

# Patient Safety Webinar: Using Data and Audit to Reduce Harm

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## Today's agenda:

- **Listening to Patients – A Perspective from the Patient Safety Commissioner**

Professor Henrietta Hughes OBE, *Patient Safety Commissioner*

- **The Role of the National Joint Registry in Patient Safety**

Chris Boulton, *Director of Operations, National Joint Registry*

- **Using National Maternity Data to Drive Patient Safety Improvement**

Faith Sheils, *Director of Midwifery, Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust*

- **From Incident to Improvement: Using Epilepsy12 Data to Commission a Safer First Seizure Pathway**

Dr Colin Dunkley, *Consultant Paediatrician, Sherwood Forest Hospitals, Epilepsy12 Clinical Lead*

- **Update from Patient Safety Learning**

Clare Wade, *Director, Patient Safety Learning*

- **Q&A**

# Before we start...

## Being seen and heard

- Event recorded
- Mics off for background noise
- Cameras on, if you are happy to

## Asking questions

- Use the Q&A to post your questions
- Contact us via HQIP website if Q&A unavailable for you

## Recommendations

- Laptop/PC, not phone
- Try browser version, not app
- If needed, rejoin using rejoin button on screen or original Teams link

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# **Listening to Patients: A Perspective from the Patient Safety Commissioner**

**Professor Henrietta Hughes OBE**  
Patient Safety Commissioner

# Listening to Patients

Prof Henrietta Hughes

Clinical Audit Awareness Week  
25 June 2026

# Role of the PSC

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**Promote patient safety and the value of listening to patients in relation to medicines and medical devices.**

**Directly accountable to Parliament, independent of government and the health system. Special legal powers to request information and make recommendations.**

# Patient Safety Principles

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- **Put patients at the heart of everything**
- **Treat people equitably**
- **Identify and act on inequalities**
- **Identify and mitigate risks**
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# Number of medication errors made in England

Medication errors in England

**237 million**

drug mistakes are made each year

**28%** could cause moderate or severe harm

**700** deaths caused by errors

**22,300** more deaths could be related to mistakes

Source: Manchester, York and Sheffield Universities





# OECD burden of adverse drug reactions

Costs from  
**avoidable  
admissions** due  
to medication-  
related harms



**Added length of  
stay** due to  
preventable hospital-  
acquired medication-  
related harms



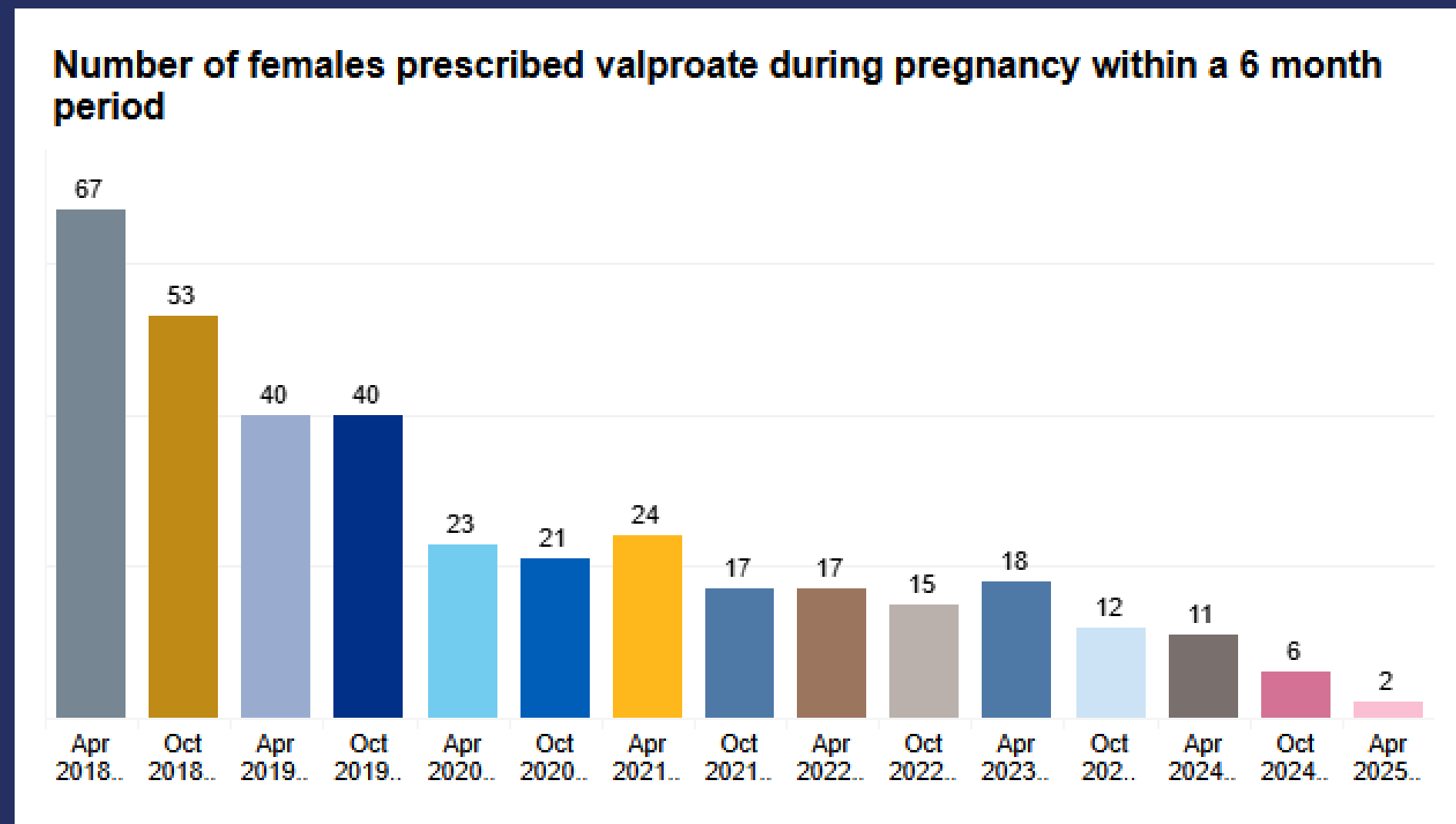
**OVER  
USD 54  
billion**



in OECD countries, annually

de Bienassis, K. et al. (2022), "The economics of medication safety: Improving medication safety through collective, real-time learning", *OECD Health Working Papers*, No. 147, OECD Publishing, Paris, <https://doi.org/10.1787/9a933261-en>.

# Recommendation to NHS England on the safe use of the most potent teratogens



NHS England, Medicines in pregnancy: During pregnancy facts dashboard  
[Workbook: Meds&Preg](#)



# Martha's Rule





## Sep 2024 to Feb 2026 data

- Data from September 2024 to March 2026 shows 13,481 Martha's Rule calls were made, with the highest proportion of calls (72%) made via the family/carer escalation process. 4,336 Martha's Rule escalation calls (32%) related to acute deterioration.
- Of those, 2,504 calls required changes in treatment. This includes 574 calls which resulted in transfers of care to high dependency or intensive care units, enhanced levels of care, tertiary centres or referral/transfer to specialists or a specialist ward. Other changes in treatment (1,930) did not require transfer of a patient from a ward in-patient setting. This includes the introduction of a new medication such as an antibiotic to treat infection, investigations including scans and procedural interventions including going to theatre.
- Where calls were not categorised as being related to acute deterioration, they are still supporting staff to provide better care and address concerns. For example, 3,340 calls led to clinical concerns such as medication or investigation delays being addressed. A further 3,360 calls helped to resolve communication and discharge planning issues.

[Statistics » Martha's Rule](#)

# The National AI Commission

An independent advisory body shaping the future of AI in healthcare



The Commission brings together world-leading expertise from across healthcare, technology, research, industry, academia, policy and law, providing a uniquely broad perspective on the future of AI in healthcare.

# Listening - Input from our specialist Working Groups

Expert insight from across government, healthcare systems, industry and academia.



## Cross Government

Ensures policy alignment and collaboration across government departments, helping recommendations work across the whole system.



## Devolved Administrations

Brings regional perspectives from all four nations, ensuring recommendations reflect diverse health systems and local contexts.



## Health Systems

Examines how AI integrates with health systems, focusing on resilience, real-world application, and operational impact.



## Technology

Advises on frontier technologies and regulatory implications, grounding work in technical reality and deployment experience.

# Listening - research and engagement

Building one of the most comprehensive evidence bases on AI in healthcare



## Call for Evidence

**761 responses** from patients, professionals, innovators, academics and system partners



## Targeted Engagement

Health Foundation public deliberation sessions with **75 participants** across three regional locations) and National Voices in depth workshops with over **78 participants** across underrepresented groups



## Stakeholder Engagement

Professional roundtables involving **117 stakeholders** from **31 organisations**, and more including TechUK industry roundtable discussions and engagement with Ada Lovelace Institute engagement



## Direct Public Engagement

Regular consultation with the **MHRA Patient and Public Committee** and Ask Me Anything public webinar with **928 registrations** and **180 questions** received



## Survey data & public polling

Public polling (**8,000+** people) and NHS workforce survey (**2,027 NHS staff**)

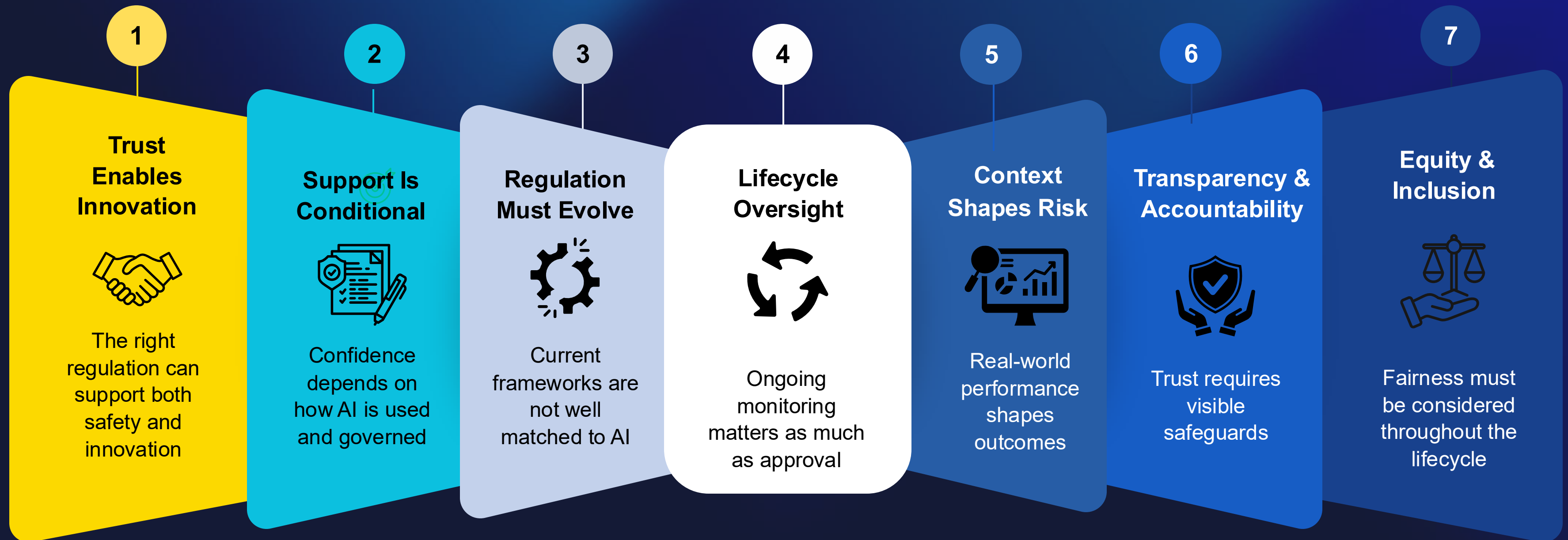


## MHRA's AI Airlock

Real-world innovation and regulatory insights from AI Airlock programmes

# From Listening to Learning

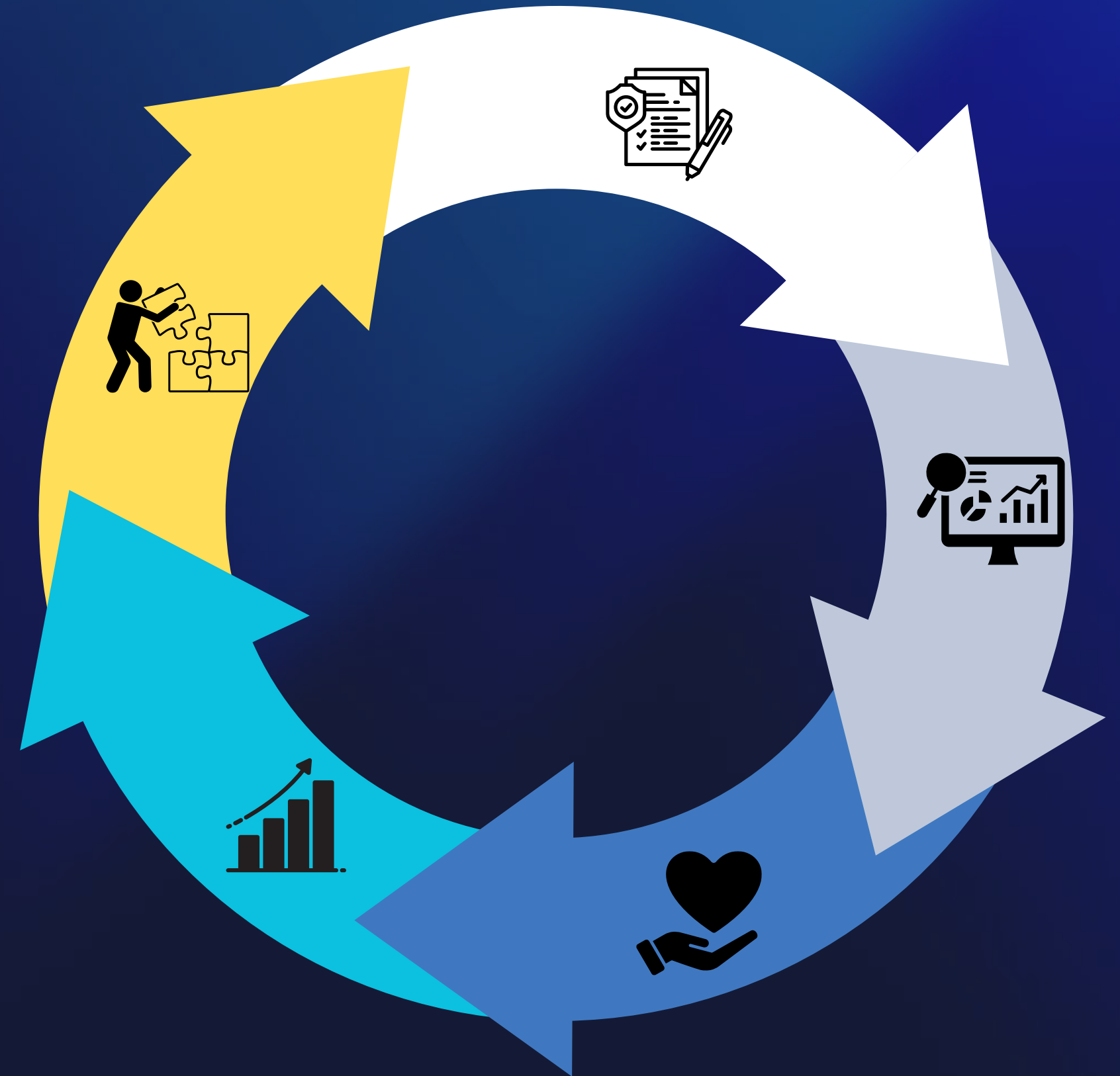
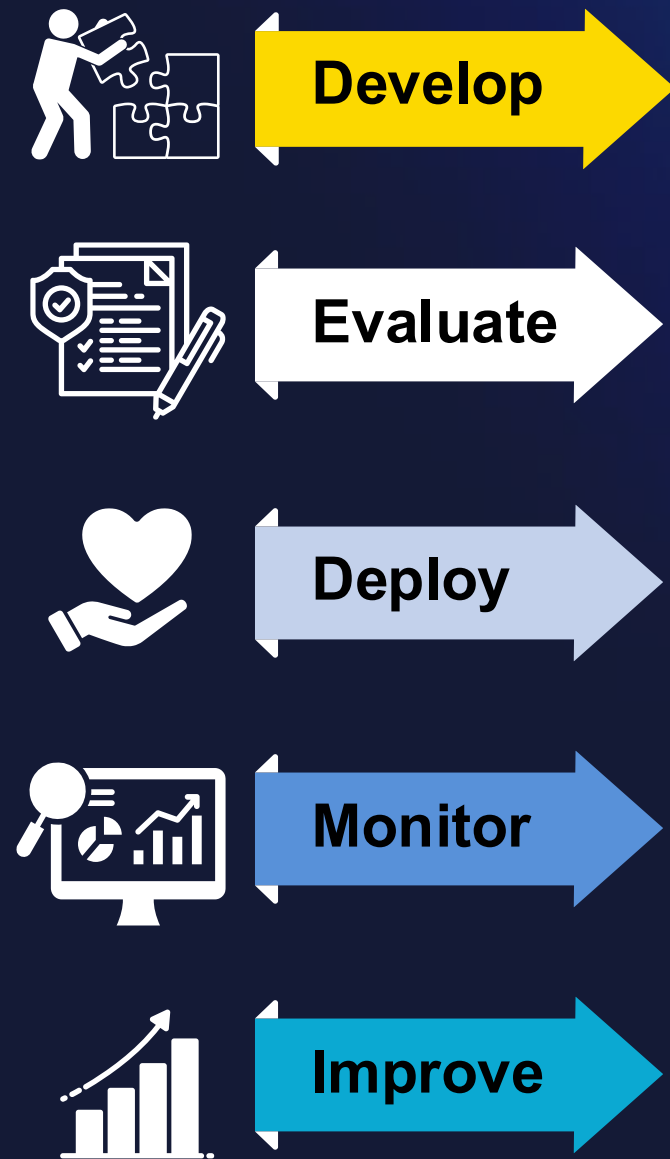
Common themes from across the research and engagement activities



Despite the diversity of perspectives, there was broad agreement on the conditions required for AI to be adopted safely, effectively and with public confidence..

