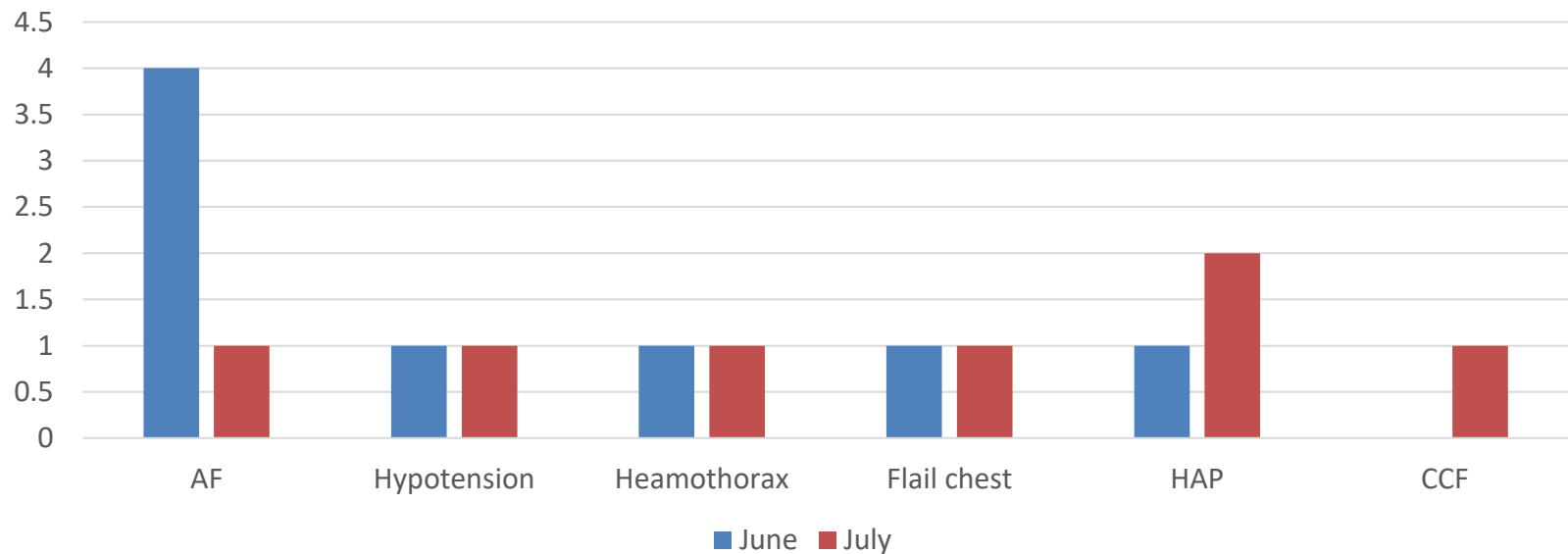
Average medical condition - 5

Readmissions - 6% (total over course of project)



# Cardiovascular inpatient's complications

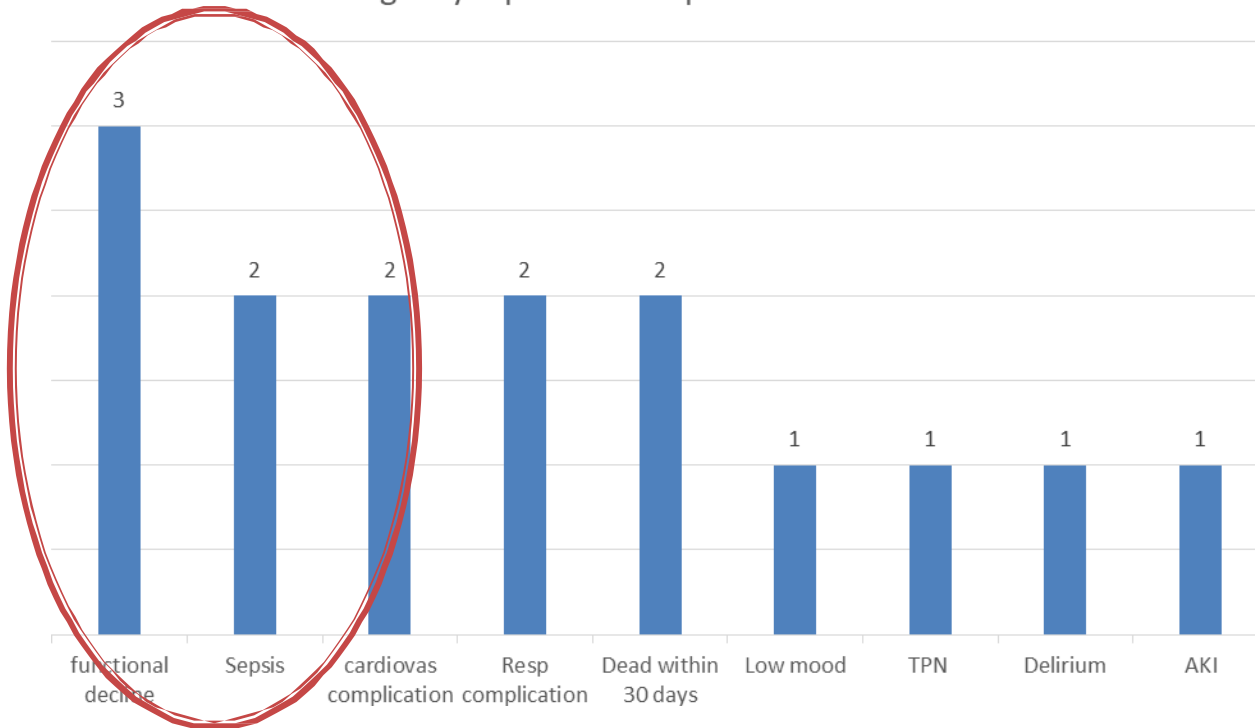
Cardio-respiratory complications



# Those who stayed longest reasons

(Patients with LOS >12 days)

Long stay inpatient complication breakdown

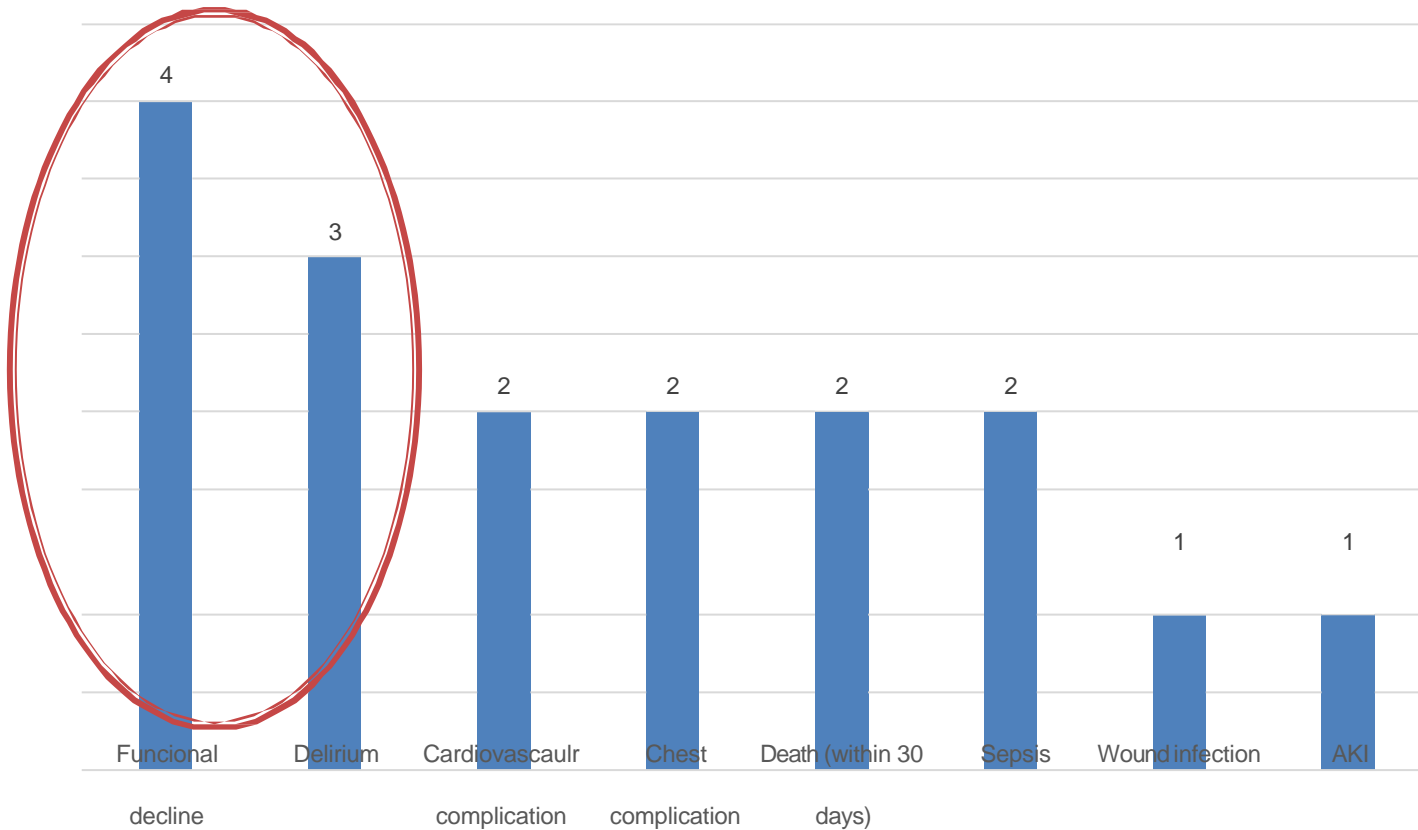


- n=7
- Average age 80 (range 75-89)
- LOS average 28 days (range 16-69 days)
- Frailty / CFS average 6
- Seen by POPS average of x3 times
- Underwent surgery = 3
- 2 dead both had surgery, in hospital longest (24 & 69d) and not reviewed by POPS until 4 weeks into stay (long ITU admission)

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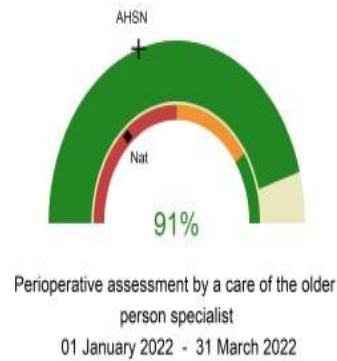
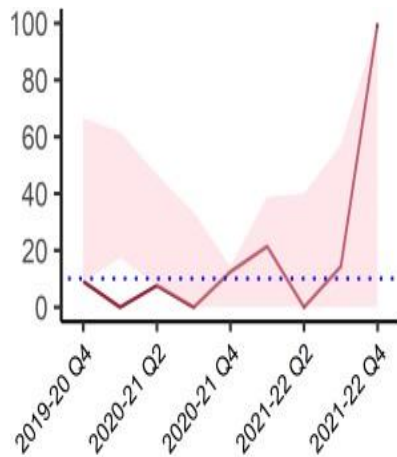