# From Learning to Leading

Toward a lifecycle approach



If AI systems evolve over time, oversight must evolve with them.



# Thank you!

Scan for more info about the PSC



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# The Role of the National Joint Registry in Patient Safety

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**NJR Director of Operations**

**Clinical Audit Awareness Week**

**June 2026**



# NJR background

**2002**

**Established** by the Department of Health following the 3M Capital Hip Failure Report, 2001



**Started with one patient safety issue**

3M Capital Hip Failure Report, 2001

**2003**

**Data collection commenced** April 2003 for hip and knee replacement surgery in England and Wales



**Grew into a national programme**

Hip and knee replacement data collection began in April 2003

**2025+**

Registry has evolved to include other joints and geographical locations



**Became a global resource**

The NJR now informs clinicians, patients and policy worldwide

**4.65M+**

Joint replacement procedures recorded

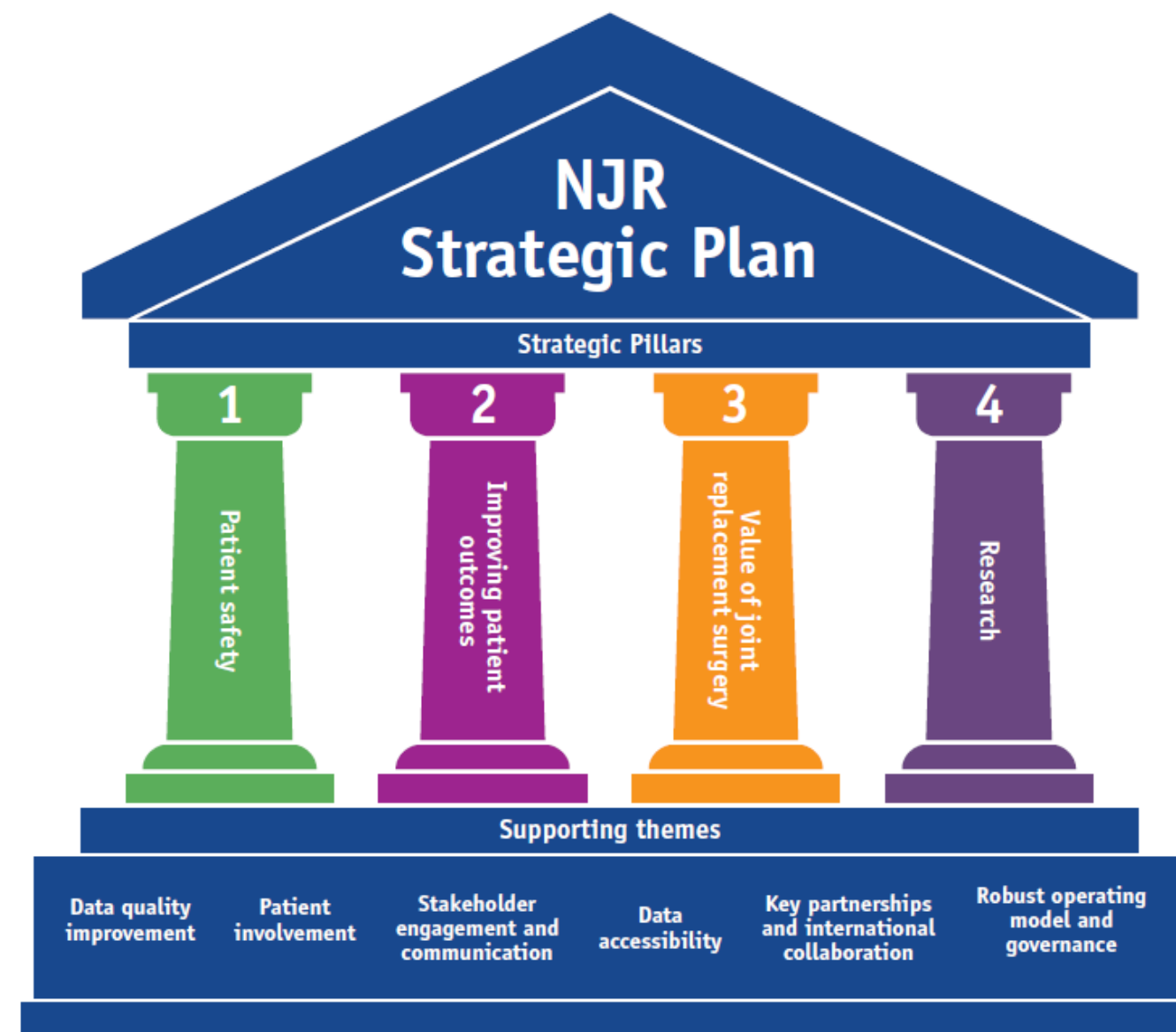
**~250,000**

new records submitted every year

**From a single implant failure to the world's largest joint replacement registry**

# NJR mission

*We record, monitor, analyse and report on outcomes of joint replacement surgery to continuously enhance patient safety, support surgeons, and assure value and improved patient outcomes.*



**Everyone collects data.  
Few organisations demonstrate impact.**



DATA



INSIGHT



ACTION



IMPROVEMENT



# Why registries matter



**Captures  
outcomes  
at national scale**



**Allows  
identification  
of variation  
impossible to  
see locally**



**Creates a  
shared evidence  
base  
for surgeons,  
hospitals and patients**



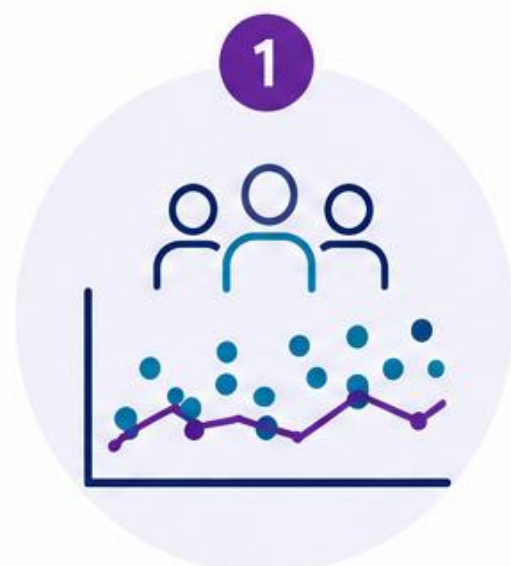
**Supports  
better decisions  
and continuous  
improvement**



**4.6 million+**  
joint replacements recorded

CASE STUDY 1

# Identifying poorly performing implants



## How registry surveillance works

Continuous monitoring of implant performance at scale across the whole population



## Early identification of concerns

Statistical methods detect unwarranted variation and potential safety signals early



## Impact on implant selection

Evidence informs decisions, guidance and policy, improving patient safety

### Metal-on-metal

Registry data enabled early detection of excess revision risk with metal-on-metal hip implants.

**Faster action.**  
**Safer choices.**

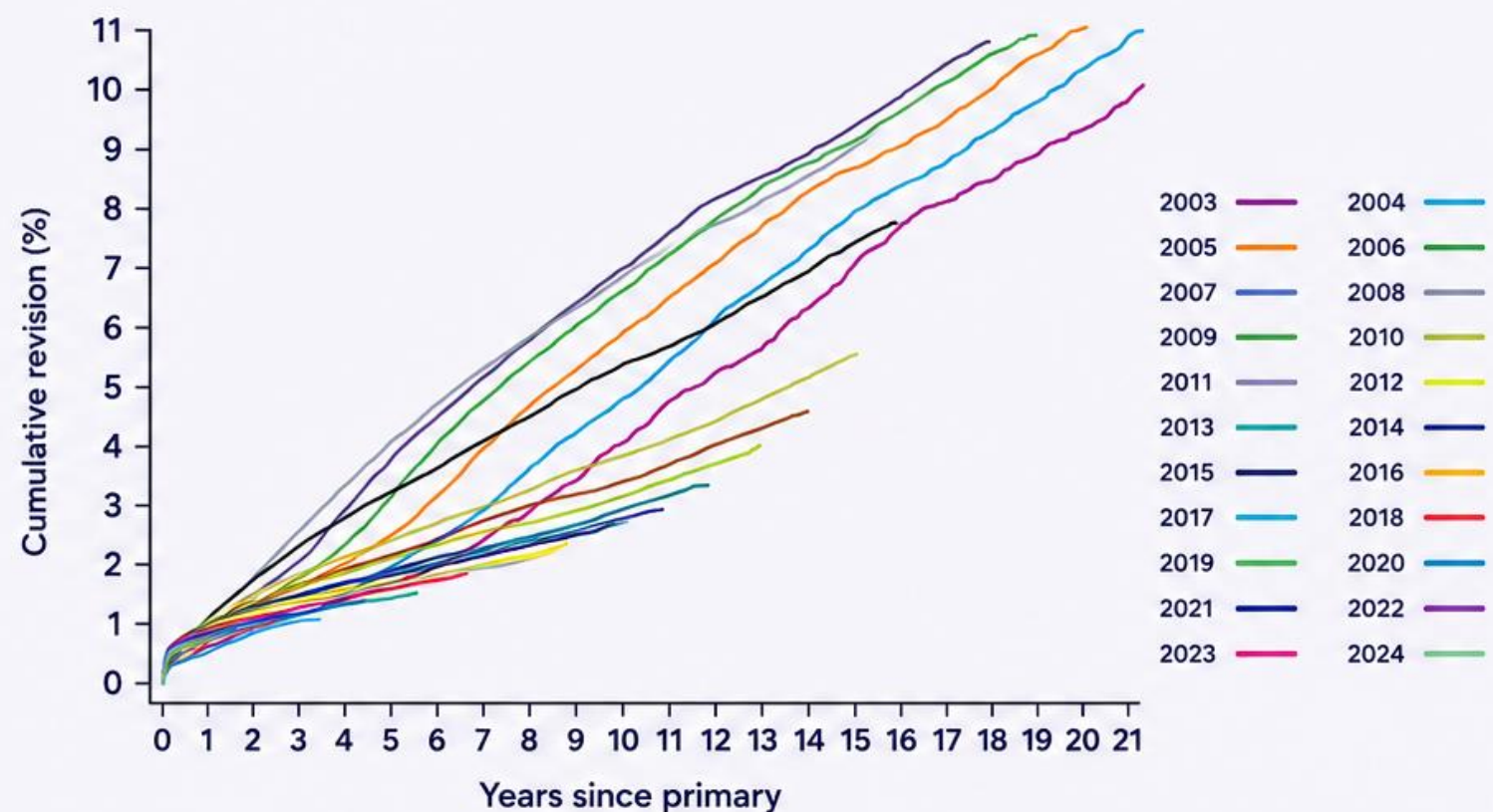
Real impact for patients.



CASE STUDY 2

# Reducing revision surgery

Cumulative revision by year in primary hip replacements



Benchmarking and feedback drive improvement.  
Revision rates have fallen and outcomes are better for patients.



### 1. How benchmarking changed practice

Transparent comparison of outcomes highlighted variation and informed clinical and implant choices.



### 2. Variation reduction

Over time, variation between surgeons and hospitals has reduced as best practice has been adopted.



### 3. Better outcomes for patients

Lower revision rates mean fewer patients needing further surgery and better long-term outcomes.

**CASE STUDY 3**

# From registry insight to safer surgery



“ Most people think registries tell us what happened. The real opportunity is using registry intelligence to stop harm happening in the first place. ”



## Data alone changes nothing

Data is only valuable  
when it changes  
decisions and behaviour.



## Clinician ownership is critical

Improvement happens  
when clinicians trust,  
understand and use  
the evidence.



## Transparency drives improvement

Openness, benchmarking  
and shared learning  
reduce unwarranted  
variation.



**DATA → EVIDENCE → ACTION → IMPROVEMENT**

# Thank you

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# Using National Maternity Data to Drive Patient Safety Improvement

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# Data Driven Improvement

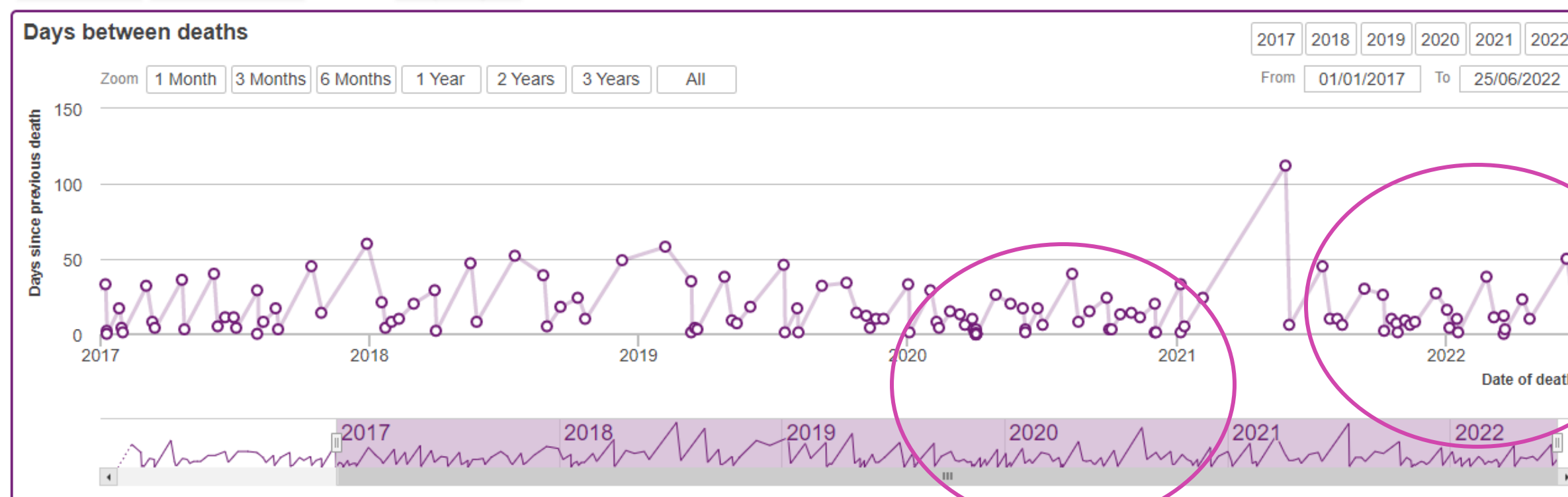
## Using MBRRACE-UK data to drive improvement