- n=9
- Average age 85 (range 69-93)
- LOS average 16 days (range 13-26 days)
- Frailty / CFS average 6
- Seen by POPS average of x3 times
- Underwent surgery = 1

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**Other impact / work**

# NELA impact



**Perioperative Assessment by a member of the geriatrician-led multidisciplinary team for patient aged 65 or over and frail (CFS  $\geq$  5) or 80+**

National mean 28%

AHSN mean 40%

Number of patients included 11

Data completeness 100%

# Sharing success / QI initiatives

**NHS** Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

**POPS** Perioperative medicine for Older People undergoing Surgery

## Are they frail?

Frailty is an independent predictor of poor outcomes after surgery

Our frail patients stay in hospital longer, have more complications during their hospital stay and often have lower satisfaction from treatment

### Think!!

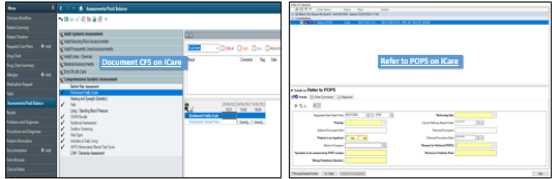
- **Are** - Assess using the clinical frailty score (CFS)
- **They** - Talk to family to aid assessment
- **Frail?** - Document CFS on iCare and Follow it up

If you are concerned about an older or frailer patient under your care

### Refer them to POPS

**How to refer a patient to POPS**

- Ask us to see them. We are often on the ward. Just come say hello
  - Bleep the team. B1p 6100 or 6291
  - Use the electronic referral form on iCare



Jason Cross ANP POPS (jason.cross@nhs.net), Titi Adeyemi ACP POPS (titi.adeyemi@nhs.net)

- Presentation at exec and directorate meetings
- Local (ward QI) and education regarding frailty assessment
- QI showcase presentation and poster

**NHS** Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

**POPS** Perioperative medicine for Older People undergoing Surgery

Guy's and St Thomas NHS Trust

## The implementation of nurse led proactive surgical geriatric in-reach service, in emergency surgery, at Queen Elizabeth hospital (POPS@QEHL)

Authors: Jason Cross ANP POPS (jason.cross@nhs.net), Titi Adeyemi ACP POPS (titi.adeyemi@nhs.net)

**The problem**

- Increasing numbers of older patients having surgery with these patients at higher risk of adverse post operative outcome, including treatment regret and increased length of stay
- Services to support these patients are few, despite a recognised benefit in an integrated / transdisciplinary approach to their care.
- Limited funding for new services
- Not enough geriatricians

**The question**


- Can a senior nurse team implement a proactive surgical frailty service to replicate the success of similar services seen nationally?

**The aims**

- Design and embed a system of proactive identification of frail patients admitted as an emergency under the care of general surgery at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Woolwich
- Demonstrate benefit of such service in influencing 1) Decreased length of stay 2) improved adherence to National Emergency Laparotomy Audit 3) Reduction in referrals to QE medical frailty team increased patient satisfaction, 4) improved patient and staff satisfaction

**The methods and intervention**

- Band 8a nurse practitioner seconded from GSTT for one year to oversee the project
- Support provided from frailty service at QEHL in form of clinical expertise and provision of an advanced clinical practitioner to support service development
- Daily attendance at morning surgical handover to highlight patients early in admission
- Presence on the surgical ward, linking at nurse handover to proactively seek out patients who may benefit from specialist frailty input.
- Patients reviewed using a comprehensive geriatric assessment (CGA)
- Link with NHS Elect POPS (perioperative care for the older person undergoing surgery) network to help collate and analyse data (monthly meetings)
- QEHL Quality improvement team involvement to support project review, data analysis and QI project oversight
- All patients seen by QEHL POPS recorded on local database to measure impact



**The Results**

- Reduction in length of stay for frailer patients after POPS intervention (reduced mean LOS and variation)
- Improved input for NELA patients from 20% to 91% (national average 28%)
- Reduced burden on QEHL medical frailty team
- Observed variation in frailty scoring comparing ABE score and gold standard CGA assessment





**Next steps**

- New consultant geriatrician joins the team
- Using data to build business case beyond project end November 2022
- QI project to empower ward teams to take lead in the assessment of frailty
- Examination of patient and staff experience
- Electronic referral system goes live

# Team and vision for future

Current	Future
ANP (GSTT secondment)	ANP / AHP
ACP Staff 2021	(b)
QEH	QEH and QHE
- EGS frailty in-reach - 1 x POPS clinic.	EGS frailty in-reach - 2 POPS clinics

- In-reach for emergency surgery at UHL started
- Scoping and commencement of LGT POPS clinic
  - Interface with existing services
  - Cross site working
- Point of contact
- Business case completion

# Next steps

- Ensure sustainability of service
- In-depth analysis of August and September
  - More detailed review of long LOS
- Business case finalisation
  - Version 4 currently
  - presenting to board in November
- Readmission review
  - 408 patients d/c during pilot / 26 readmissions (6%)



# POPS@LGT NHS Elect celebration event

## Questions





# Questions and Comments

# *Comfort Break*





# *Sharing our improvement stories*

Lisa Godfrey

# NHS Elect- King's

## Building a pre-operative clinic

Dr Nicola Lochrie & Dr Felicity Woodward

With thanks to the NHS Elect team

Established post-op  
surgical liaison  
service but limited  
pre-op

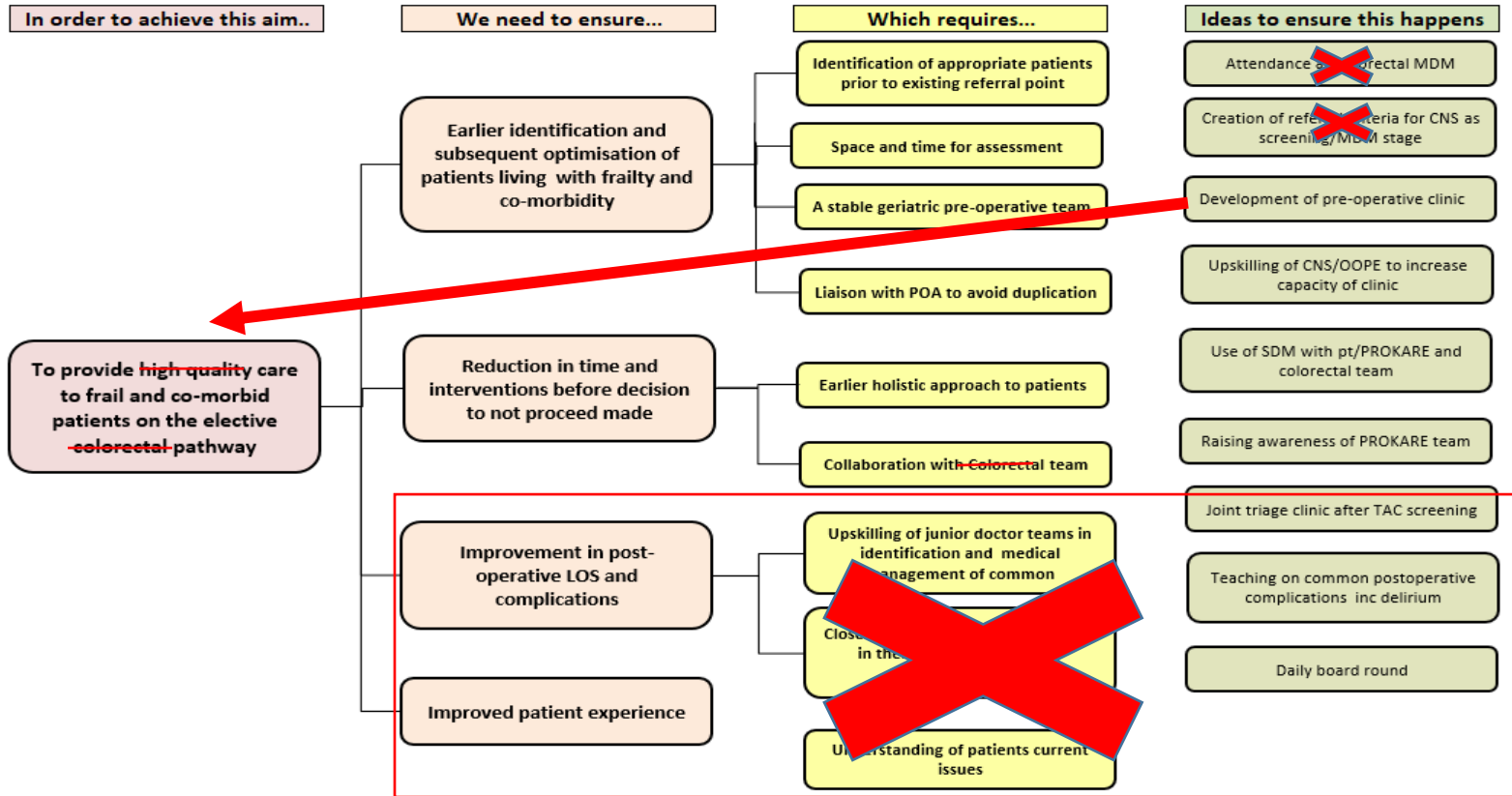
Good timing-  
national interest  
and NHS Elect

Enthusiastic new  
consultants seek new  
project

Experience of the  
POPS model

Enthusiasm from a  
surgical team,  
anaesthetics and  
exec

# What we wanted to do and initial thoughts



**In order to achieve this aim..**

**We need to ensure...**

**Which requires...**

**Ideas to ensure this happens**

Provide pre-operative assessment and optimisation to frail, co-morbid older adults awaiting surgery

Early identification of appropriate patients

Opportunity for pre-op CGA and optimisation

Deliver evidence based care

Improved patient experience

Creation of referral criteria

Awareness of clinic and referral criteria

Space and time for assessment

A stable geriatric pre-operative team

Upskilling of junior doctors in pre-operative assessment and optimisation

Use of national/local guidelines

Understanding of patients current issues

Holistic approach to patients

Avoidance in duplication of assessments

Ongoing engagement with current referrers

Advertisement of clinic and referral

EPR referral for clinic

Development of clinic with SOP (based on GSTT POPS clinic)