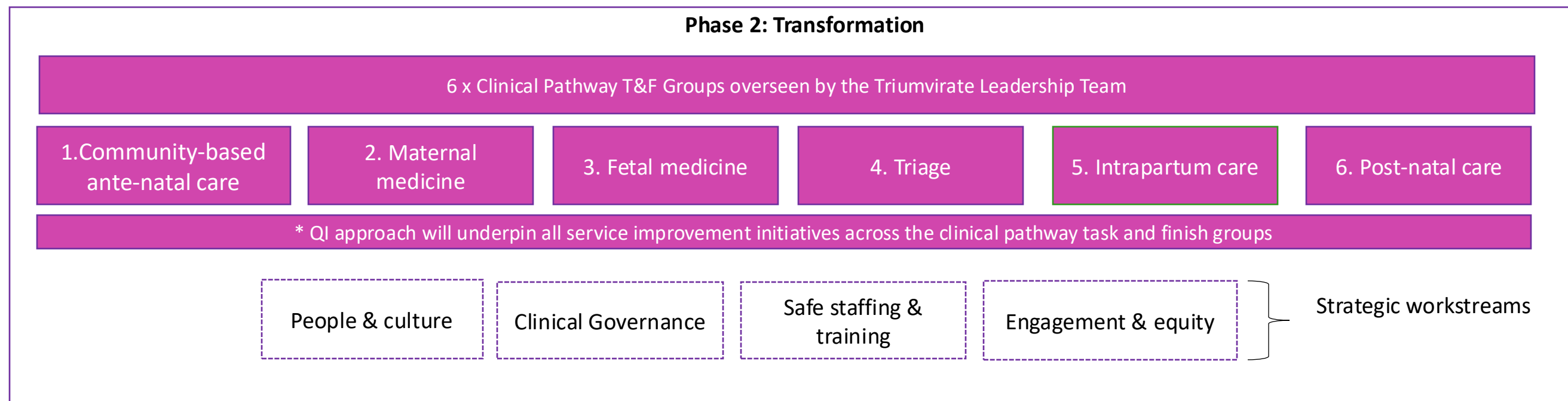
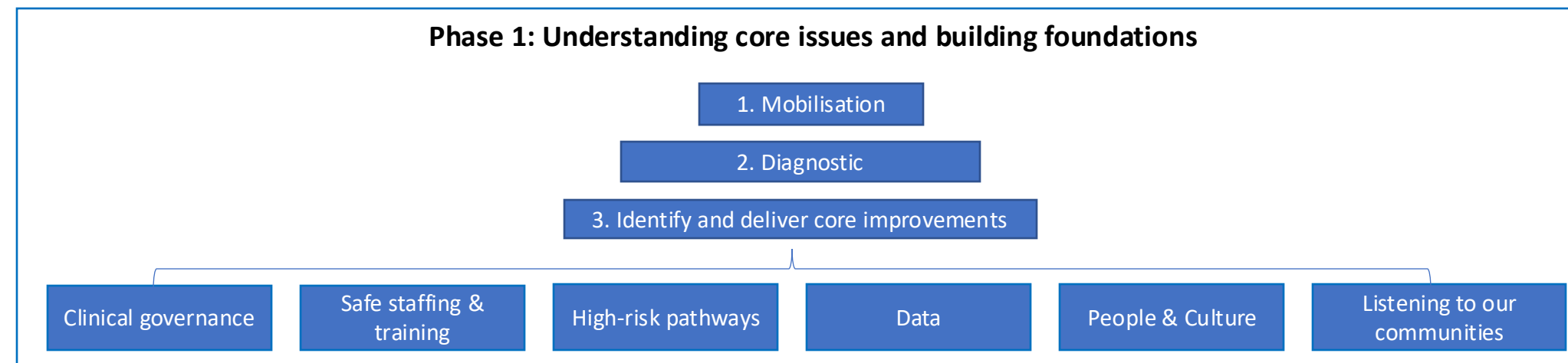
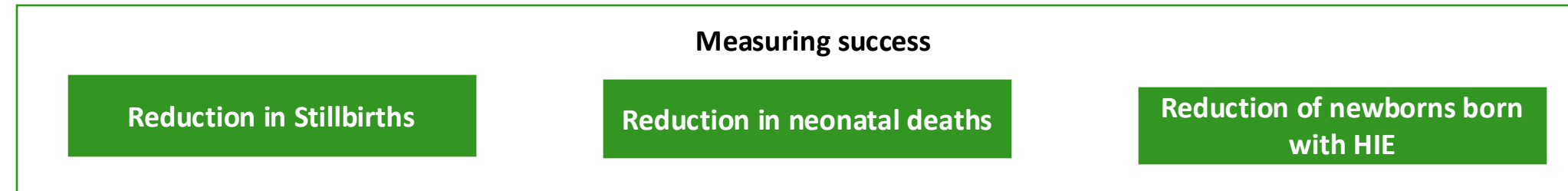
Stabilised & Adjusted mortality rate in 2020 RED (\*More than 5% higher).  
Published in October 2022.

Analysis of crude mortality using MBRRACE-UK Real Time Data Monitoring Tool indicated from 2021 and 2022 we were likely to be AMBER/RED for Stabilised & Adjusted mortality rate.

Shift from previously observed crude mortality rates in 2019.



# Maternity Improvement Programme



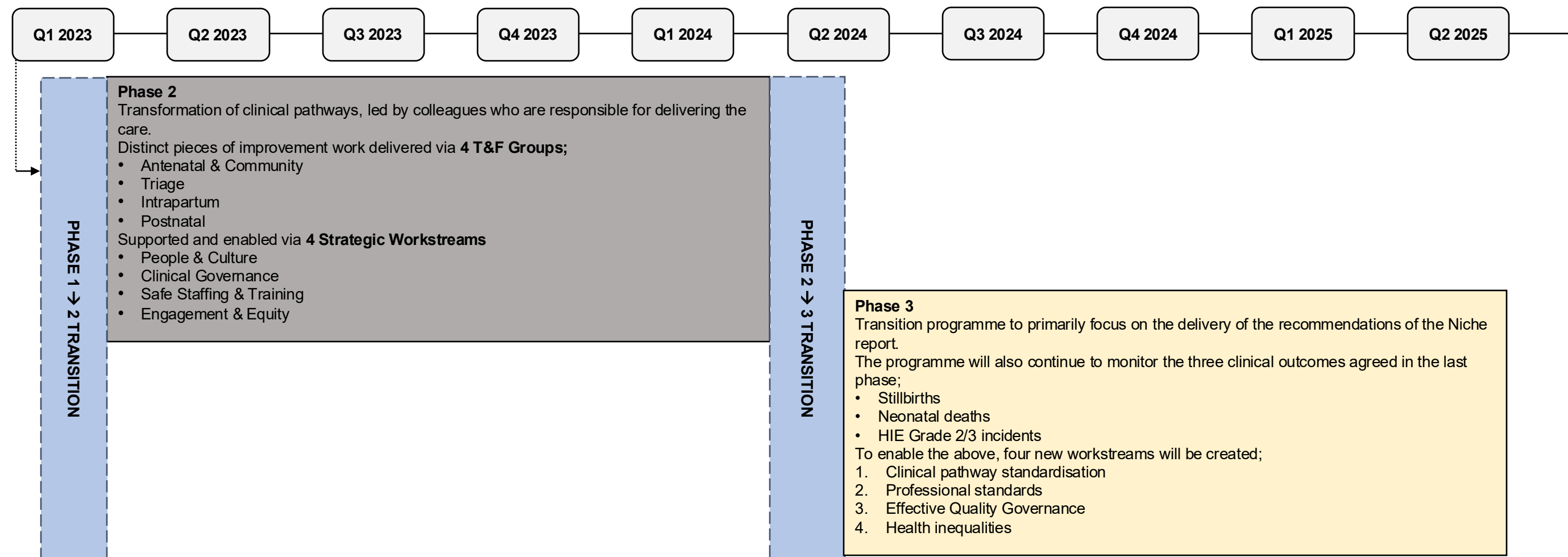
# Programme Initiation Document (PID) – Maternity Improvement Programme (MIP)

## Phased Programme Approach:

We want to improve our services quickly and efficiently, as well as develop and operationalise a sustainable solution for the future. To facilitate this the programme has been designed to go through three distinct phases of change;




- **Phase 1** - focused on the journey to gaining a detailed understanding of the core issues, diagnosing and prioritising areas of improvement within maternity services
- **Phase 2** - focused on delivering identified improvement activities, the process for monitoring activities and ensuring they lead to sustained improvements
- **Phase 3** – focused on the implementation of the recommendations within the Niche report

## Timeline:





# MIP Workstream aims

## Clinical pathway workstreams: *Focus on whole clinical pathway transformation*

<p><b>Antenatal</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Design a high-quality antenatal pathway that ensures our women are seen by the right professional at the right time</li> </ul>	<p><b>Triage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Women are appropriately risk assessed within the criteria set out by BSOTS</li> </ul>	<p><b>Intrapartum</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ There will be zero avoidable intrapartum stillbirths, a reduction in babies born with HIE.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Postnatal</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Provide high quality and efficient postnatal patient experience</li> </ul>
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## Strategic workstreams: *Ensuring strategic foundations are in place for the delivery of high-quality clinical pathways*

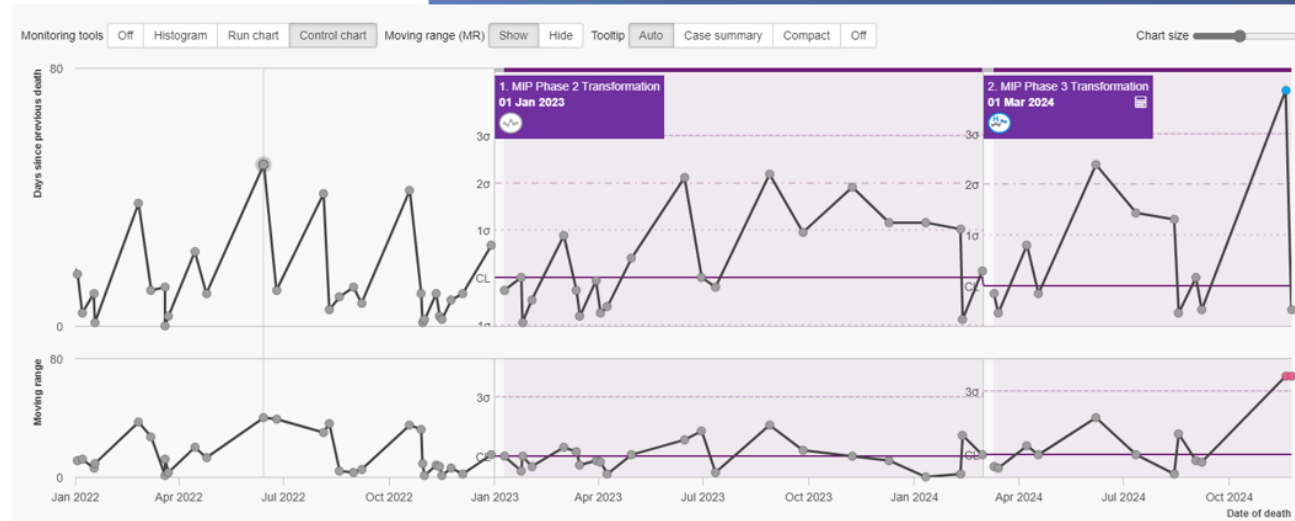
<p><b>Clinical Governance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Design &amp; implement a patient safety culture capable of evidencing learning from harm into clinical practice</li> </ul>	<p><b>People &amp; Culture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ This workstream aims to listen to our workforce, understand our culture, and develop a high-quality plan to ensure we act upon what our workforce is telling us.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Safe Staffing &amp; Training</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ensure safe, sustainable and productive workforce planning and training is implemented</li> </ul>	<p><b>Engagement and Equity</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To better understand the needs of our service users and our communities and implement the GM Equity strategy</li> </ul>
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# Maternity Improvement Programme

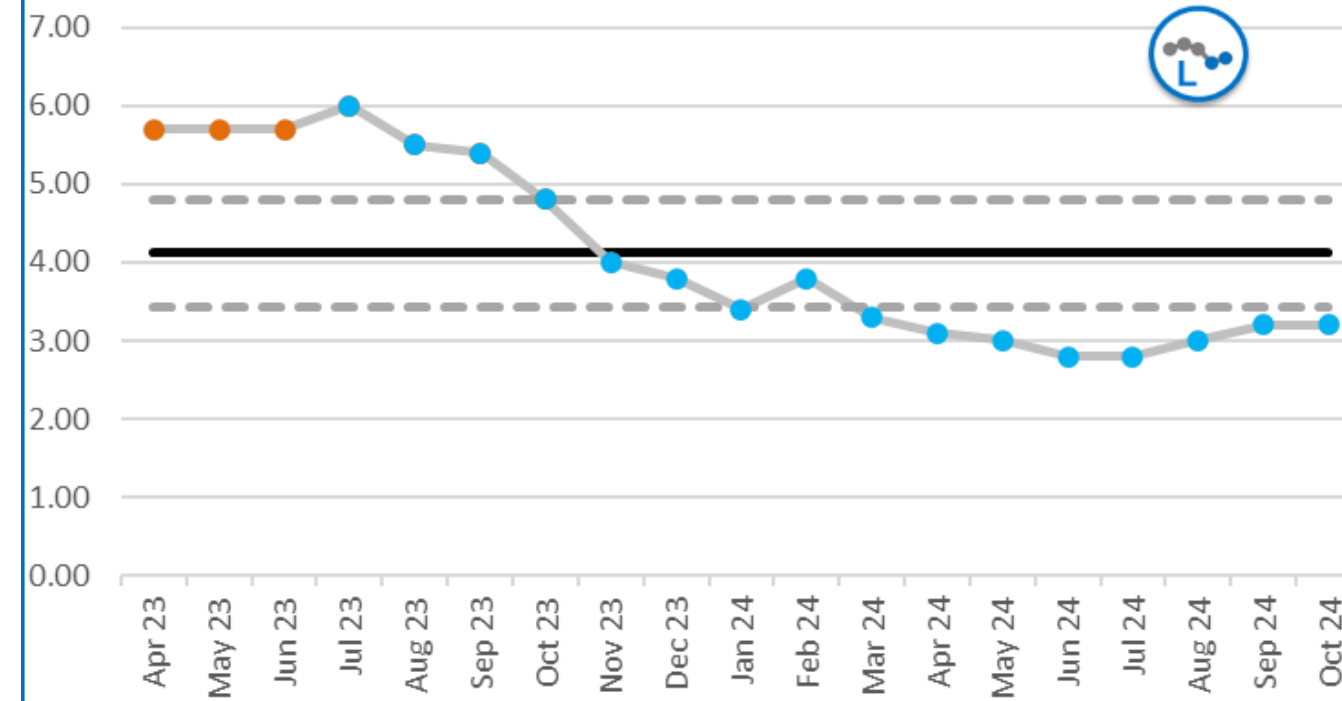
## Stillbirths

T Charts used on MBRACE-UK surveillance platform.

- Reduction in frequency observed since May 2023, increase in frequency February to April 2024
- Special cause improving variation in frequency observed.



## Stillbirth (per 1000 live births, 12m rolling) (ex TOP)



## Stillbirths

MBRACE-UK surveillance platform

- 16 stillbirths observed since Jan to November 2024



# What does good look like?



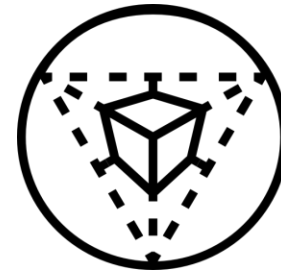
Know and understand the subject and be able to talk to the data



Have conversations with stakeholders to understand what's happening & use soft intelligence



Ask questions and challenge: bringing a critical view



To represent different perspectives



To get the Board to focus on the right things and influence response



To have the compassion to ask what is happening or what can be done

## USING DATA WELL

### Leadership

Your organisation has a clear vision using both quantitative and qualitative data to inform assurance, drive improvement and enhance organisational learning and understanding.