Engagement with clinic team to streamline

Clinic MDM

Build a network/pathways local to our hospital for pre-op investigations

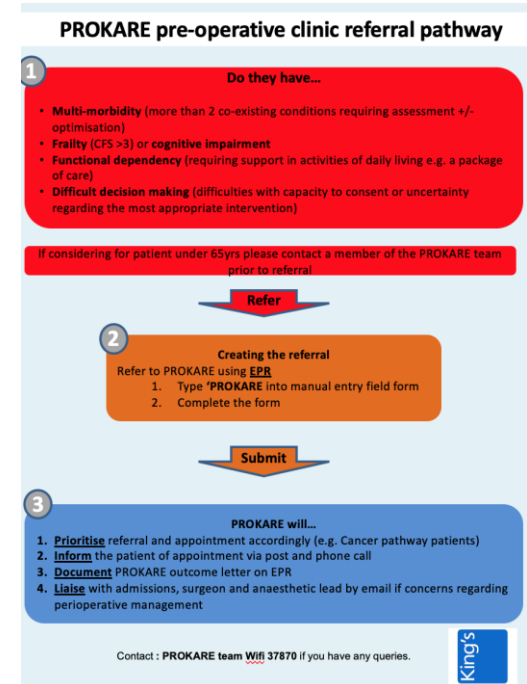
Use of SDM methodology in clinic

Use of patient information leaflets e.g. delirium

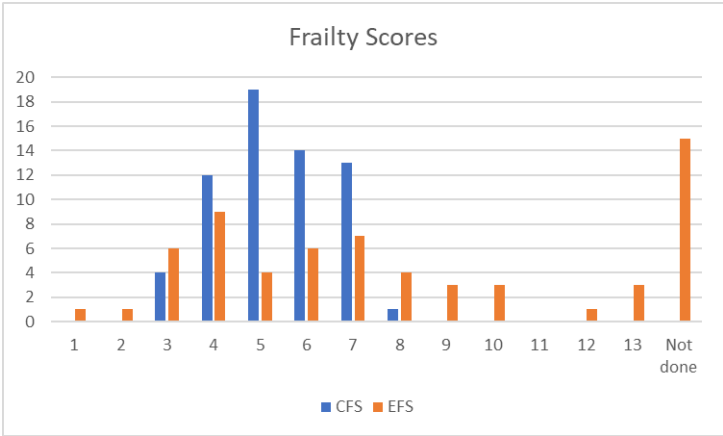
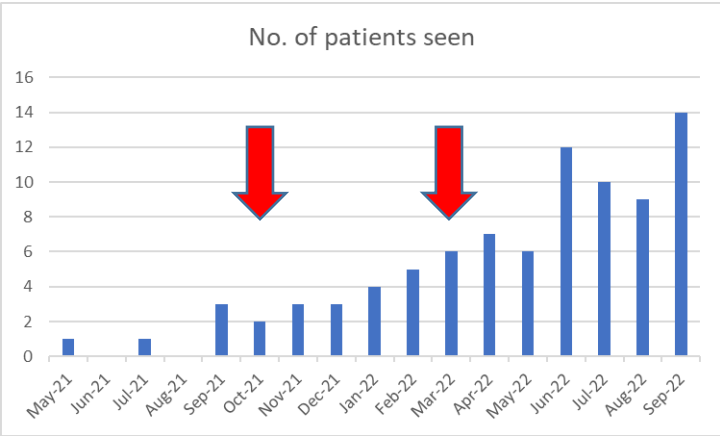


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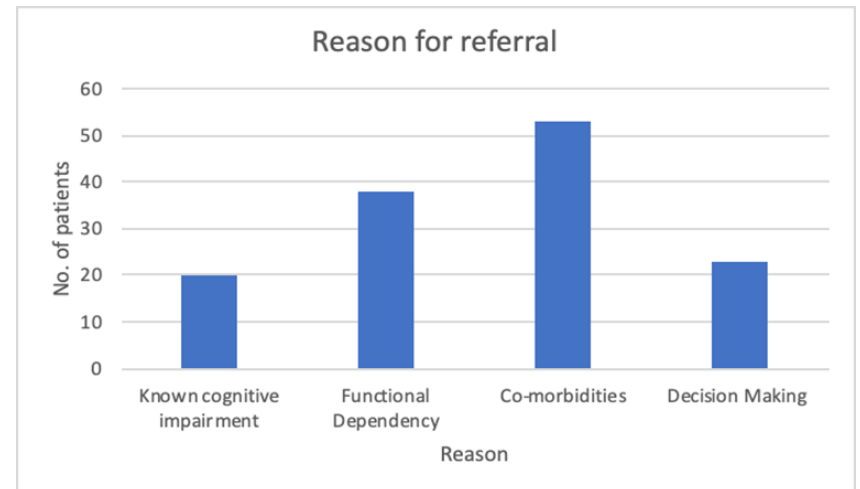
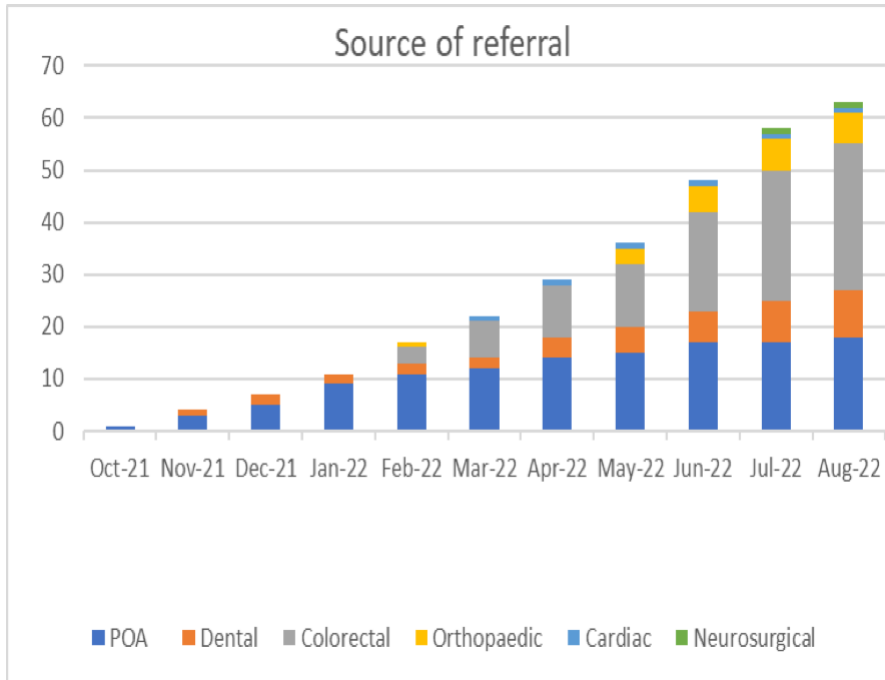
- Existing clinic
- Got our faces out there
  - MDM/forums/emails invites/consultant meetings
- Spread the message
- Got started

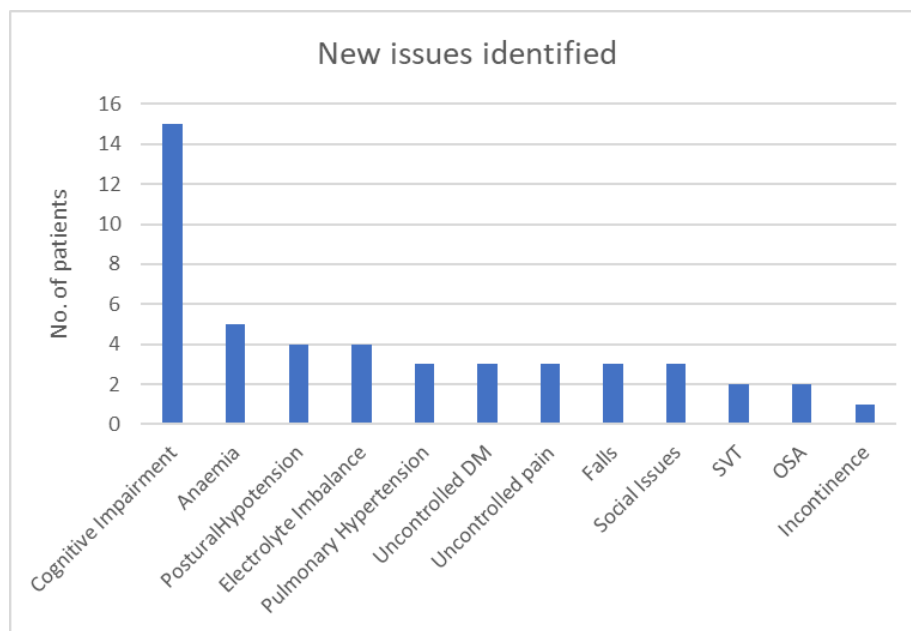
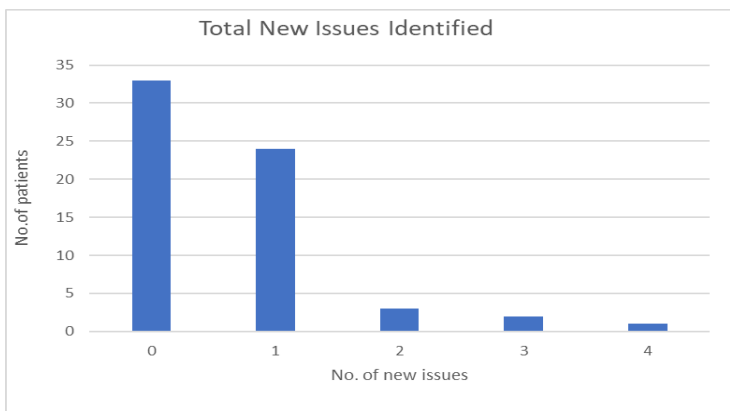
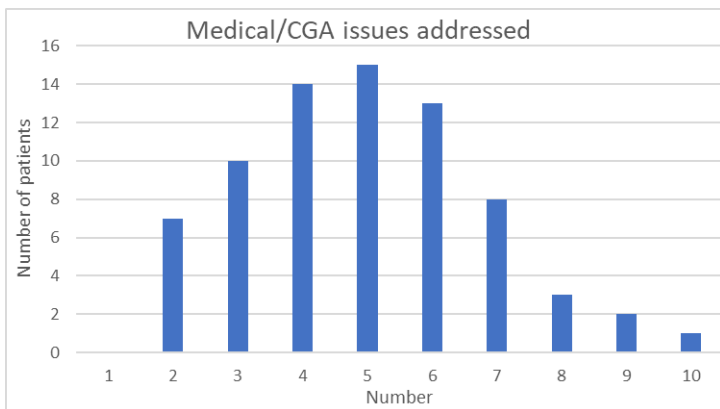


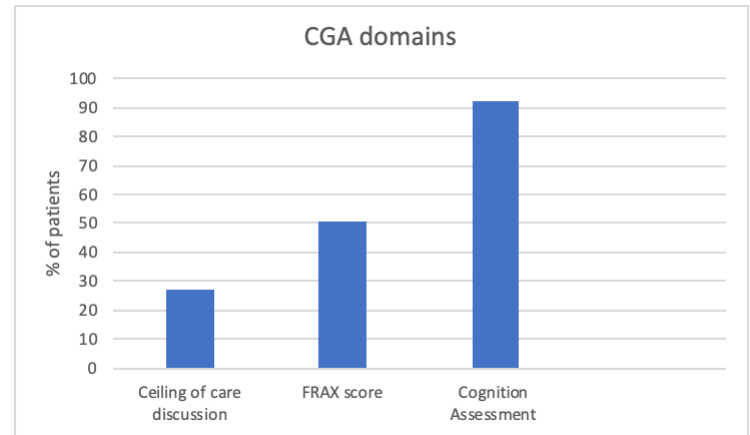
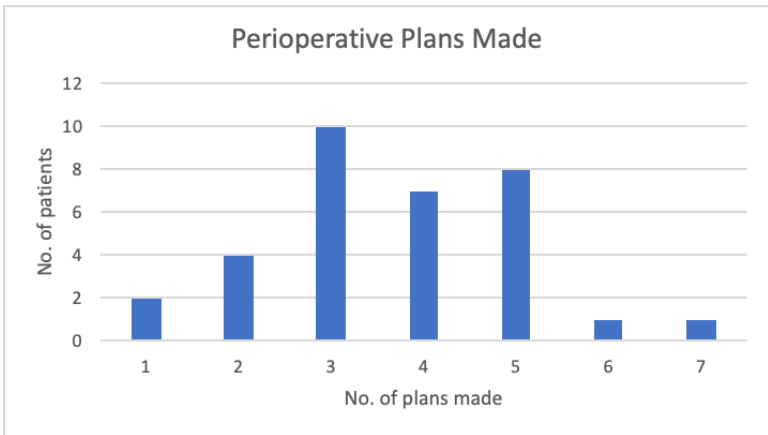
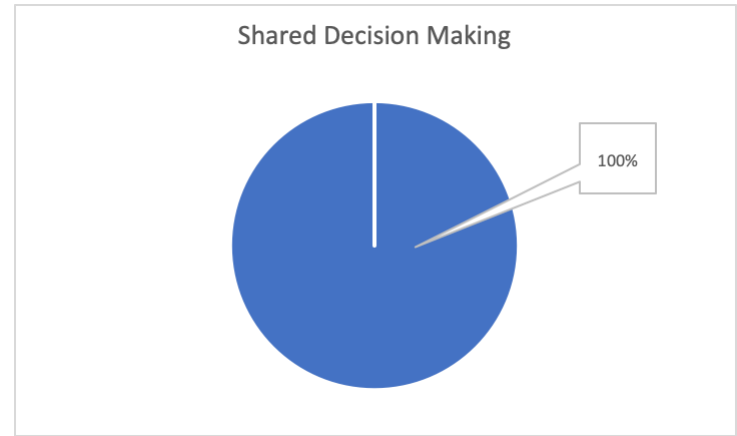
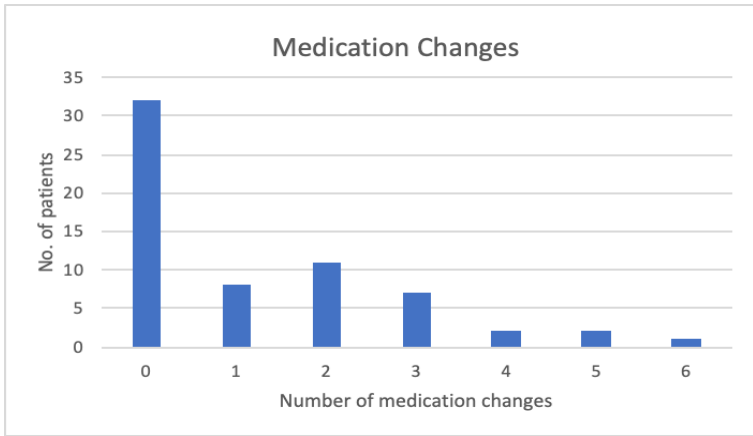
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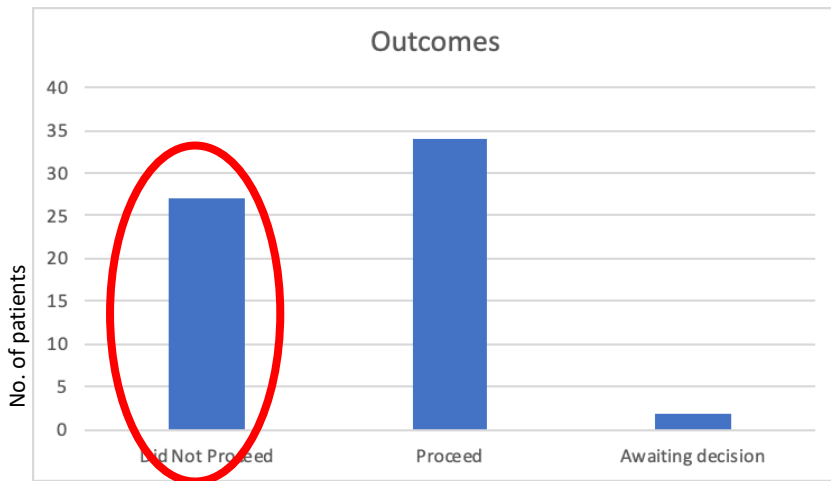
# Referrals







# Outcomes



Cancer/Non cancer



■ Cancer ■ Not Cancer

Cognitive Impairment

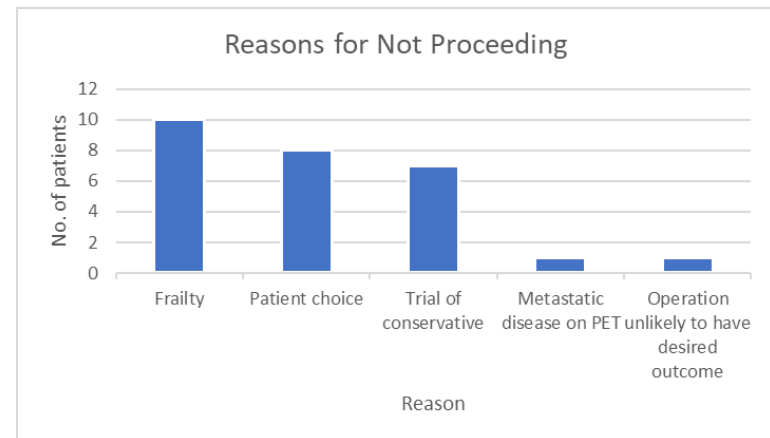


■ Known Cognitive Impairment  
 ■ New diagnosis of cognitive impairment  
 ■ No cognitive impairment

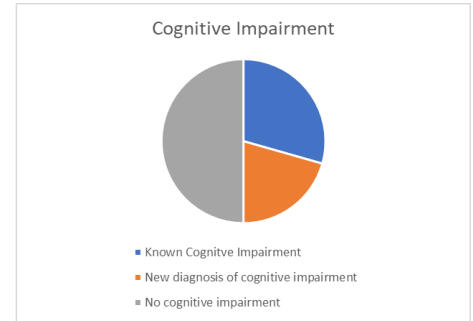
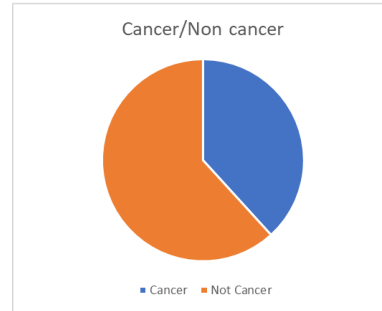
Best Interest Meeting



■ BIM - No ■ BIM - Yes



SDMQ9: All patients/families where the patient didn't proceed scored the consultation as strongly agree or completely agree for all 9 domains



# Potential Cost Savings

Proposed Operation	Minimum	Maximum
Anal Cancer Resection	6747	22471
AP + IGAP flap	6747	22471
Appendiceal Resection	5232	13342
Cholecystectomy	5418	11802
Closure of peritoneal defect	9701	9701
Colonoscopy	1613	1613
Colonoscopy	1613	1613
Cystoscopy and SPC insertion	4204	4204
Dental Extraction	3958	3958
Inguinal hernia repair	4656	6719
Left hemicolectomy	10543	30051
Liver biopsy	1338	1338
Rectal Prolapse repair	3795	5651
Re-do Delormes	3795	5651
Right hemicolectomy	11351	30051
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Sigmoid Resection	10543	30051
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TAVI	7365	12594
Total Hip Replacement	10166	29925
Total Knee Replacement	7526	17503
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Total knee replacement	7526	17503
Whipple's	13417	24904
Total Cost	189376	440823





# Challenges

- Process planning glitches
- What type of patients do we want to see?
- Is our role around decision making or optimisation?
- Decision making?
- Contacts and credibility

# Things that worked for us

- Show your face
  - Attendance at pre-operative clinic monthly meeting
  - Introduction to colorectal team via F2F, MDM and email
  - Responsive, helpful and enthusiastic
- Development and **constant** advertisement of the clinic via flyer and email
- Education and enthusing team members
  - Streamlining of booking process - involvement and engagement with clinic team
  - Improved turnaround of clinic letters and feedback to surgeons
- Future
  - Working with POA team to strengthen pathway
  - Trial of virtual appointments for dental patients
  - Presenting work to wider hospital team to try and secure funding for additional clinic slots
  - Plan for expansion of clinic and team

THANK YOU!

# Celebration Event- POPS-2 Network

Dr Imran Mannan  
Consultant Geriatrician

Dr Wint Mon, Dr Oliver Boney  
Consultant Anaesthetists

# Vision & Outcomes

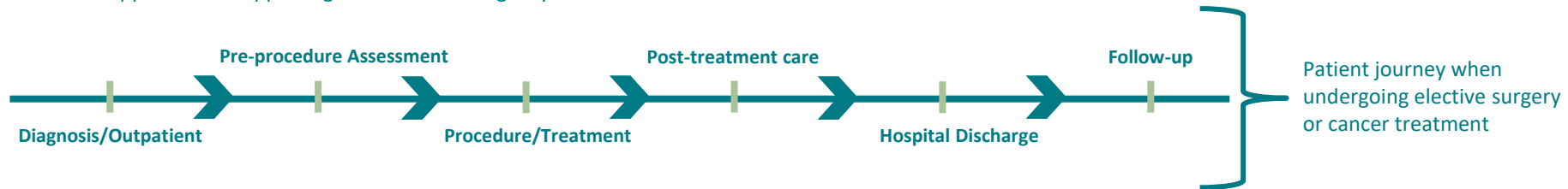
*“Every older person living with frailty and/or with multiple medical comorbidities, who comes to UCLH for elective surgery, (across all hospital sites), will have access to high-quality Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment and geriatrician-led MDT input throughout their treatment journey – from diagnosis to discharge”*

## **This strategy aims to achieve the following outcomes for older patients:**

- Reduce medical and surgical complications of treatment
- Improve mortality rates
- Improve length of stay on surgical wards
- Reduce hospital readmission rates
- Improve access to treatment
- Improve screening & assessment of frailty within surgery and cancer services
- Improve patient experience