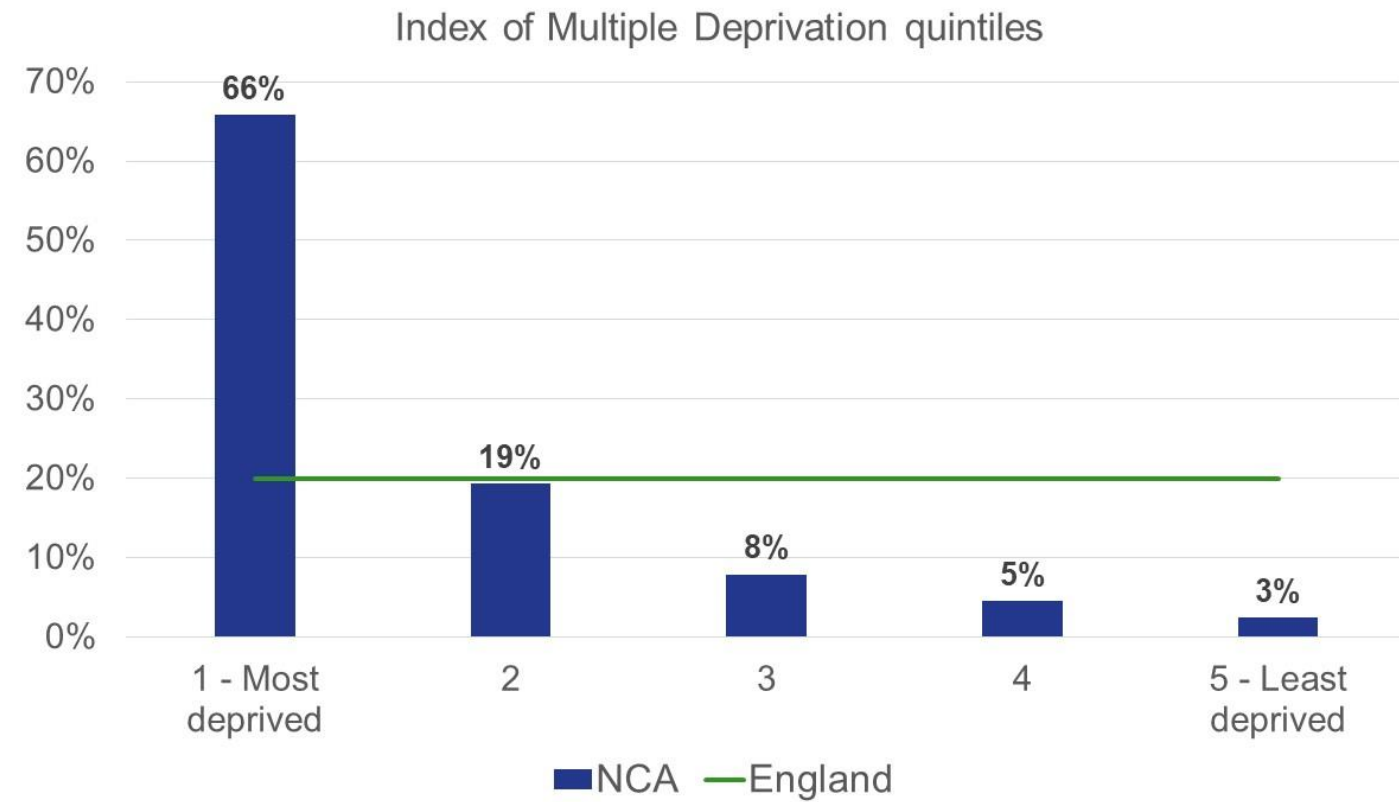
### Culture & Capability

Your staff have the skills and confidence to question, explore and challenge using data and there is strong ownership and utilisation of data operationally and strategically.

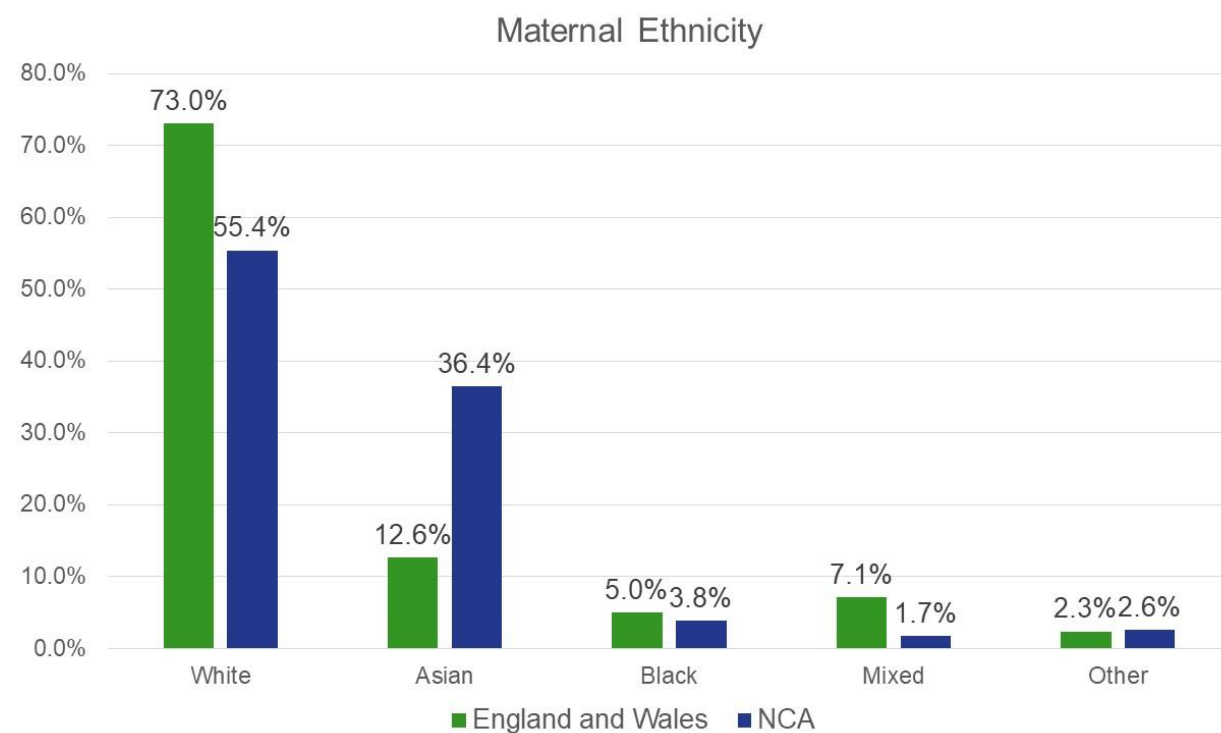
### Systems & Processes

Your organisation has clearly articulated and widely adopted processes that deliver reports with clear messages on what the data is saying and actions being taken.

# Our population



- Health inequalities are unfair and avoidable differences in health across the population, and between different groups within society (Public Health England)
- Race, ethnicity, gender, class and other social risk factors intersect (layer and overlap) to exacerbate the effect of health inequalities – they then become compound risk factors.
- Factors associated with poor childbirth outcomes and experiences of maternity care include (but are not limited to); Black and minority ethnicity, poverty, young motherhood, homelessness, difficulty speaking or understanding English, domestic violence, mental illness, substance abuse and learning disability.
- Deprivation quintiles show 66% of women are most deprived and 26% of our women do not speak English language and over 80 languages are used



## Outcomes by Ethnicity

Stillbirth, HIE, ENND – 2 year period

	Number of adverse events	Denominator	Rate/1000	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Asian	35	3118	11.2	7.51	14.94
Black	6	365	16.4	3.29	29.59
Mixed	5	165	30.3	3.74	56.86
Other	2	214	9.3	0.00	22.28
White	37	5013	7.4	5.00	9.76

No statistically significant difference in the rate of adverse outcomes by ethnicity

# Inequality

2023/24    2024/25    2025/26

01/11/2023    31/10/2025

Apr   May   Jun   Jul   Aug   Sep   Oct   Nov   Dec   Jan   Feb   Mar

95% confidence intervals are shown for each group – these indicate the upper & lower range of values, which we can be 95% sure that the true value for each group lies between. **The wider the confidence interval, the less confidence we can have in a rate.** Wide confidence intervals are often caused by small group sizes, or large variation within a group.

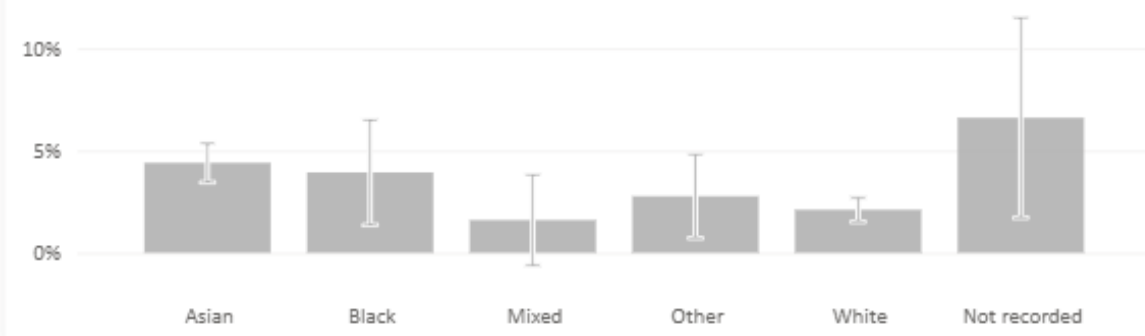
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Indicator Name

3rd/4th degree tears

Visual View    **Matrix View**

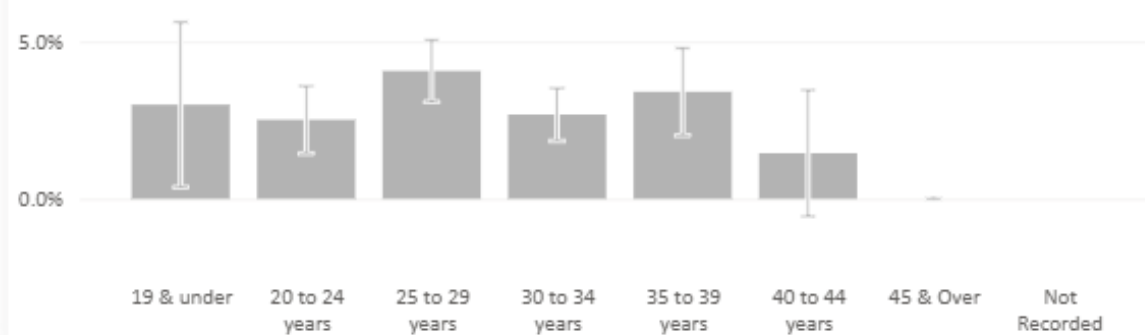
By Ethnic Category



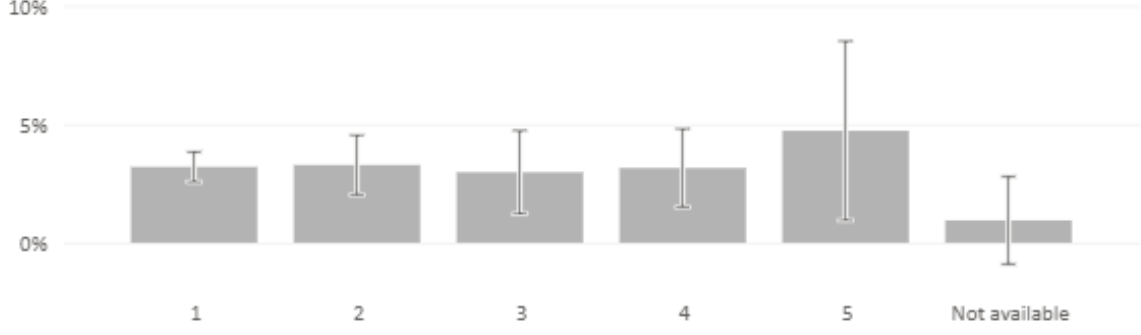
By Primary Language



By Age On Delivery



By IMD Decile



**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> degree tears**  
No significant differences

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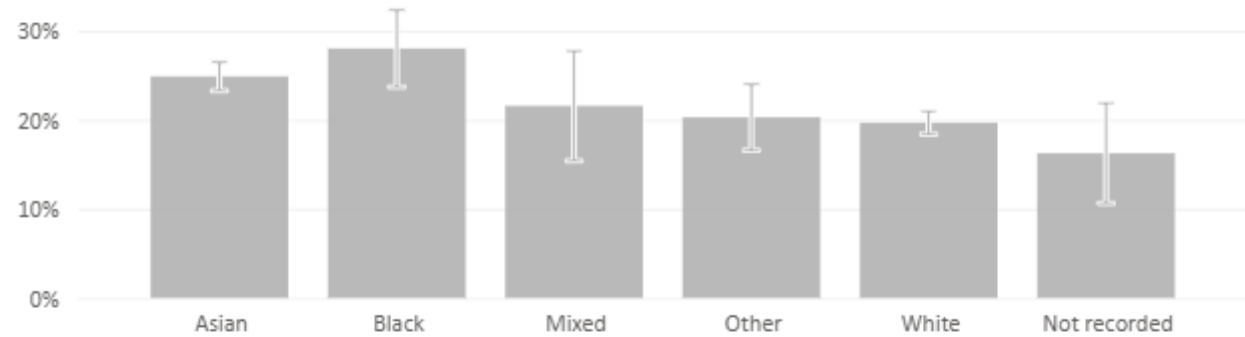
Indicator Name

Emergency caesarean sections

Visual View

Matrix View

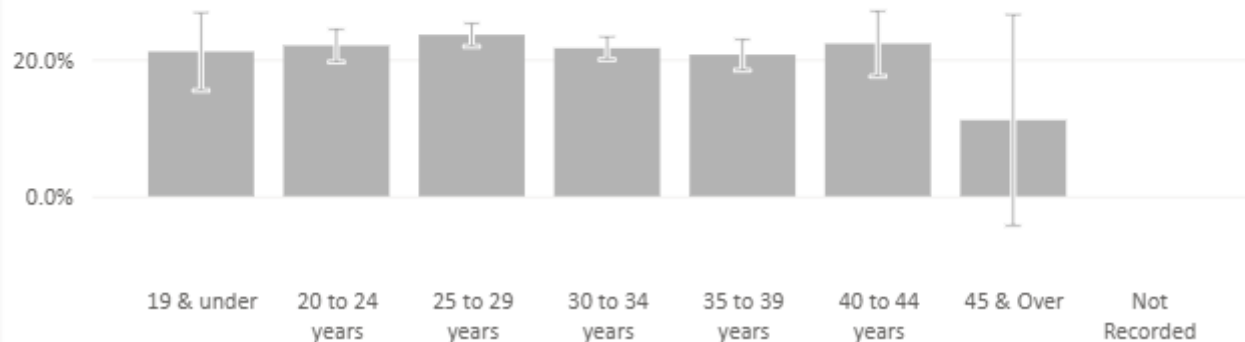
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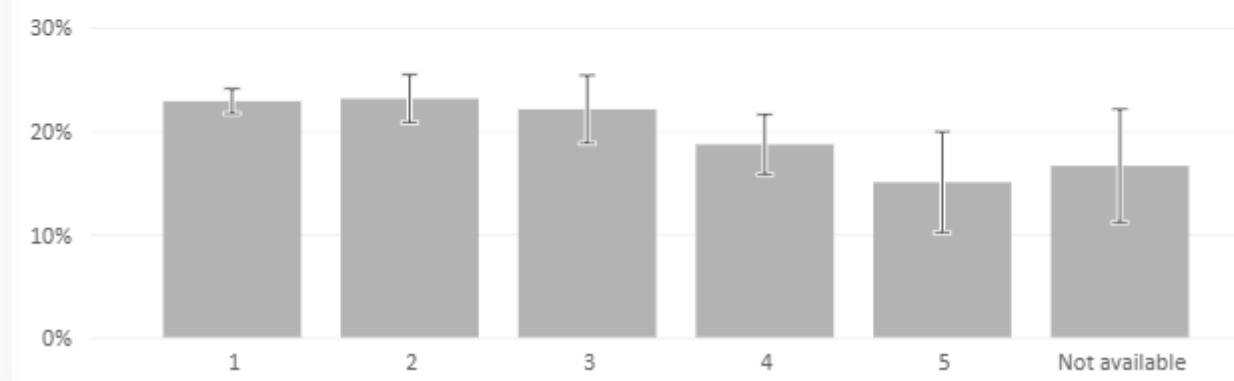
By Primary Language



By Age On Delivery



By IMD Decile



**Emergency C-section**  
Asian & Black > White  
Not English lang ↑  
More deprived ↑



Northern Care Alliance  
NHS Foundation Trust

Thank you

**CARE**  
**APPRECIATE**  
**INSPIRE**

Be the difference.