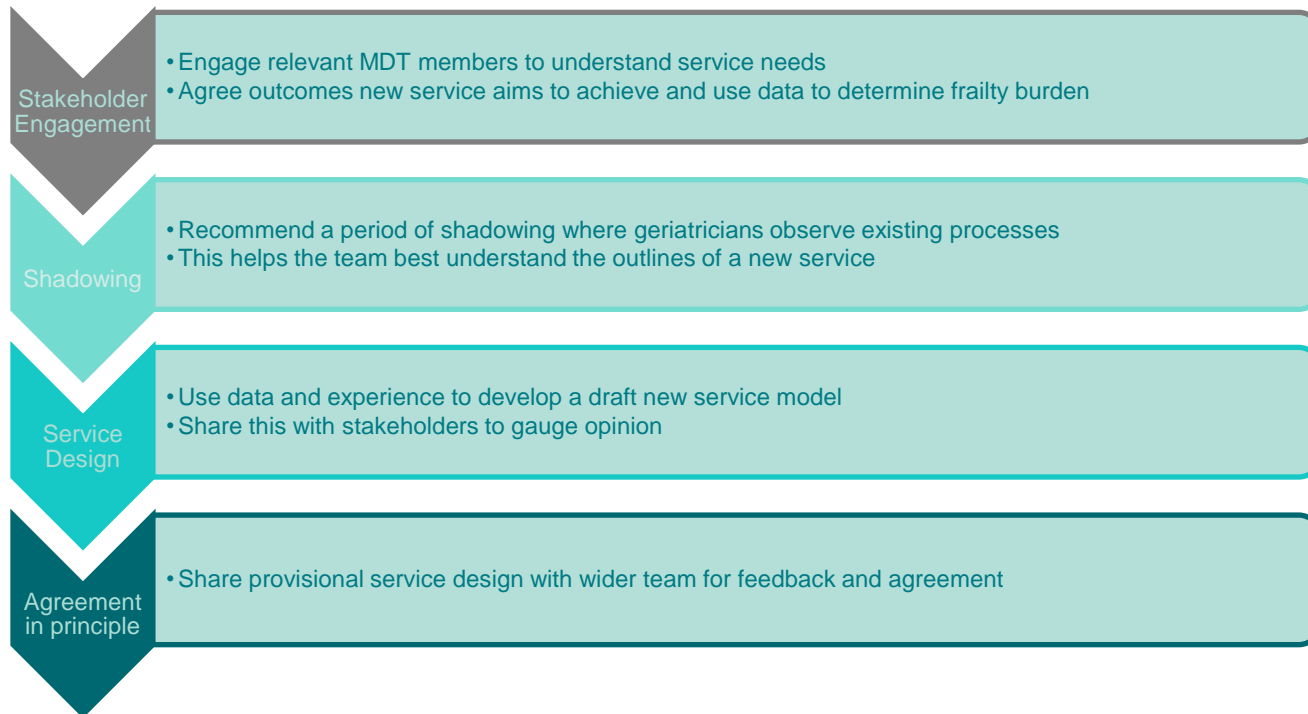
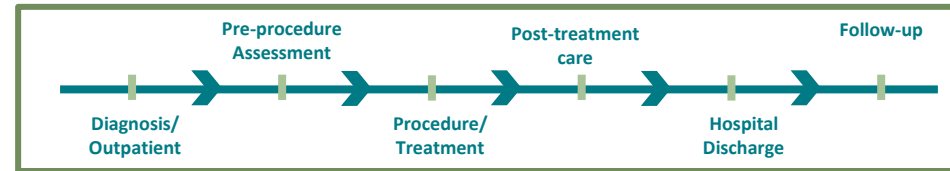
# Modules of care

Geriatricians offer expertise in the assessment and treatment of older people living with frailty and/or multiple medical co-morbidities and can support older patients undergoing surgery or cancer treatments in a number of different ways **throughout their entire treatment journey**. The MFE team will work with individual departments to piece together these different modules to create a **bespoke service** that meets the needs of their patients. These modules focus on elective care but are also applicable to supporting teams with emergency admissions.

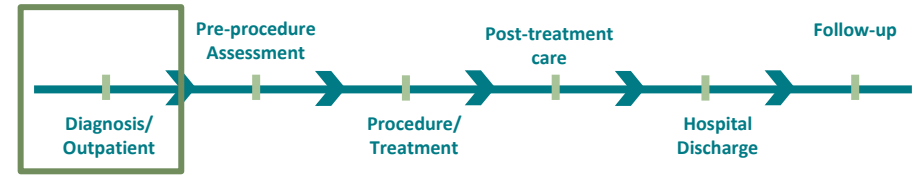
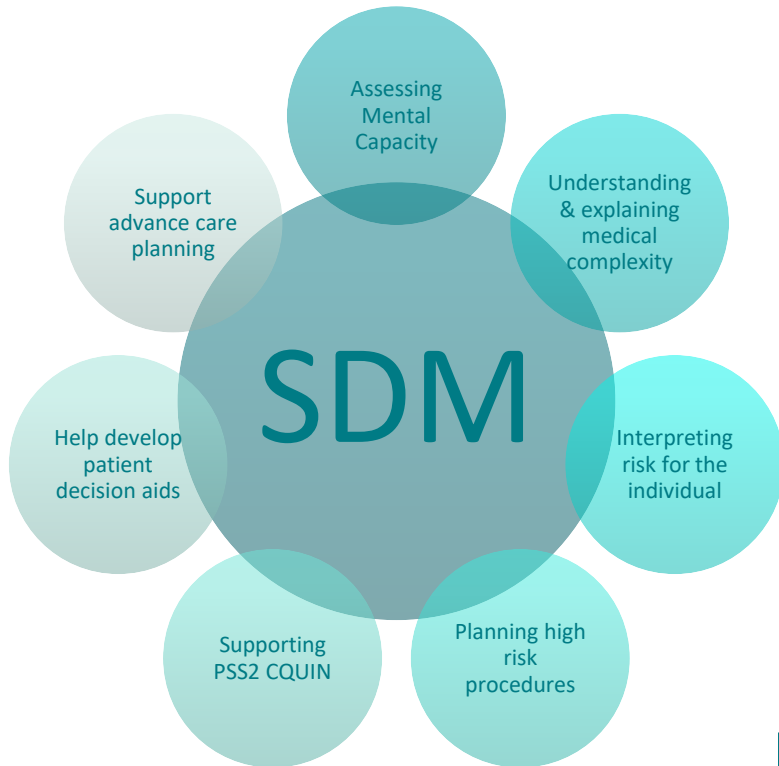


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| <p><b>1</b></p> <p>Service Design &amp; Co-production</p> | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>Shared Decision Making</p> | <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Supporting MDT Discussion</p>    | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Pre-treatment optimisation</p>   |
| <p><b>5</b></p> <p>Inpatient ward support</p>             | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>Rehabilitation</p>         | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>Virtual Ward &amp; Community</p> | <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Supporting Academic Research</p> |

Each department within UCLH that offers surgery treatments will have unique patient demographics, treatment options and service design.



SDM is a joint process in which healthcare professionals work together with a patient to help reach a decision about their care.

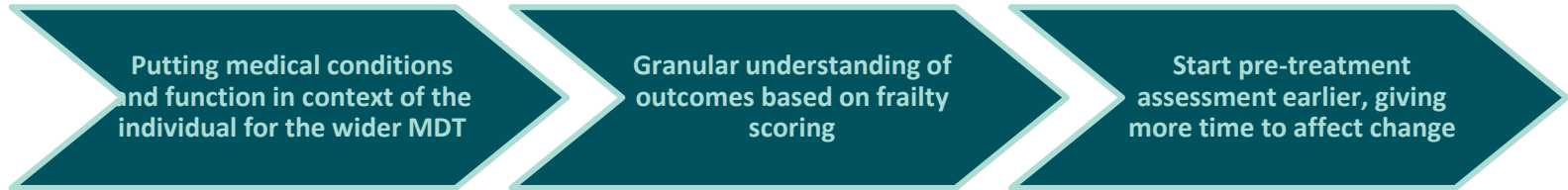
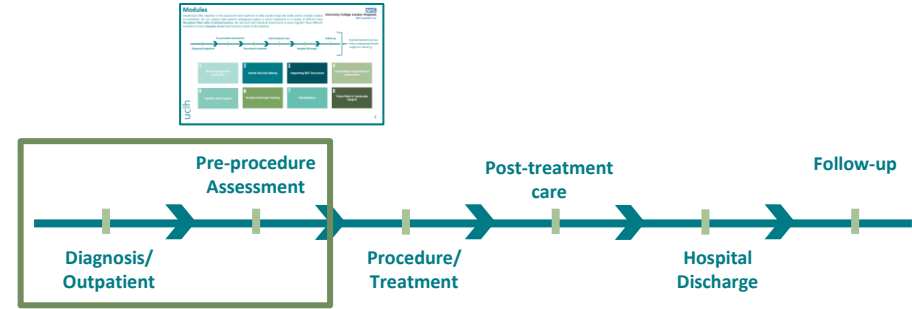


- Models of care that could support shared decision-making include:
- Joint clinics with specialists (surgeons/oncologists)
  - Joint clinics with anaesthetists
  - Ad Hoc telephone (or face-to-face) appointments

<b>Predicted Consultant DCC Time to support SDM:</b>	2 hours/week
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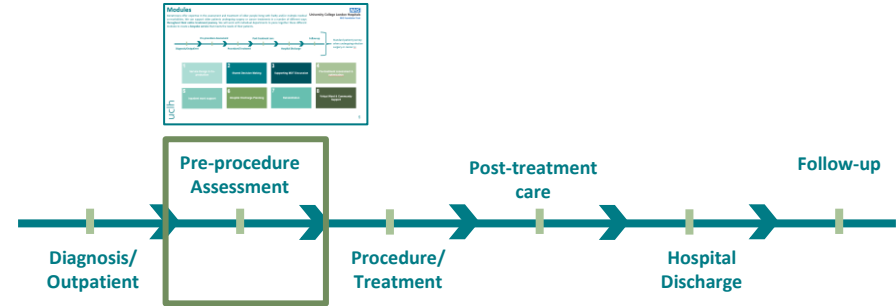


Geriatricians are experts in understanding patients' general function, in medical complexity and in polypharmacy. The tools that geriatricians use to understand function are more sensitive and discriminatory than WHO Performance Status. We can provide valuable input into MDT Discussions to help expert teams determine appropriate treatment options.



Predicted Consultant DCC Time to support MDTs:	1-2 hours/week
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Medical and physical optimisation before treatment can lead to both improved clinical outcomes and, in some cases, allow patients to access more intensive treatments.



Optimising a full complement of medical conditions in a “one stop shop” to improve patient experience and outcomes.



Access to the entire MDT to improve frailty, physical conditioning and performance status prior to treatment.