# **From Incident to Improvement: Using Epilepsy12 Data to Commission a Safer First Seizure Pathway**

**Dr Colin Dunkley**

Consultant Paediatrician, Sherwood Forest Hospitals,  
Epilepsy12 Clinical Lead



# Removing gaps & ‘going upstream’– ‘First seizures with You’ at Sherwood Forest!

25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dr Colin Dunkley

# Context...

- Epilepsy effects ~1 in 200 children
- Seizures represent ~5% of outpatient referrals, 5% ED attendances
- Diagnosis remains predominantly clinical, there are lots of pitfalls and management is highly individualised
- First seizure clinics and their associated epilepsy services can easily be 'overwhelmed' given majority of presenting events are non-epileptic
- There is significant downstream activity and impact

# What is **EPILEPSY12**

Epilepsy12 is a **national clinical audit programme** with the continued aim of helping England/Wales health services to **measure and improve the quality of care for children and young people with epilepsies**



Organisation of Paediatric Epilepsy Networks in the United Kingdom



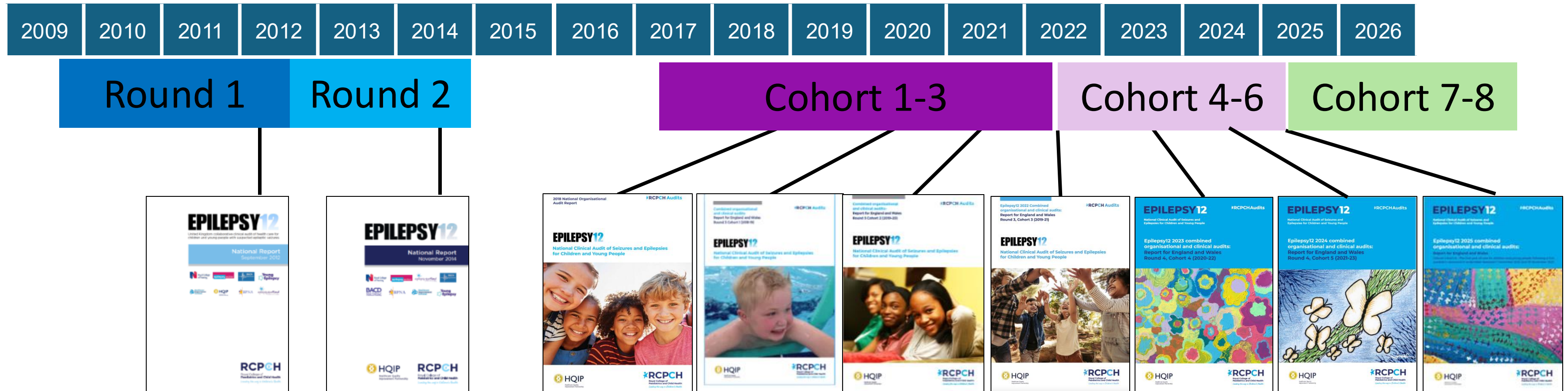
# EPILEPSY12

CLINICAL  
AUDIT

ORGANISATIONAL  
AUDIT

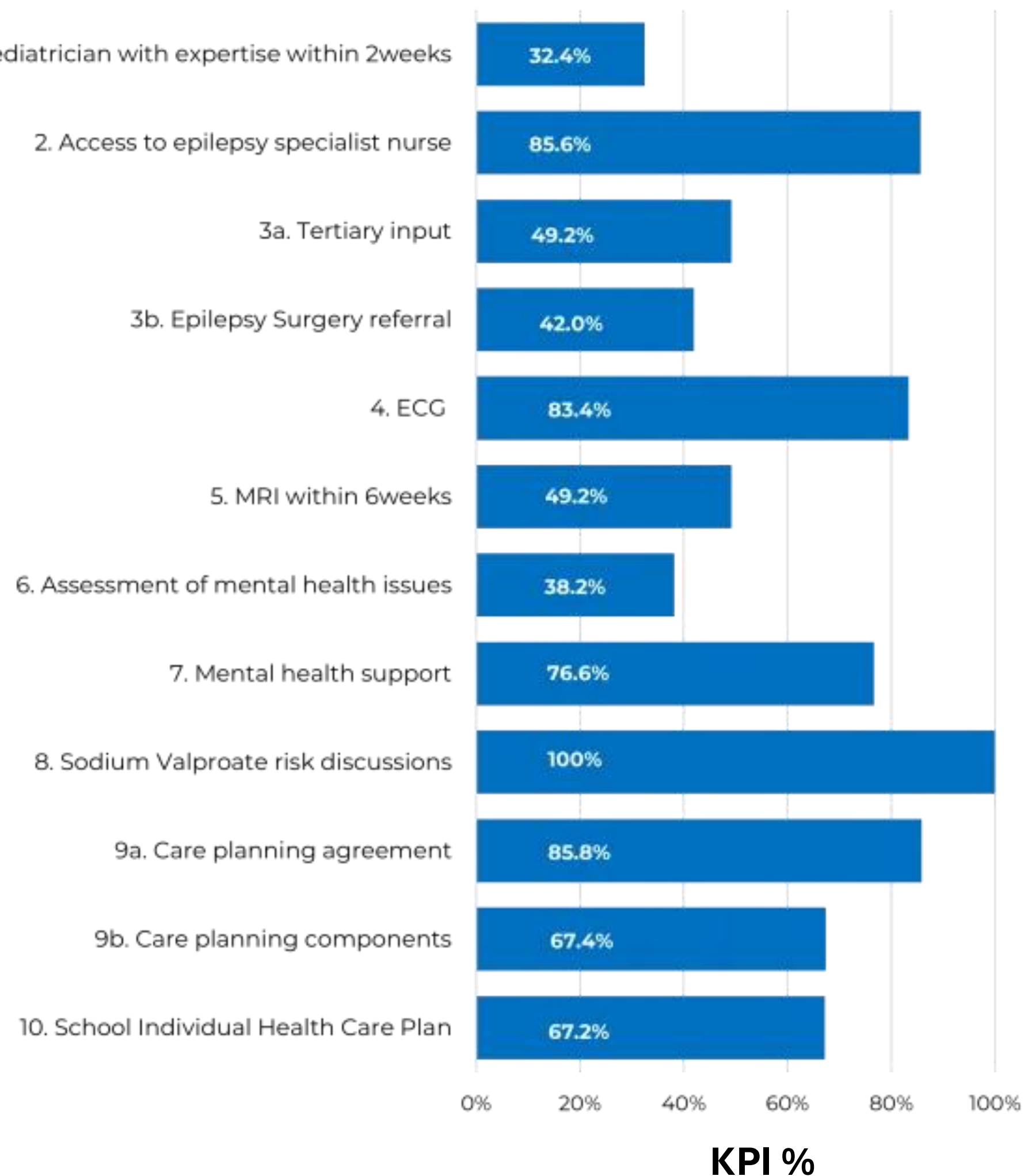
RCPCH EQIP  
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

## Since 2009



# Cohort 6 published 2025

- **N= 3,105**
- 120 hospital and community services
- Comprehensive performance indicators reported for each trust, ICS, country and total



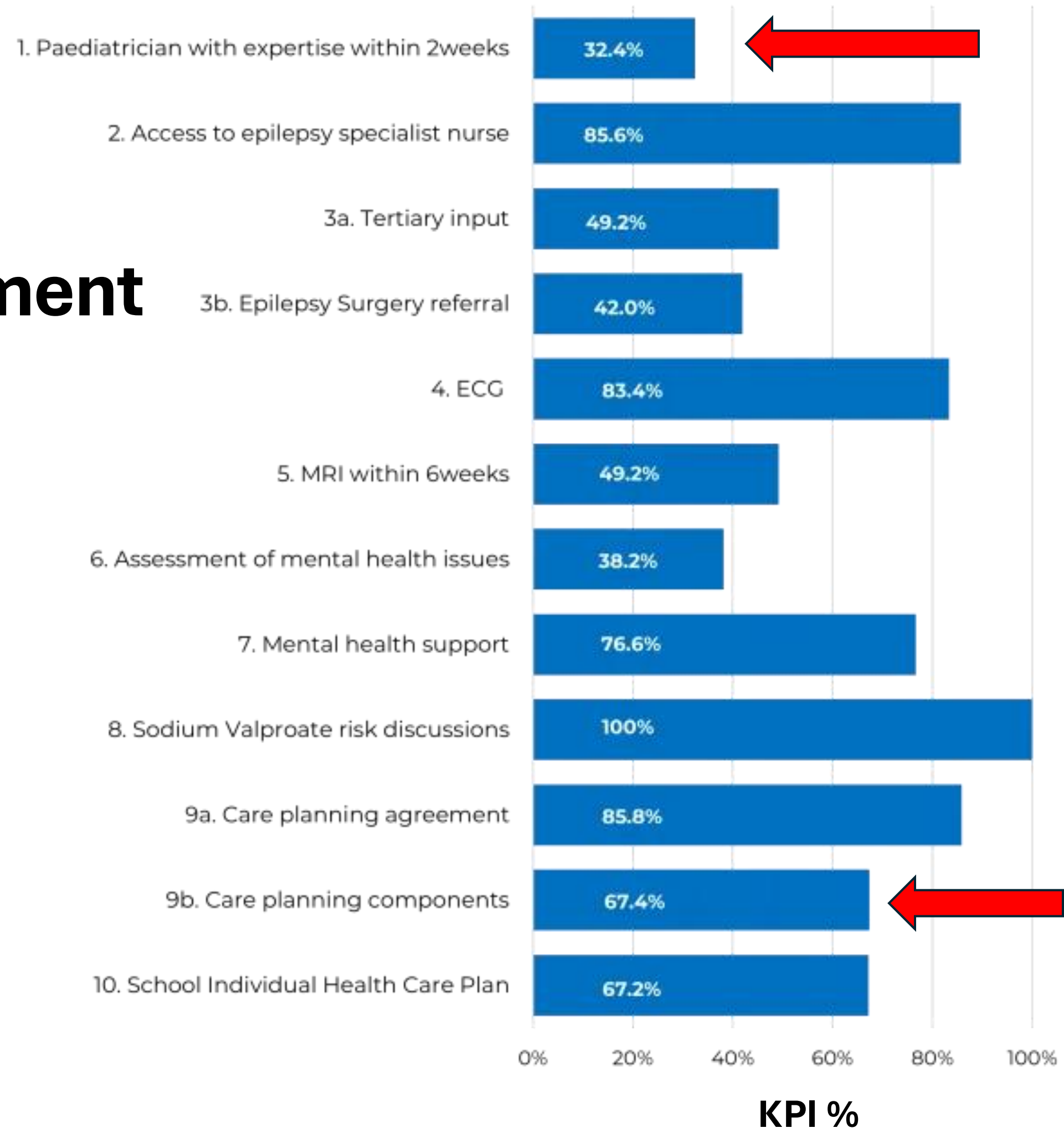
# Local data → Local improvement

How our...

-care planning data 2019 → care planning redesign

-timeliness data 2025 → first seizures pathway redesign

# EPILEPSY12



# 2019 care planning KPI

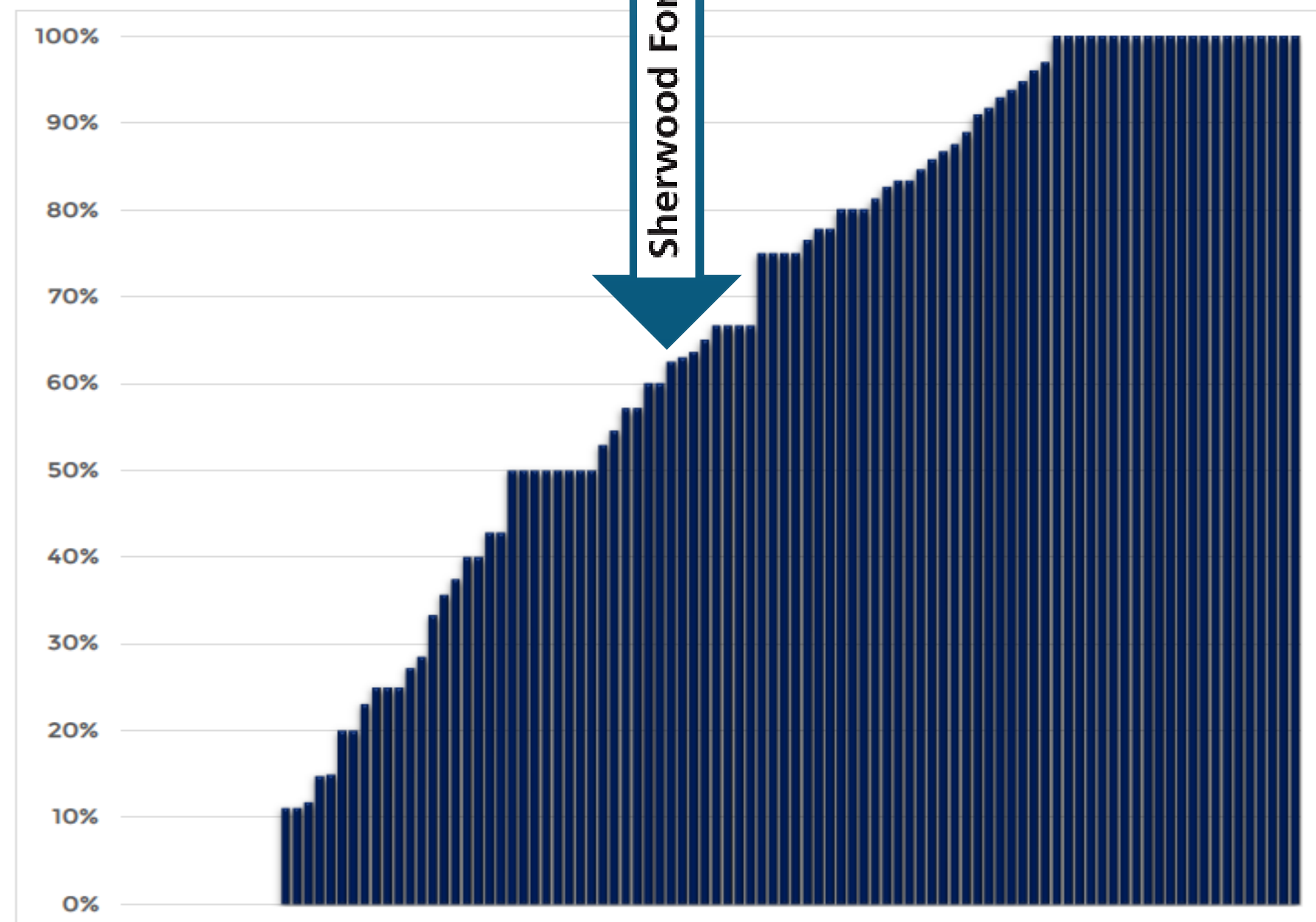


Figure 69: Comprehensive Care Planning agreement, Round 3

— Performance target

— England and Wales

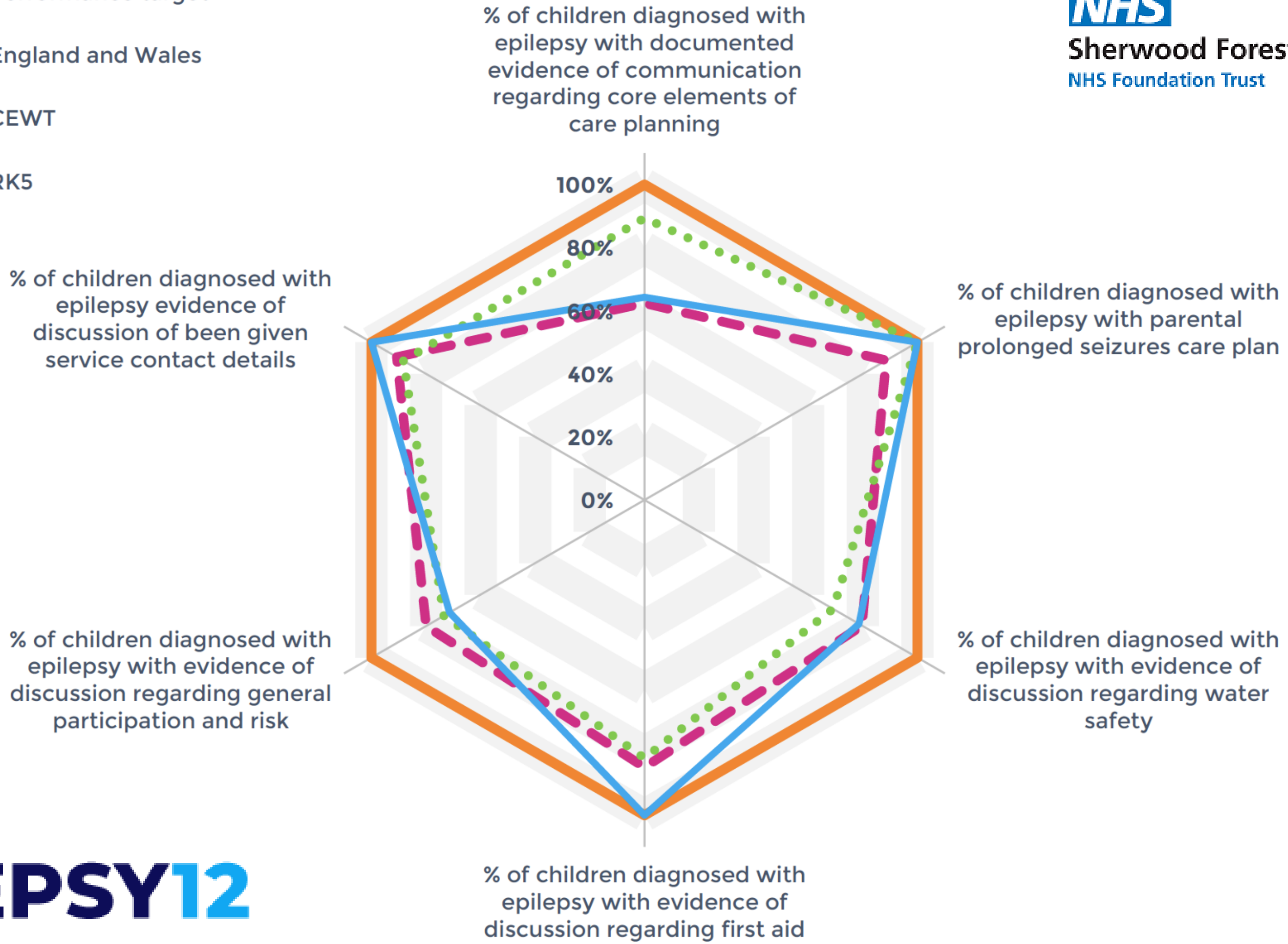
•••• CEWT

— RK5






Sherwood Forest Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust



# Team meetings to improve...



**Epilepsy12**  
2020 National Organisational Audit and Clinical Audit Results

Full comparative results for:  
**Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (code: RK5)**  
(This report was prepared by the Epilepsy12 project team in April 2020)

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Trust level data are presented within the column headed 'Trust response', alongside aggregate level results for the Children's Epilepsy Workstream in Trent (CEWT), England and overall results for England and Wales combined.