Providing and amending treatment for co-morbidities including anaemia and osteoporosis



Aiming to improve performance status of patients to improve access to more life-saving interventions



Providing comprehensive documentation that will stay with the patient and guide decision-making

Predicted Consultant DCC Time to support PTO:

4 hours/week

## COM-PAC

- >65y
- Moderately to severely frail patients
- Known cognitive impairment
  
- Physician, anaesthetist and therapist (on call)
- Embedded within the pre-assessment service
  
- UCLH + Whittington patients
  
- Every Wed afternoon – 4 slots since the opening of GWB
- Referrals – surgeon, anaesthetist or PAC nurse

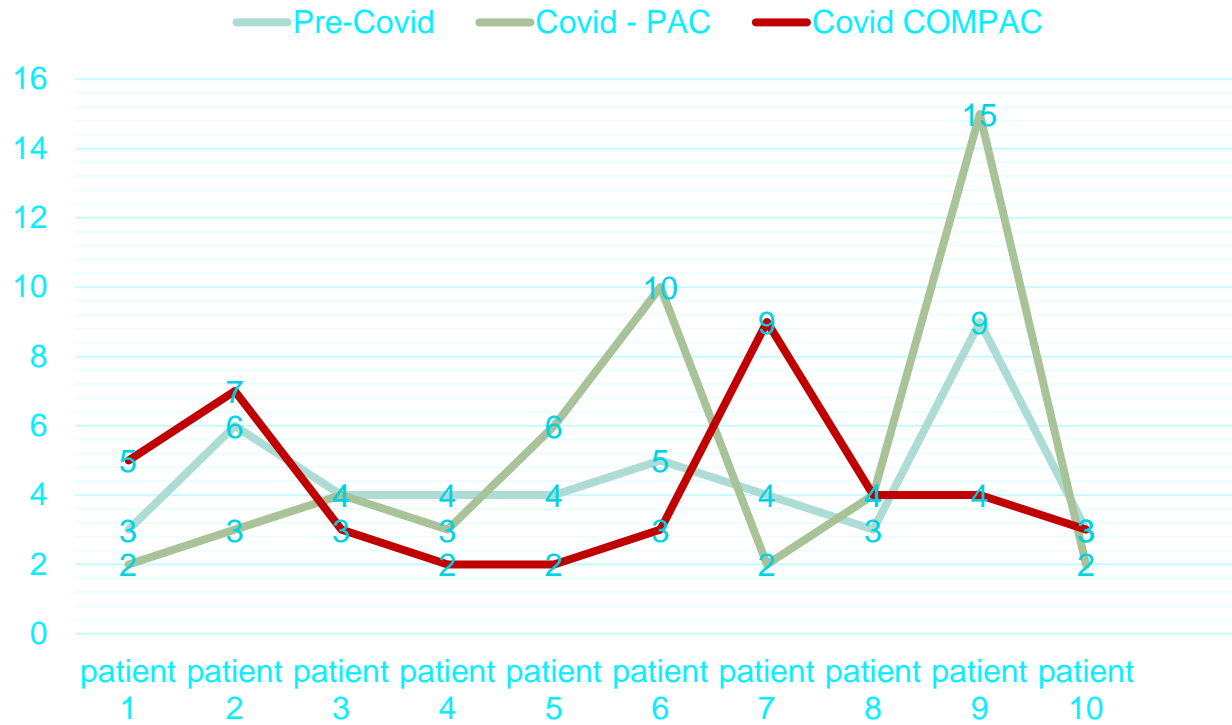
**Theatre review meeting + PACU booking**

Metric	Daniel Sommer	Ollie Boney	Wint Mon	Comments
Number of Complaints	Would Be Nice	Would Be Nice	Would Be Nice	I can check with the ortho team if they have done any patient satisfaction survey for GWB.
ROMD	Unnecessary Metric	Unnecessary Metric	Unnecessary Metric	Likely too onerous
Death within 30 days	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	
Key pre-operative function change before operation because of pre-op GSA assessment	Would Be Nice	Unnecessary Metric	Would Be Nice	If we have time for prehab or if and when prehab is expanding to orthopaedics
MOTOM monitors occupational outcome measure (used for OT goals setting)	Unnecessary Metric	Unnecessary Metric	Unnecessary Metric	
Cognitive function pre and post operation	Essential Metric	Unnecessary Metric	Would Be Nice	We really need to start doing cognitive assessment at PAC
Number of patients returned to baseline functionality	Would Be Nice	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	
Hospital-acquired pressure ulcer?	Essential Metric	Would Be Nice	Would Be Nice	
Number of inpatient falls	Essential Metric	Would Be Nice	Would Be Nice	
Reduction in SS	Would Be Nice	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Reported at the monthly GWB governance meeting
Ability to rehabilitate with physiotherapy	Unnecessary Metric	Would Be Nice	Would Be Nice	
Length of stay in recovery	Unnecessary Metric	Unnecessary Metric	Unnecessary Metric	This can be affected by a number of issues such as ward staffing
Post-operative hospital length of stay	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	
Length of stay in rehabilitation	Would Be Nice	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	
Care Package before admission?	Would Be Nice	Would Be Nice	Would Be Nice	
Care Package on discharge?	Would Be Nice	Would Be Nice	Would Be Nice	
Pre-operative POPS assessment?	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	age cut off?
Post-operative POPS assessments?	Essential Metric	Would Be Nice	Essential Metric	POPS team review rather than assessment?
Assessed for delirium post-op? (AAT)	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	
Nutrition Assessment completed pre-op?	Unnecessary Metric	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	pre-op or post op?
Cognitive assessment pre-operatively (MoCA vs CLOX)	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Mer was trying to add mini COG to PAC pre COVID. We can check in with her again.
Time from initial surgical review to POPS/pre-op review	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Would Be Nice	
Time from pre-op POPS review to admission	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	We have PAC to TIC data every month.
Time from admission to surgery?	Would Be Nice	Would Be Nice	Would Be Nice	
Late cancellation of surgery?	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	On the day and cancellation with < 7 d notice
Readmissions to ITU after operation	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Agree with Oily. We should add unplanned ITU admission
Readmission to hospital within 30 days	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	
Return to theatre within 30 days	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	Essential Metric	
Patients satisfaction	Find out what is collected already	F&F Test?	Sam	
What is the correct cognitive screening test	Telephone MoCA - Wint	Might struggle to get PAC nurses to do	Dan	Caution that GSTT have a different model
Balium outcome	Look into industry standard - POPS			
Check if PAC nurses ask about care packages? Free text vs data inputs			Wint	
Nutrition assessment - what is the score?			Wint	
PROM Return to baseline			Sam	

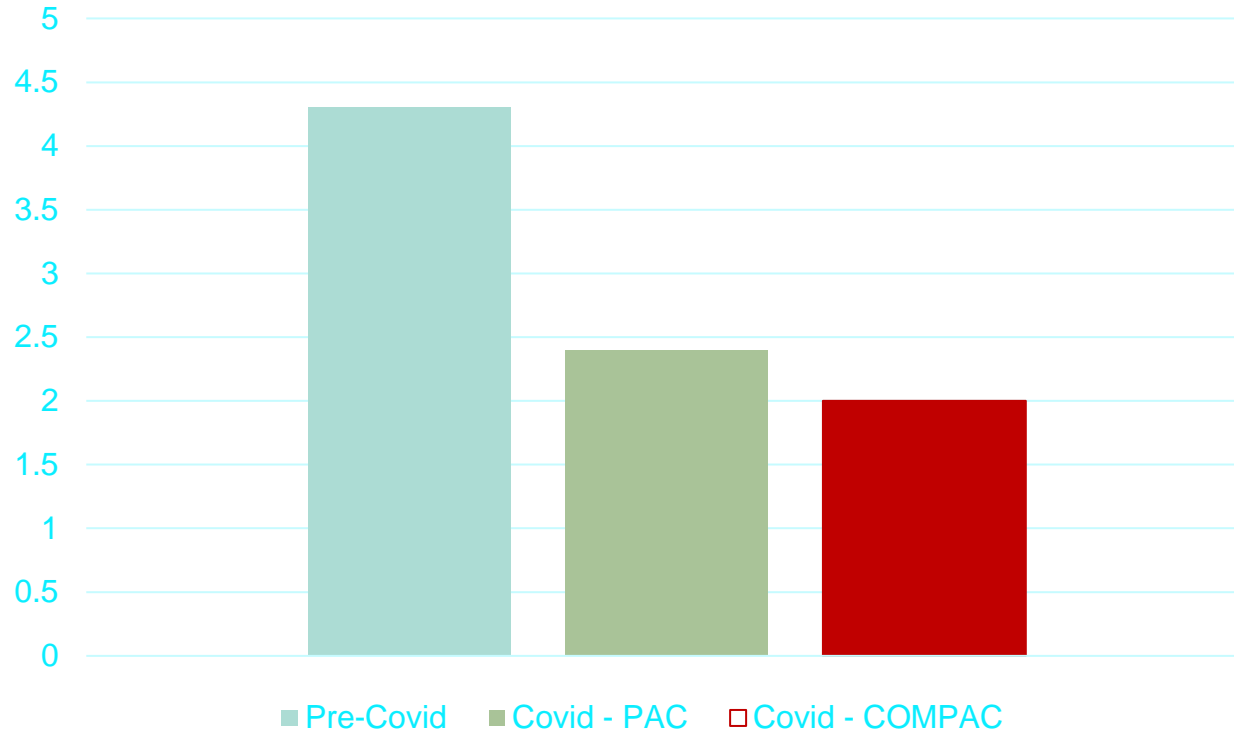
## Metrics prioritisation

Patient groups			
	Pre-Covid	Covid – PAC	Covid - COMPAC
Avg Age	73	73	79
CFS (median)	4 (not done)	3 (not done)	5
LOS (average)	4.5	5.1	4.2

# LOS



## Post-op emergency review

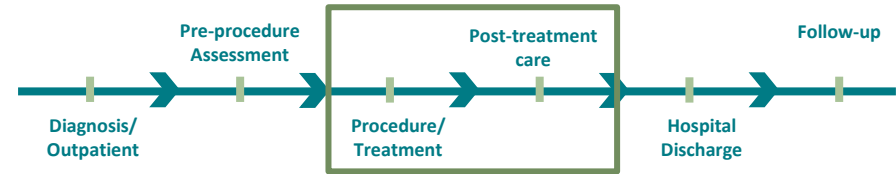


## Current Challenges

- Not capturing all eligible patients
- Delay in anaesthetic review + F2F due to late booking of cancer cases (at least 50% not reviewed until a week before surgery)
- More education and engagement needed for frailty scoring and cognitive assessment
- MDT discussion and continuity of care – difficulty in engagement with the stakeholders
- Data support



Geriatricians have a large inpatient bed base and have developed regular cadences of board rounds and MDT discussions that support flow.



### Board Rounds

- Daily morning MDT huddle
- Drive forward plans and discharges

### Ward Rounds

- Regular, proactive clinical review of patients
- Either separate or joint with treating clinicians

### Ward MDT

- Weekly meeting with MDT (nurses, AHPs)
- Discuss complex patients and unblock issues

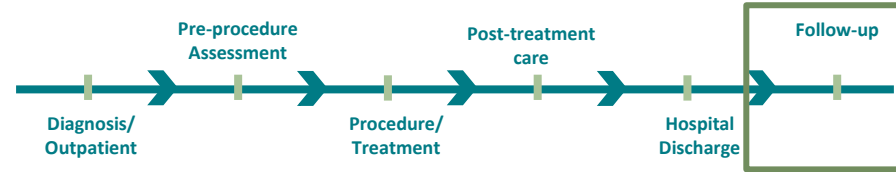
### Discharge Planning

- Understanding function and outcomes to improve flow
- Navigating complex discharge pathways and funding streams

Predicted Consultant DCC Time to support IWS:

4 hours/week

Across NCL, and especially in Camden, geriatricians are taking a leading role in running virtual wards – a new model of care that provides clinical oversight and regular patient supervision in their own homes. This model of care can provide additional support to patients after their treatments if primary teams feel they need closer monitoring or support.

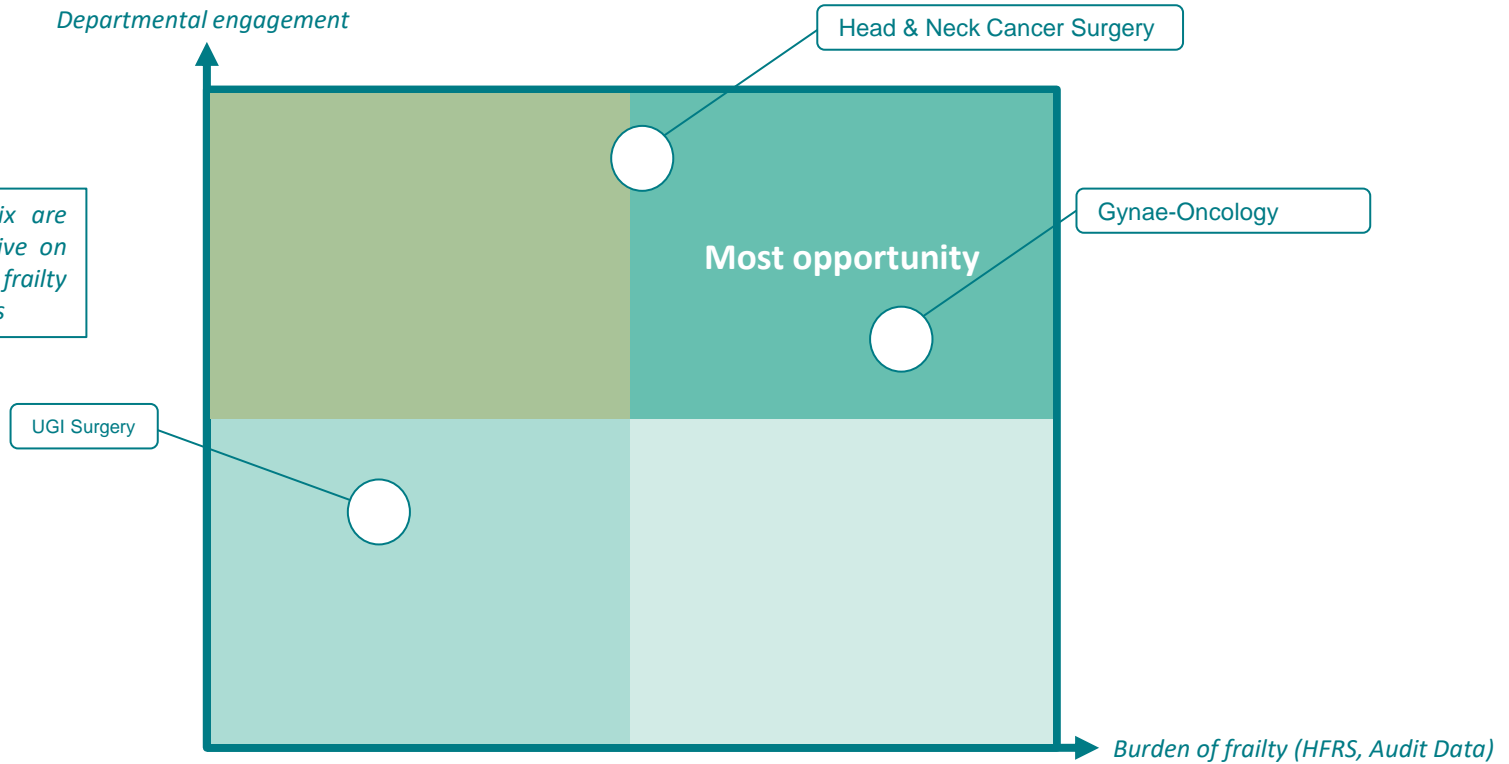


Virtual wards are available in most boroughs across London and stand ready to support patients who are ready to leave hospital with additional support or who are at risk of deterioration at home. UCLH geriatricians are involved in running the virtual ward in Camden, so can provide additional support to patients living in the borough.

# Prioritisation Matrix

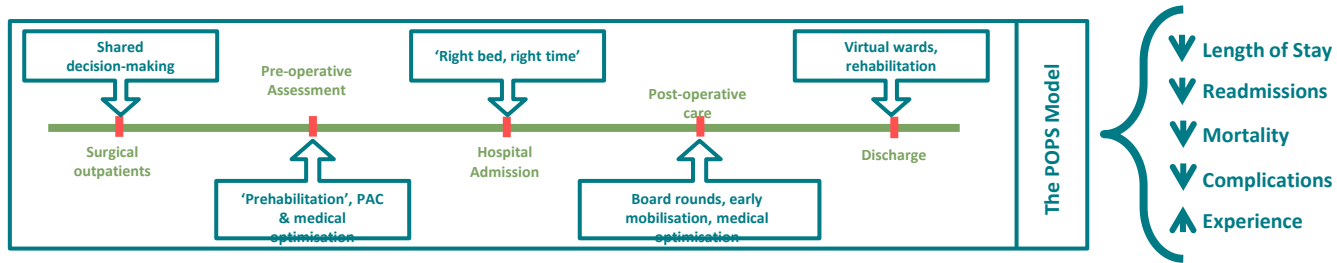
There is limited clinician resource, therefore decisions around which services to support and how best to support them will require prioritisation. Services should be prioritised based on need (which requires data) and level of engagement from individual departments.

*The results in this matrix are indicative and not reflective on actual engagement or frailty burden within departments*



### POPS GYNAE-ONCOLOGY PROPOSAL

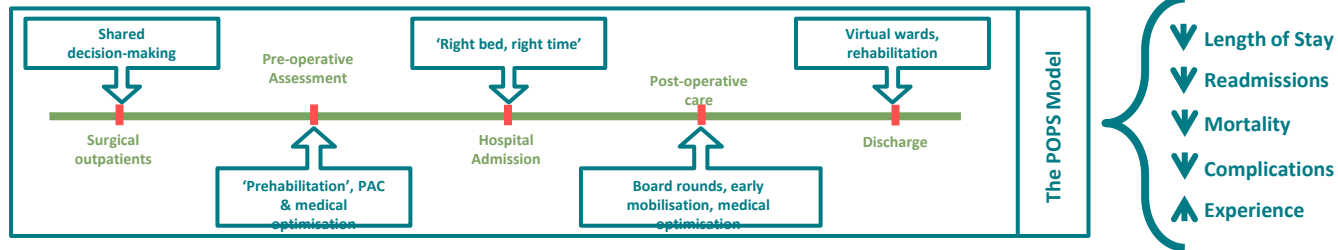
Geriatricians are experts in the diagnosis and treatment of older people who are living with frailty and/or multiple medical co-morbidities. We have a key role to play in improving outcomes for older people undergoing surgery. We will support the gynaecology team to enhanced shared decision-making, improving pre-operative optimisation and develop post-operative care models to improve operational and clinical outcomes.



Pathway	Geriatrician Involvement	Time Commitment
<b>Shared Decision-Making</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly discussion with anaesthetists every Tuesday morning to discuss relevant patients from the previous week's clinic</li> <li>Develop delirium/cognitive impairment pathway to support surgeons/oncologists assess capacity/consent</li> </ul>	0.25 PA/week
<b>Pre-operative Assessment/ Prehabilitation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint teleconference alongside anaesthetists for appropriate patients</li> <li>Regular involvement in prehabilitation screening triage meeting</li> <li>Ad Hoc patient reviews in clinic (virtual vs face to face) as necessitates</li> </ul>	0.75 PA/week
<b>Post-operative care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Twice weekly morning board rounds alongside MDT on ward</li> <li>Weekly MDT meeting on ward</li> <li>Weekly geriatrician-led ward round</li> </ul>	1 PA/week
<b>Total:</b>		2 PA/week DCC

### POPS HEAD & NECK CANCER SURGERY PROPOSAL

Geriatricians are experts in the diagnosis and treatment of older people who are living with frailty and/or multiple medical co-morbidities. We have a key role to play in improving outcomes for older people undergoing surgery. We will support the Head & Neck Cancer teams to enhanced shared decision-making, improving pre-operative optimisation and develop post-operative care models to improve operational and clinical outcomes. There is operational complexity due to multiple hospital referral routes necessitating an agile and flexible approach.



Pathway	Geriatrician Involvement	Time Commitment
<b>Shared Decision-Making</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore geriatrician involvement at other sites (e.g. RLH, BHRUT)</li> <li>Acknowledge challenge that patient’s diagnosis and treatment often discussed before patient arrived as UCLH and the further away the patient lives, the later in their journey they are seen at UCLH</li> <li>Scope to get involved in complex best interest decision-making on an ad hoc basis</li> </ul>	?
<b>MDT &amp; Surgical Planning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geriatrician attendance at MDT meetings and surgical planning meetings to identify patients and key issues</li> </ul>	0.5 PA/week
<b>Pre-operative Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint meeting in PAC between anaesthetists/Geriatricians every Friday morning to discuss appropriate cases from previous week</li> <li>Ad Hoc patient reviews in clinic (virtual vs face to face) as necessitates</li> </ul>	0.75 PA/week
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# Improving planned Care in the frail

David Burberry, Elizabeth Davies, Alex Burgess, Isabell Wissenbach, Ka  
Ng, Duncan Soppitt, Gregory Taylor, Jugdeep Dhesi

# The project

- Project awarded funding from the Bevan commission after initial work under POPs network.
- Running from May 2021- May 2022
- Running PDSA cycles to develop an elective perioperative service

# Aim of the project

- To improve the care and experience of patients on waiting lists within Swansea Bay.
- To improve patient outcomes of patients on current waiting lists within Swansea Bay.
- To reduce length of stay for elective patients.
- To reduce waiting list length.



# First cycle (cholecystectomy waiting list)

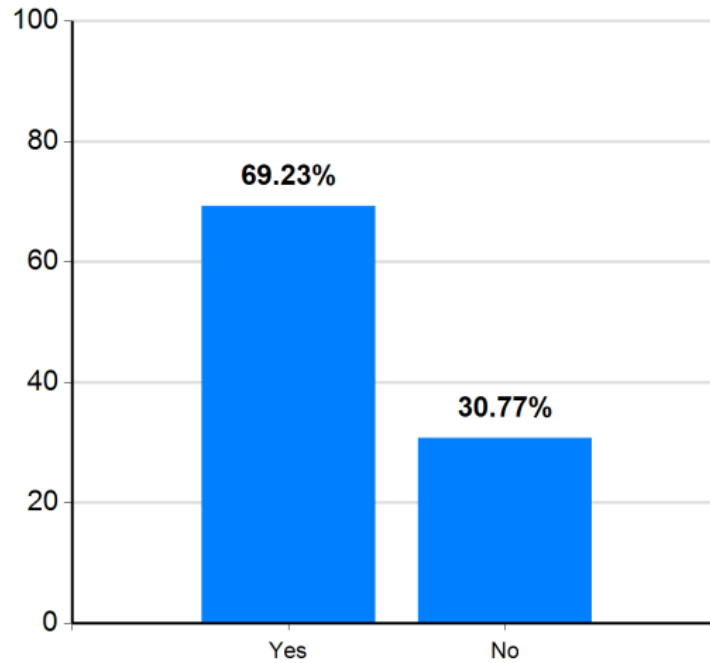
- 256 patients on Cholecystectomy waiting list over the age 65.
- 26 patients have responded to initial survey to date (responses still being received).
- In process of phoning the 256 patients.