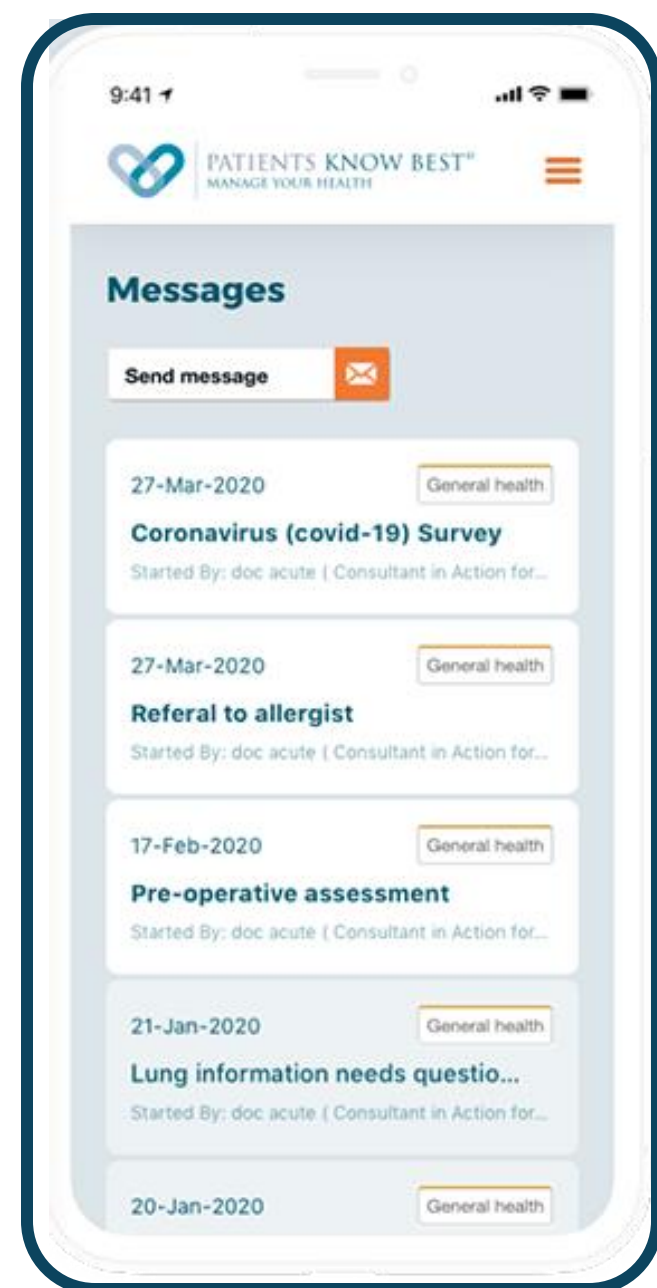
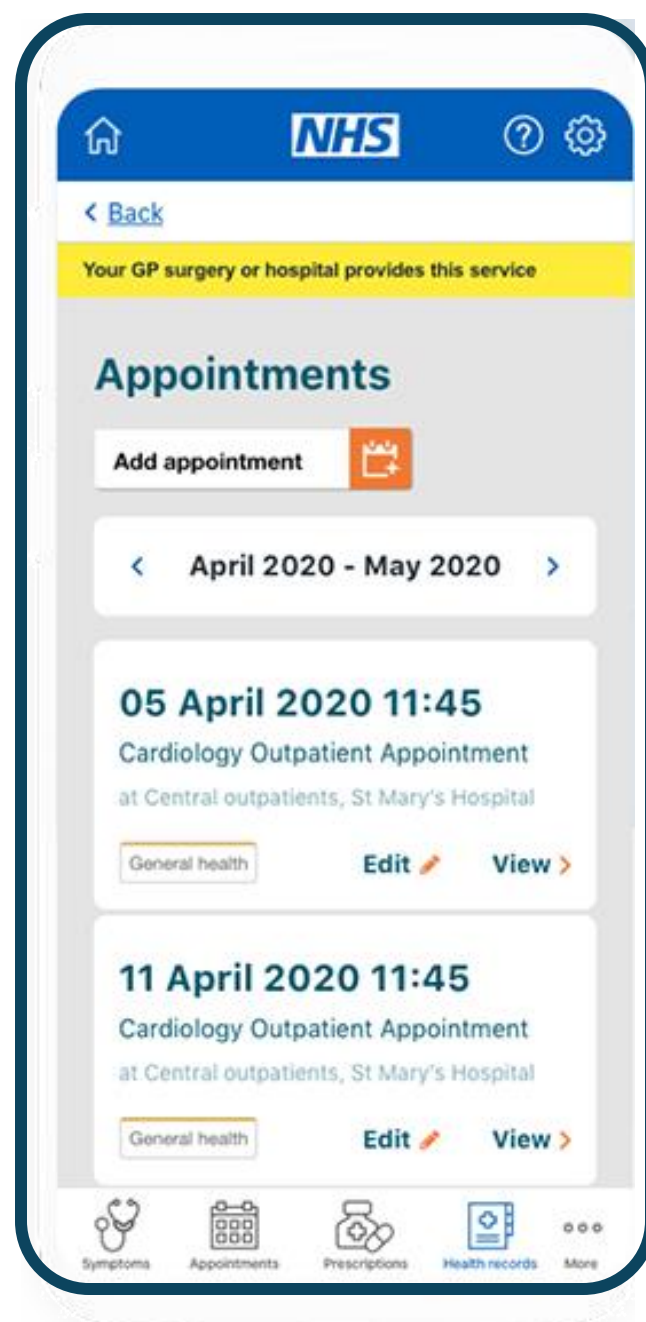
**Organisational Audit Results**

If the Trust did not submit 2019 Organisational audit data, the 2019 Trust response column will be 0 but will be able to view the respective 2019 Organisational audit results for regional network, country, overall (England and Wales combined) and 2018 Trust response.

Unless otherwise stated, aggregate level percentages relate to the proportion of HB/Ts that were able to offer, or had in place, a particular paediatric epilepsy service element. For example, in Q2.1 within the Clinic configuration section, the data in the 'overall' column relates to the aggregate proportion of HB/Ts within England and Wales that reported they had defined epilepsy clinics seeing patients at secondary level. If your Trust responded 'yes', then you are one of the 122 out of 136 HB/Ts that had defined epilepsy clinics seeing patients at secondary level. On the other hand, if you responded 'no', you are one of the 14 (136-122=14) HB/Ts that did not have defined epilepsy clinics seeing patients at secondary level.

### 1 Workforce

Question	2019 Trust response	2018 Trust response	Regional network		Overall
			CEWT	England	
1.1 How many whole time equivalent (WTE) general paediatric consultants (community or hospital based) are there employed within the Health Board or Trust?					
Total WTE	18	16	114.7	2016.1	2146
1.2 Of these, how many WTE general paediatric consultants with 'expertise in epilepsy' are there employed within the Health Board or Trust (excluding paediatric neurologists)?					
Health Board or Trust has some level of input from a paediatric consultant with 'expertise in epilepsy'	Yes	Yes	60% (3/5)	93.3% (122/131)	93.4% (122/136)
Total WTE	2	2	13.5	290.7	308.7
% of the general paediatric workforce with 'expertise in epilepsy'	11.1% (2/18)	12.5% (2/16)	11.8% (13.5/114.7)	14.4% (290.7/2016.1)	14.4% (308.7/2146)
1.3 Does the Health Board or Trust have a defined paediatric epilepsy clinical lead?	Yes	Yes	80% (4/5)	88.5% (116/131)	88.2% (120/136)
Named clinical lead: Dr Colin Dunkley					

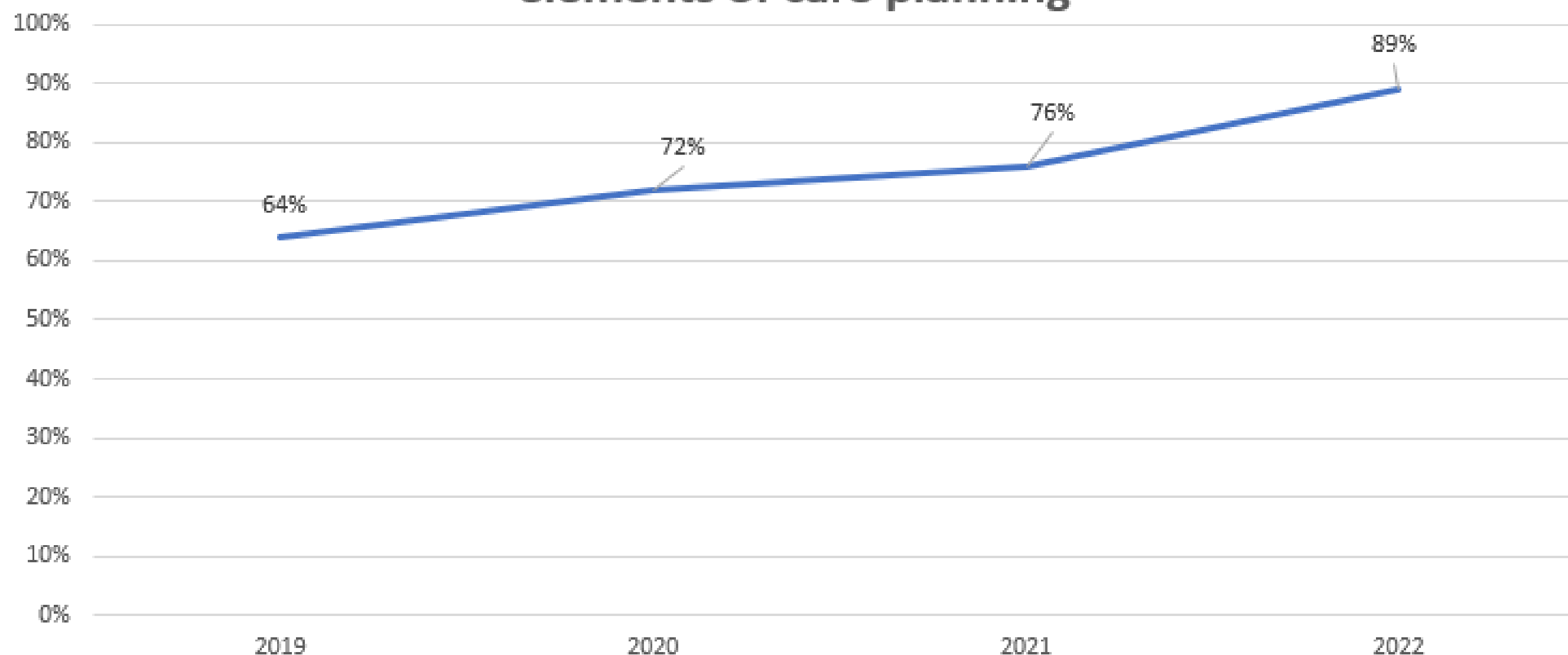


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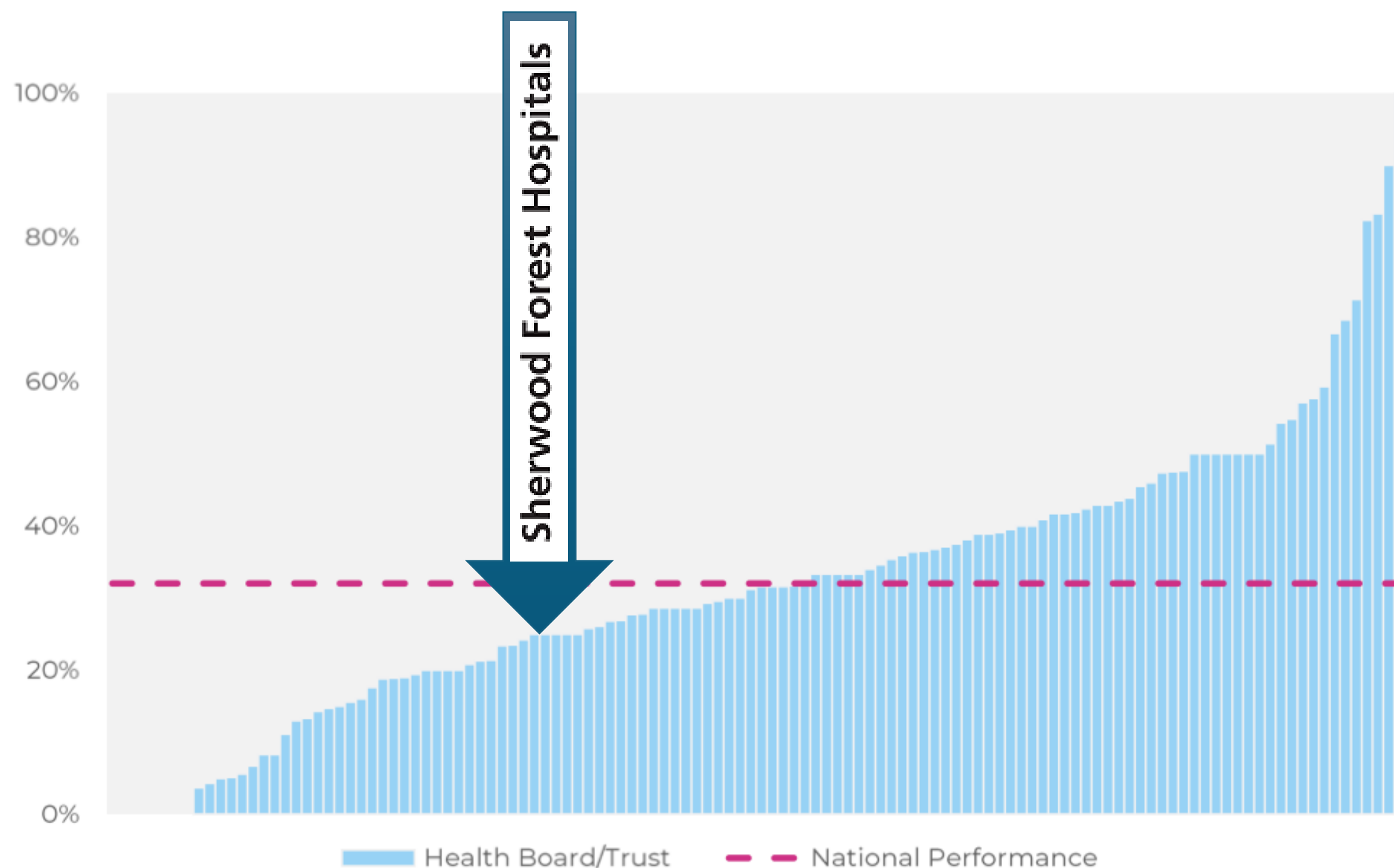
- Direct team messaging
- Video sharing
- Individualised patient information
- Appts and virtual clinic links
- Proxy access



### % of SFHFT children diagnosed with epilepsy with documented evidence of communication regarding core elements of care planning