# Baseline data

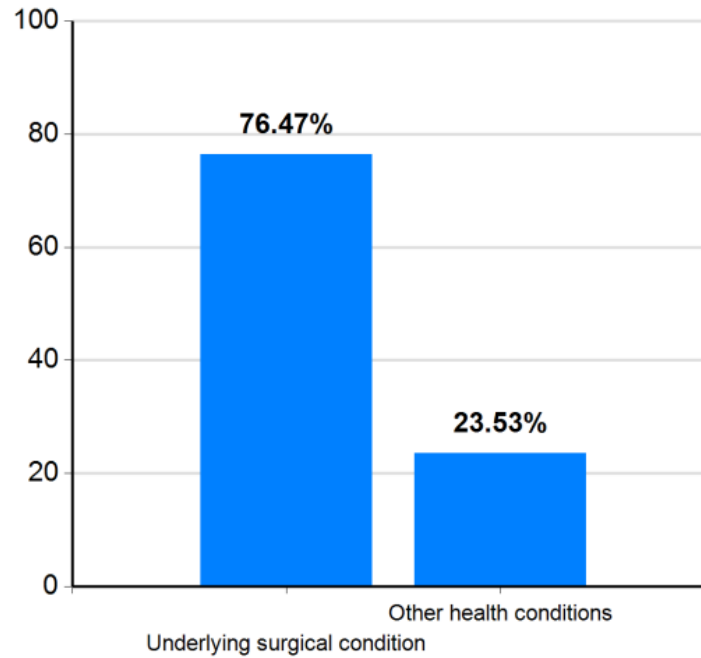
- Longest wait 5.5 years
- Oldest patient 94
- 5-10 new referrals per month

# Initial patient survey responses

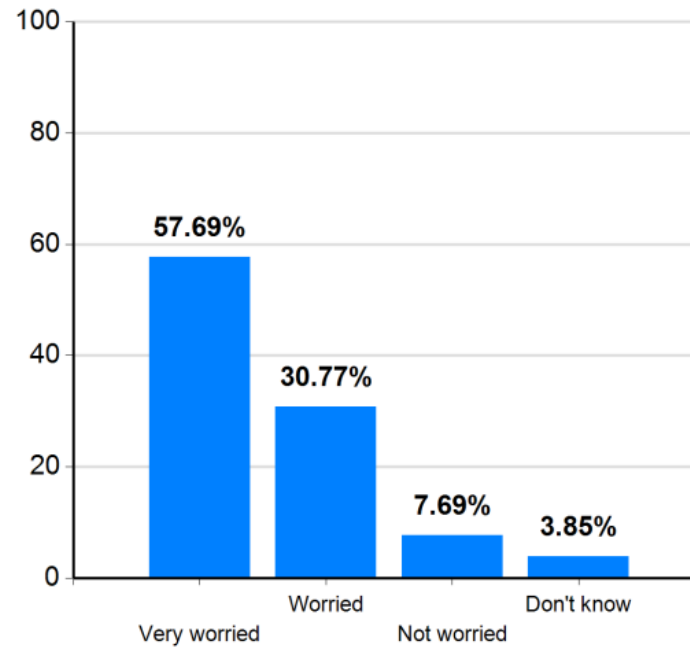
Do you think your health has deteriorated since you were referred for surgery?



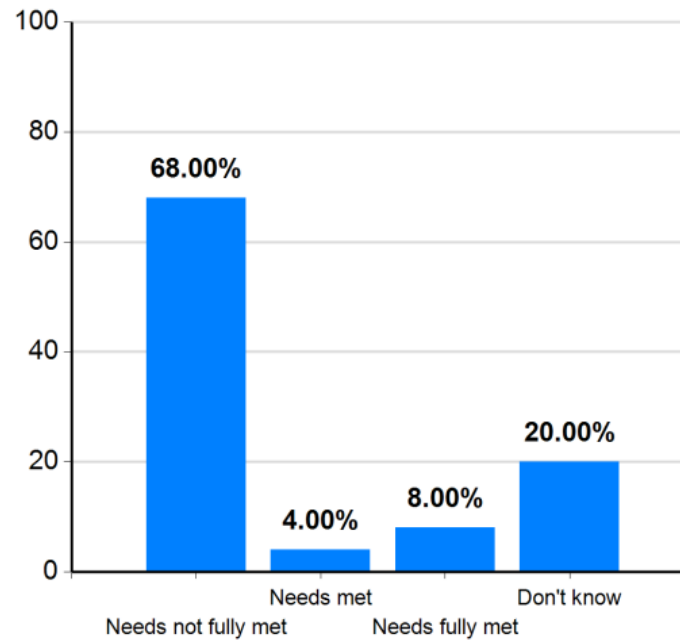
If yes do you think this is due to your



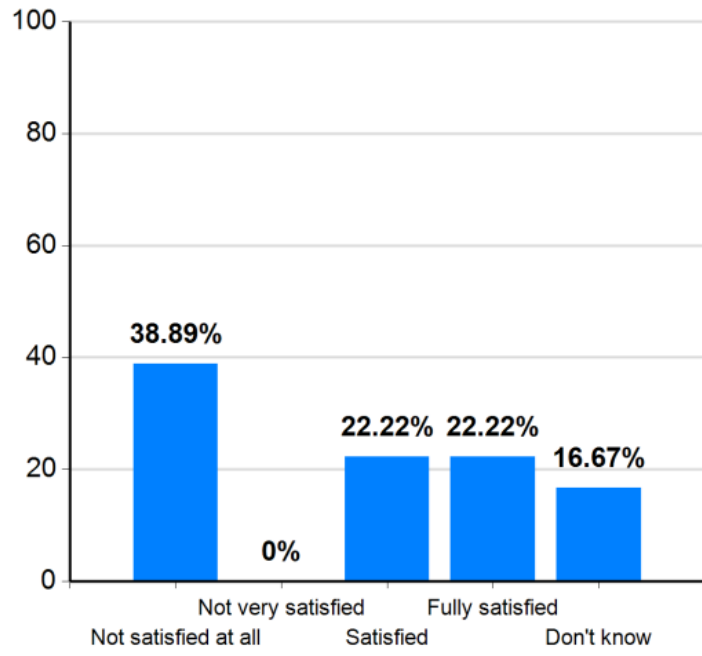
# Do you worry about your wait for surgery?



# Do you think your health needs are being met?

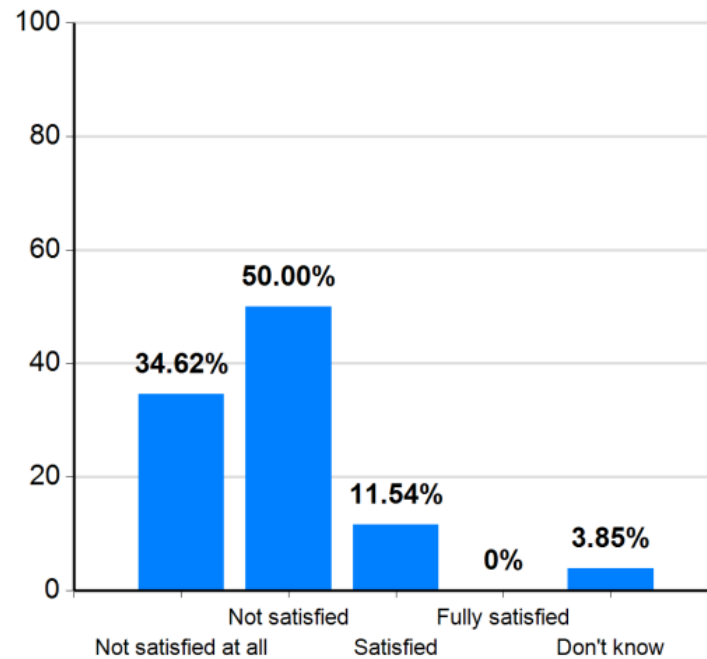


# Do you think your social needs are being met?





# How satisfied have you been since you were referred for surgery?



# Other outcomes to date

- 1 person asked to be removed from waiting list after receiving standard letter.
- List being formed to commence reviewing patients in Geriatrician led clinic.

# Questions and Comments



# *What's Next for your POPS Journey?*

Professor Jugdeep Dhesi

# *First iteration of the POPS Principles*

1. Have systems in place to ensure patient experience and values are at the forefront of all care
2. Establish mechanisms to identify frail older people
3. Work as an interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary team to proactively liaise with other teams
4. Develop pathways to appropriately capture CGA and optimisation
5. Invest in communication, stakeholder, and executive engagement
6. Provide relevant education and training to support clinical professional standards
7. Adopt a QI approach to develop perioperative services for older people
8. Adopt a measurement for improvement mindset
9. Put plans in place for service expansion & development to roll out to new cohorts of patients
10. Have systems and process in place for governance and evaluation from the outset

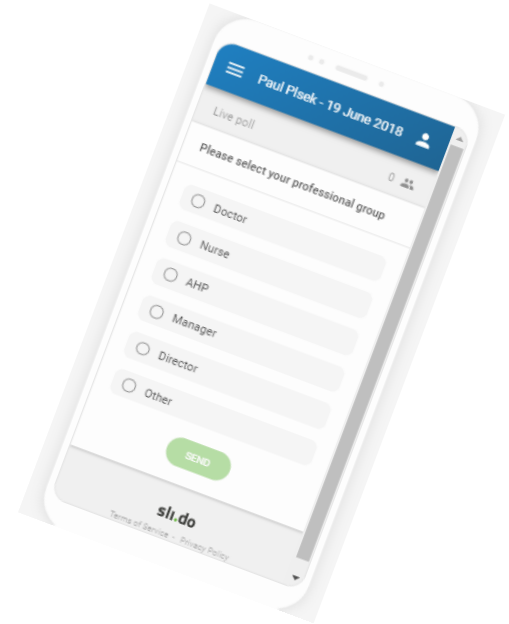
## Next Steps

- You will receive an email with MS Forms link to complete a programme evaluation. Once submitted you'll receive a framed certificate for your participation in the programme.
  - The aim of this evaluation is to establish whether the POPS Network is meeting its objective in supporting implementation of peri-operative services for older people living with frailty.
  - We will use the learning from this evaluation to shape subsequent waves of the programme and other network/product development.
- Keep in touch with us – we're keen to hear how your POPS journeys continue and how your improvements progress. You will continue to be part of the Network and able to access the website, access our webinars and receive the newsletter.
- Please register for our virtual Frailty Conference on 20 October. An opportunity to hear about the national strategy for Frailty, as well as breakout sessions on Specialised Frailty, Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) Frailty and POPS services. Link in the Chat now!

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