# Taking too long to arrive in our epilepsy service... 75% > 2 weeks



# Building an opportunity...

- Our local CDC was looking for pathways and had built clinic capacity into the building design
- Established a CYP asthma diagnostic pathway
- National request proposals and pilot for children via CDC
- We had already developed the 'digital backbone'

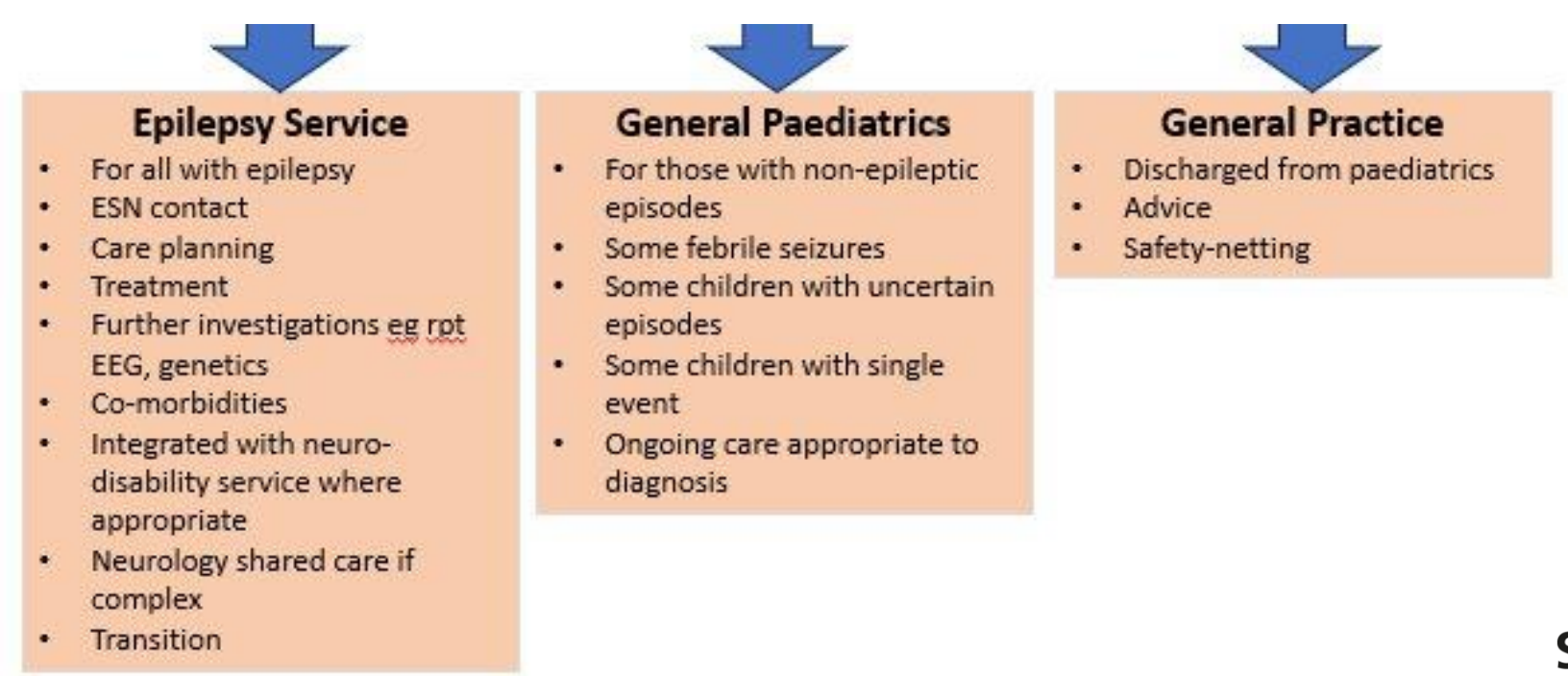
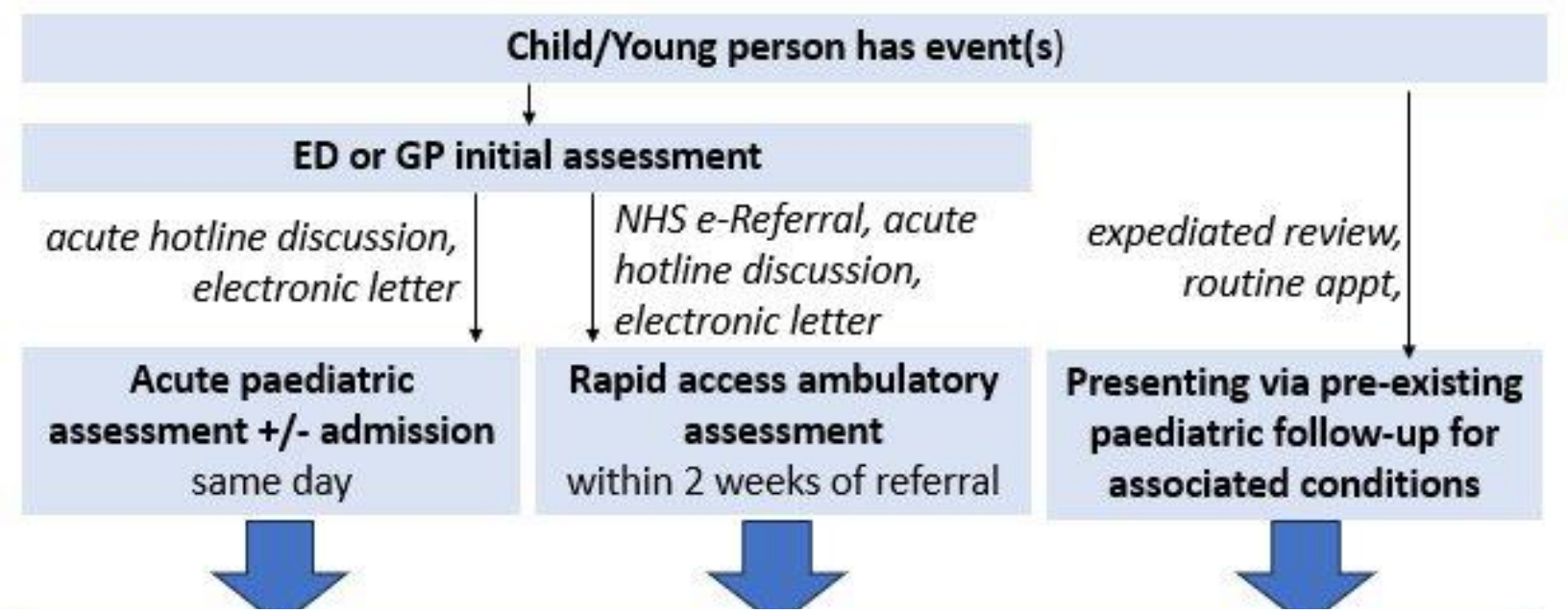




*“After a first seizure or seizure-like episode, a specialist children’s nurse and paediatrician will contact and connect with you, provide ongoing individualised support and safety education, contact routes for updates, questions, securely sharing video and seizure descriptions. They will arrange investigations and assessments as needed and stay involved until the diagnosis and next steps are clear.”*



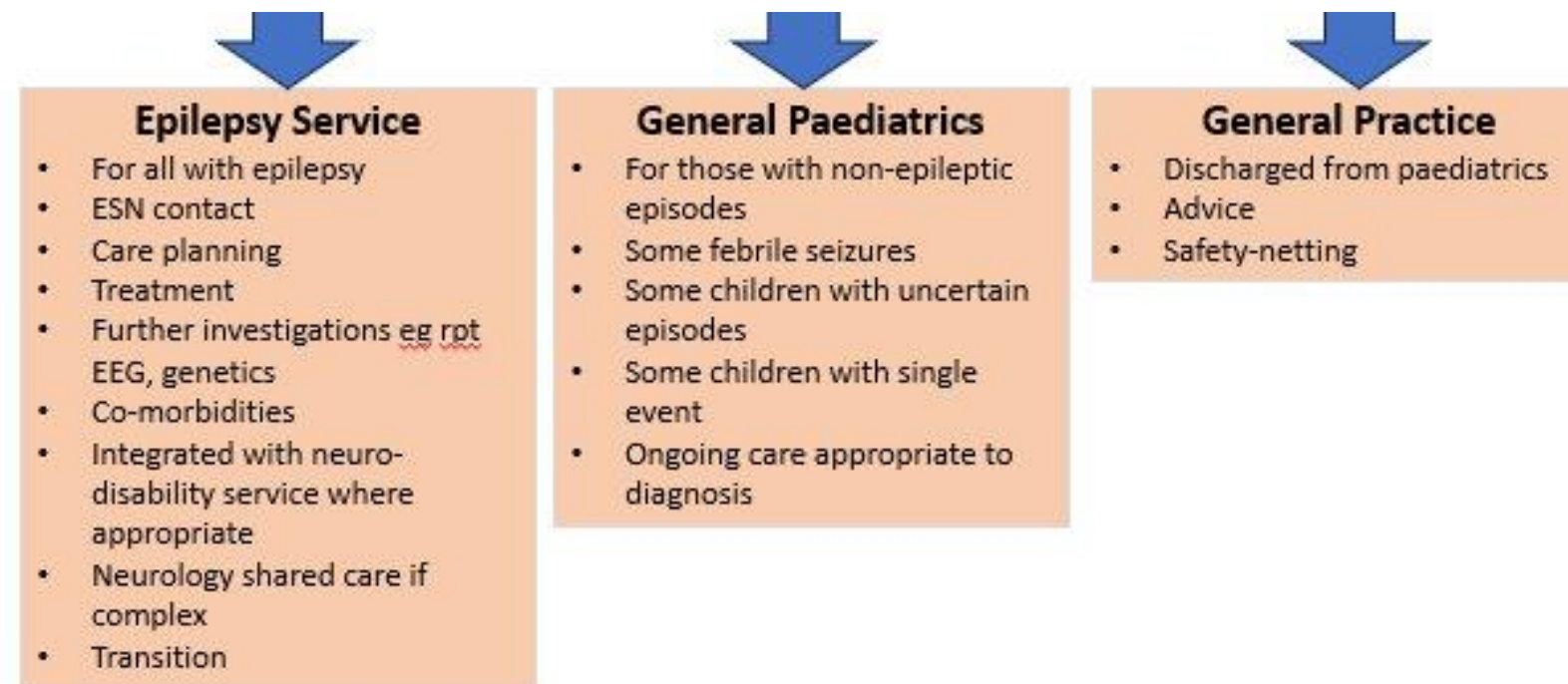
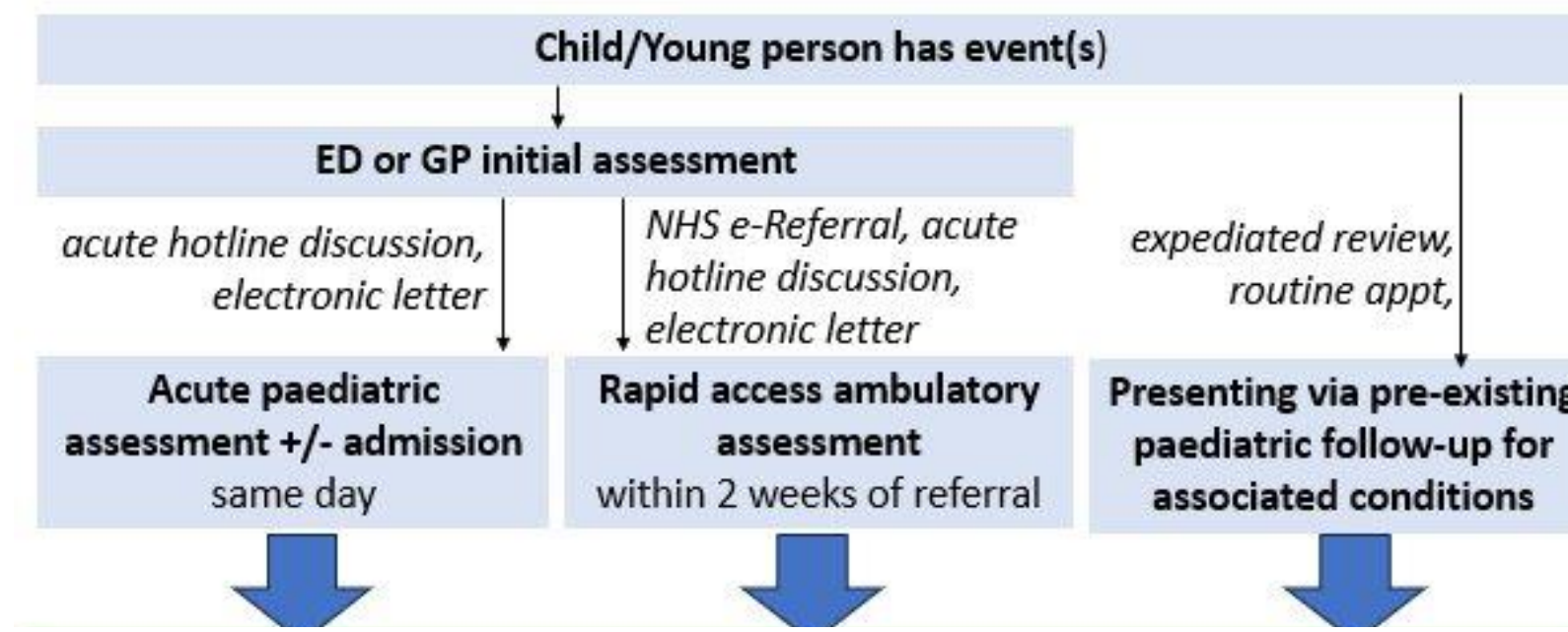
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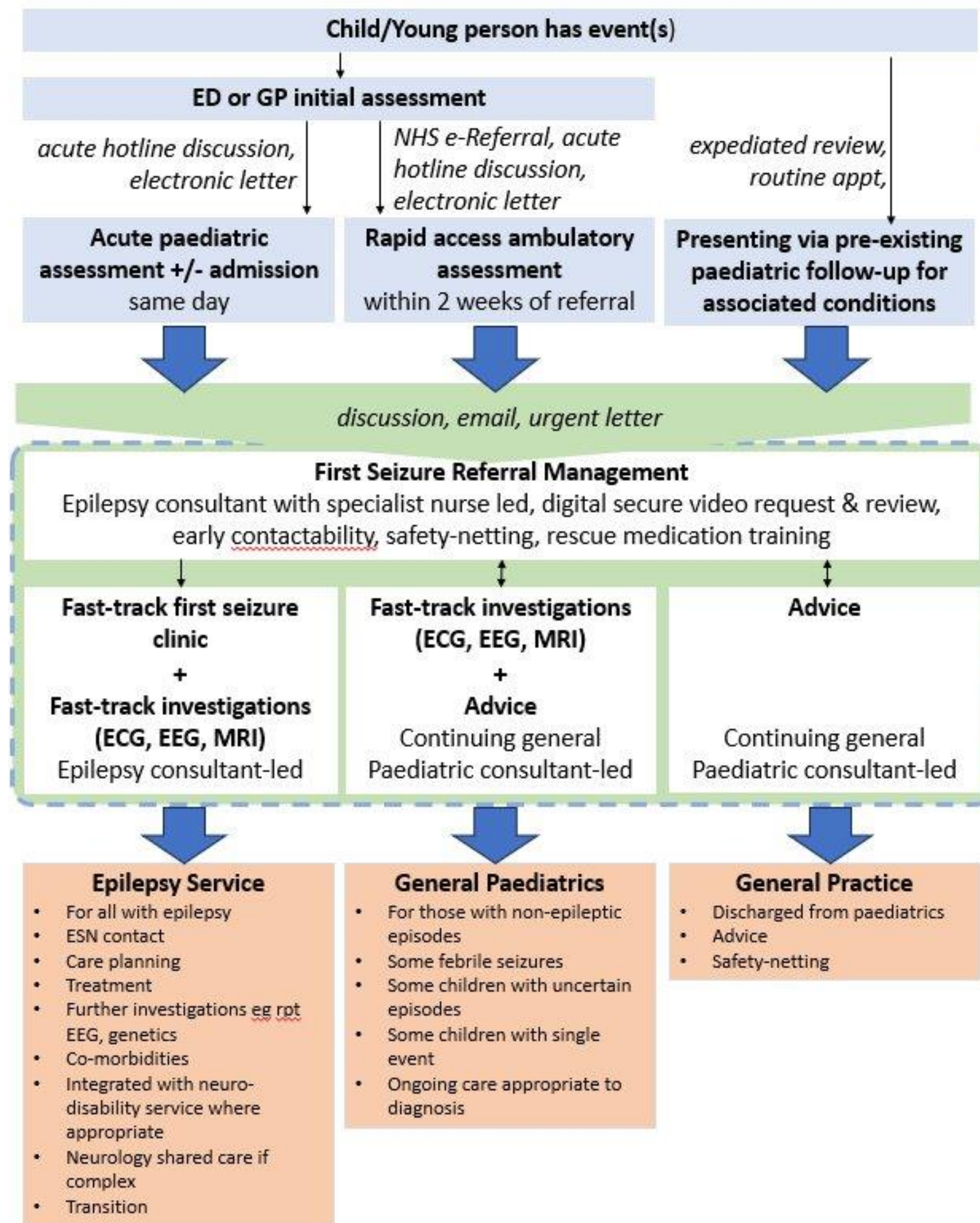
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**NHS**  
Sherwood Forest Hospitals  
NHS Trust



Community Diagnostic Centre

Opened April 2026

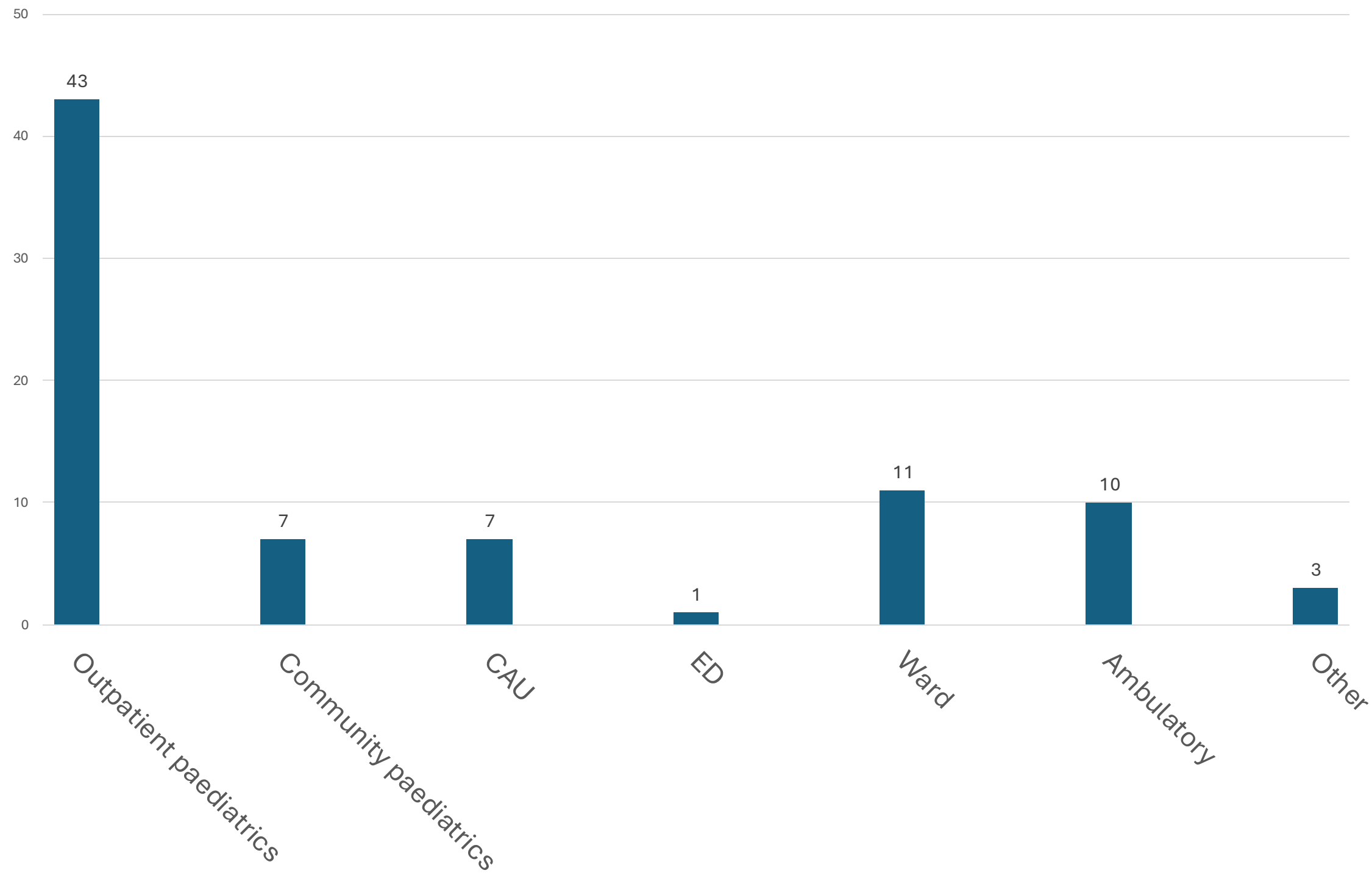
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- **First young person seen in CDC April 2026**
- **June 2026 secured business case for recurrent funding and substantive ESN post**

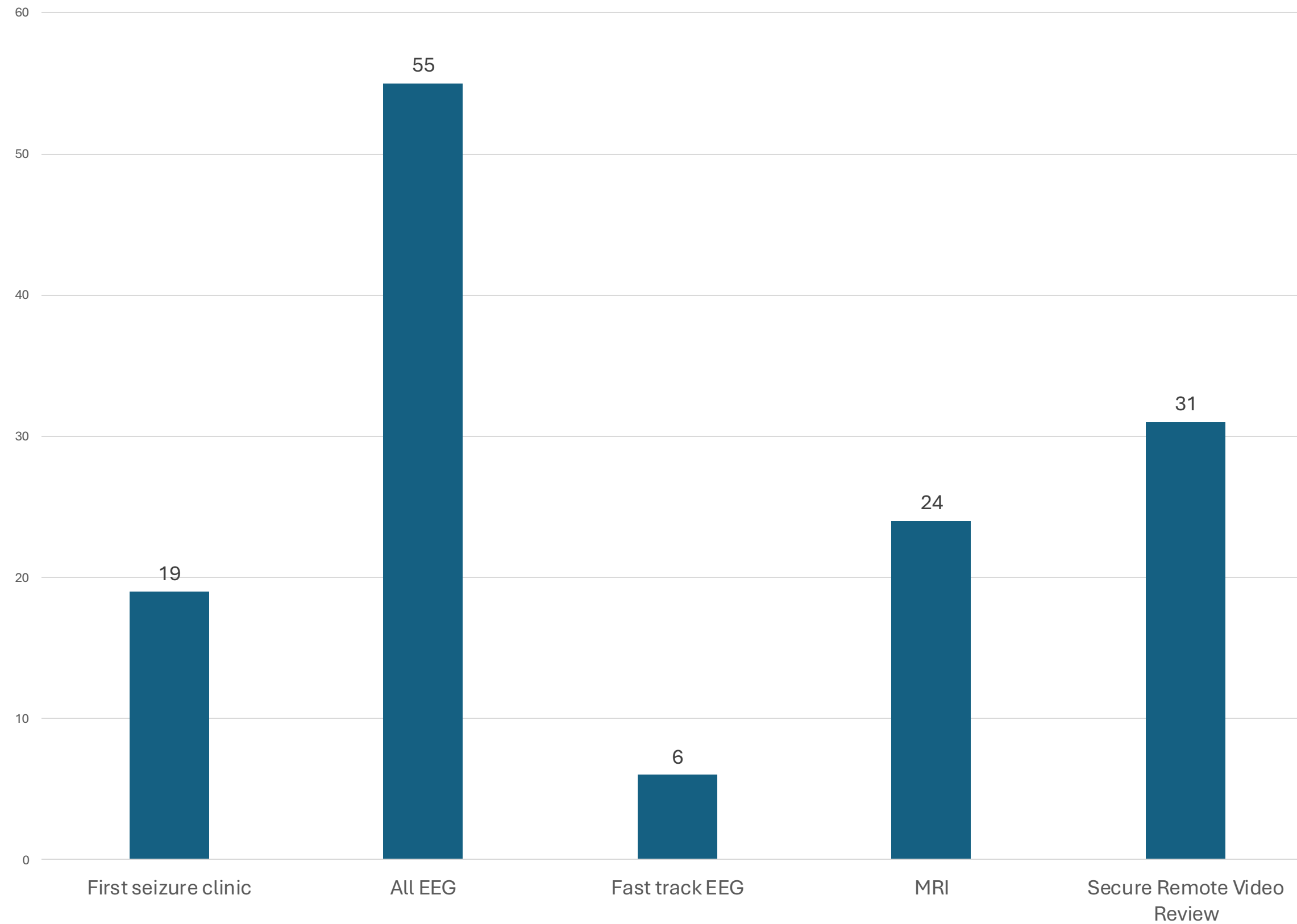
# Early data (as of 5/5/26)

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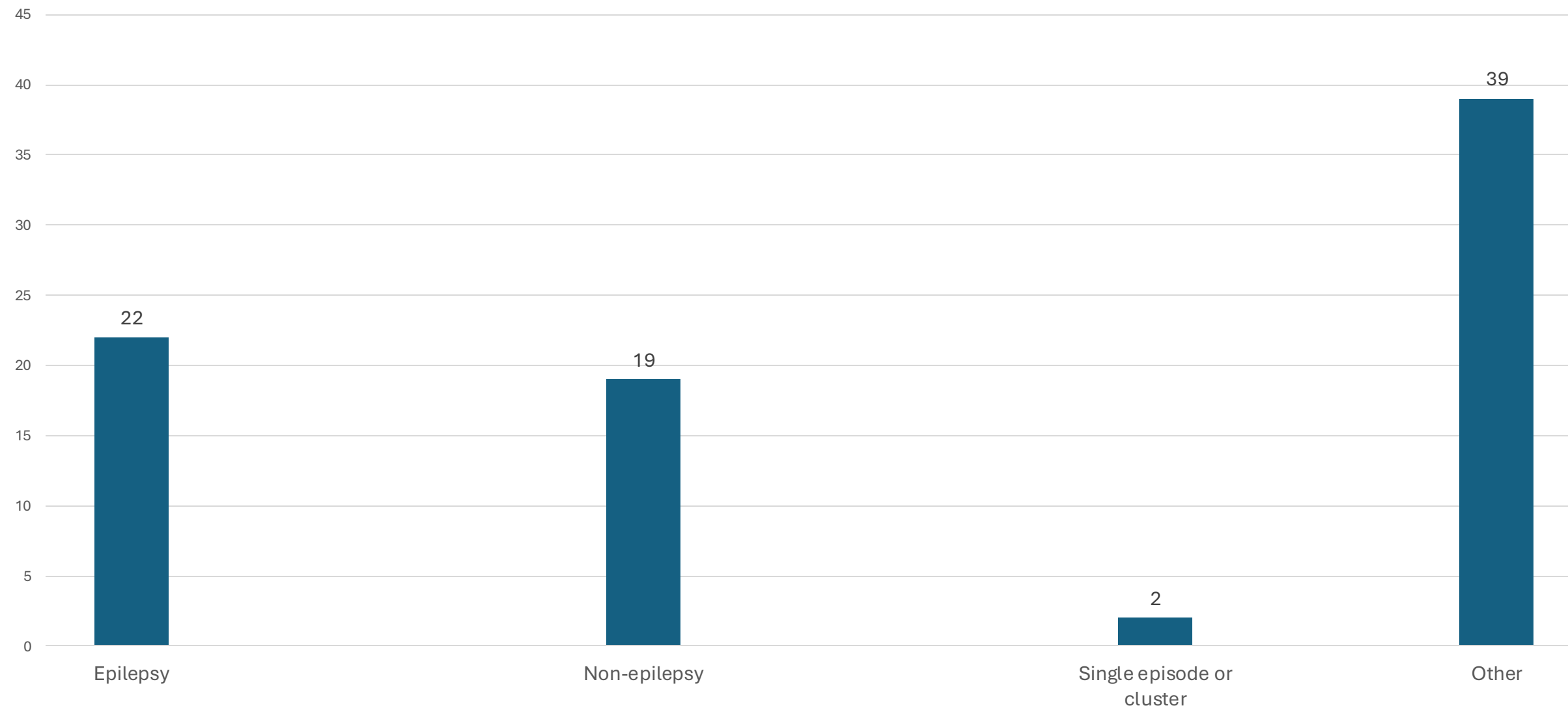
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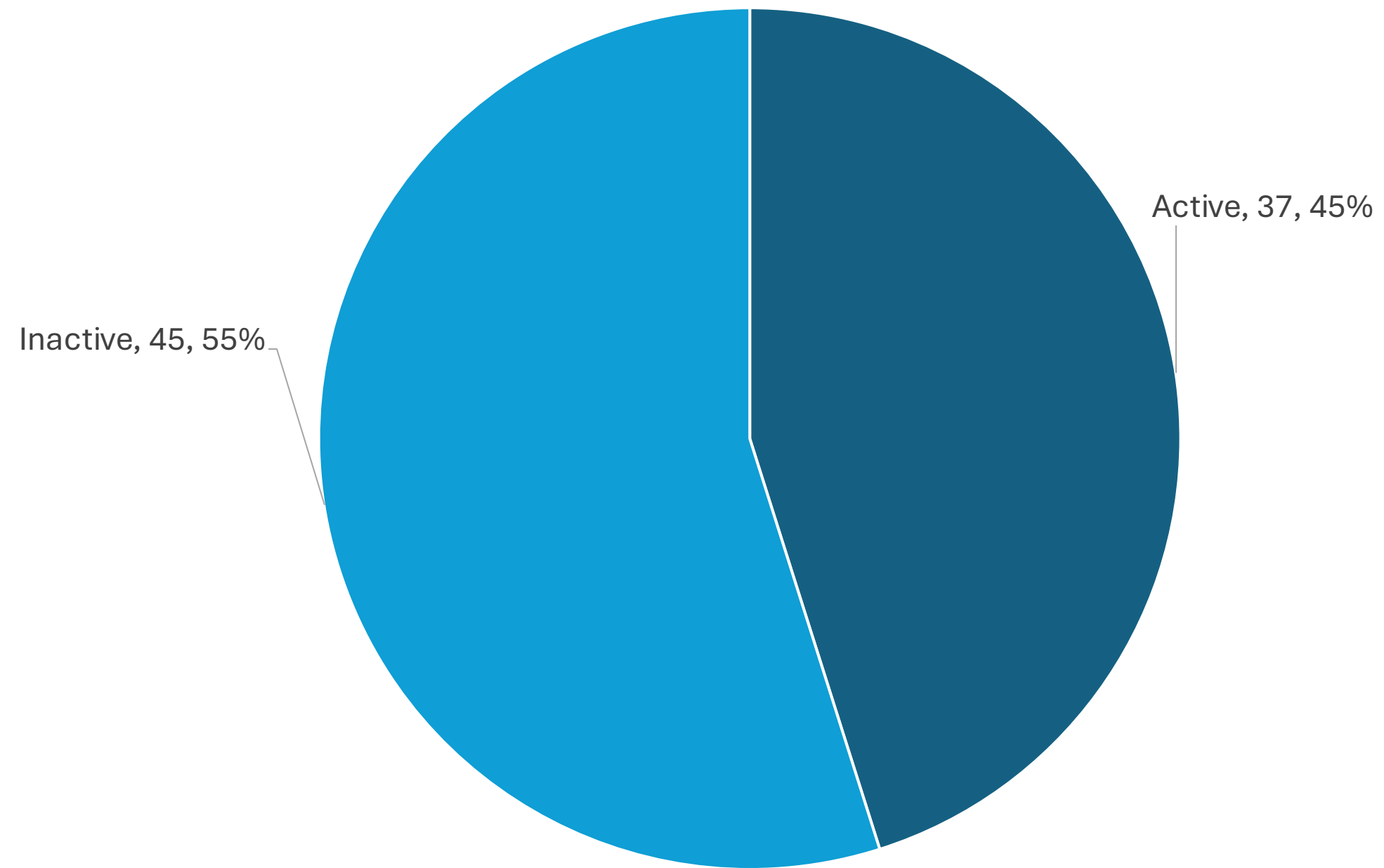
# Activity



# Outcomes



# Pathway status



# Next steps and summary

- Develop novel tracker for ongoing ‘dynamic triaging’
- Build 1-stop and 2-stop investigation capabilities
- Evidence improved outcomes, experience and ‘signal’ within Epilepsy12 data
- Consider relevance for other neighbourhood pathways?

# Summary...

Epilepsy12 has helped us...

- Direct local change and close gaps
- Jump on strategic national and ICS opportunities
- Created teams, landscape and community where we can systematically evidence and share improvement

# Update from Patient Safety Learning

**Clare Wade**

Director, Patient Safety Learning

# CAAW26 Patient Safety

## Using Data and Audit to Reduce Harm

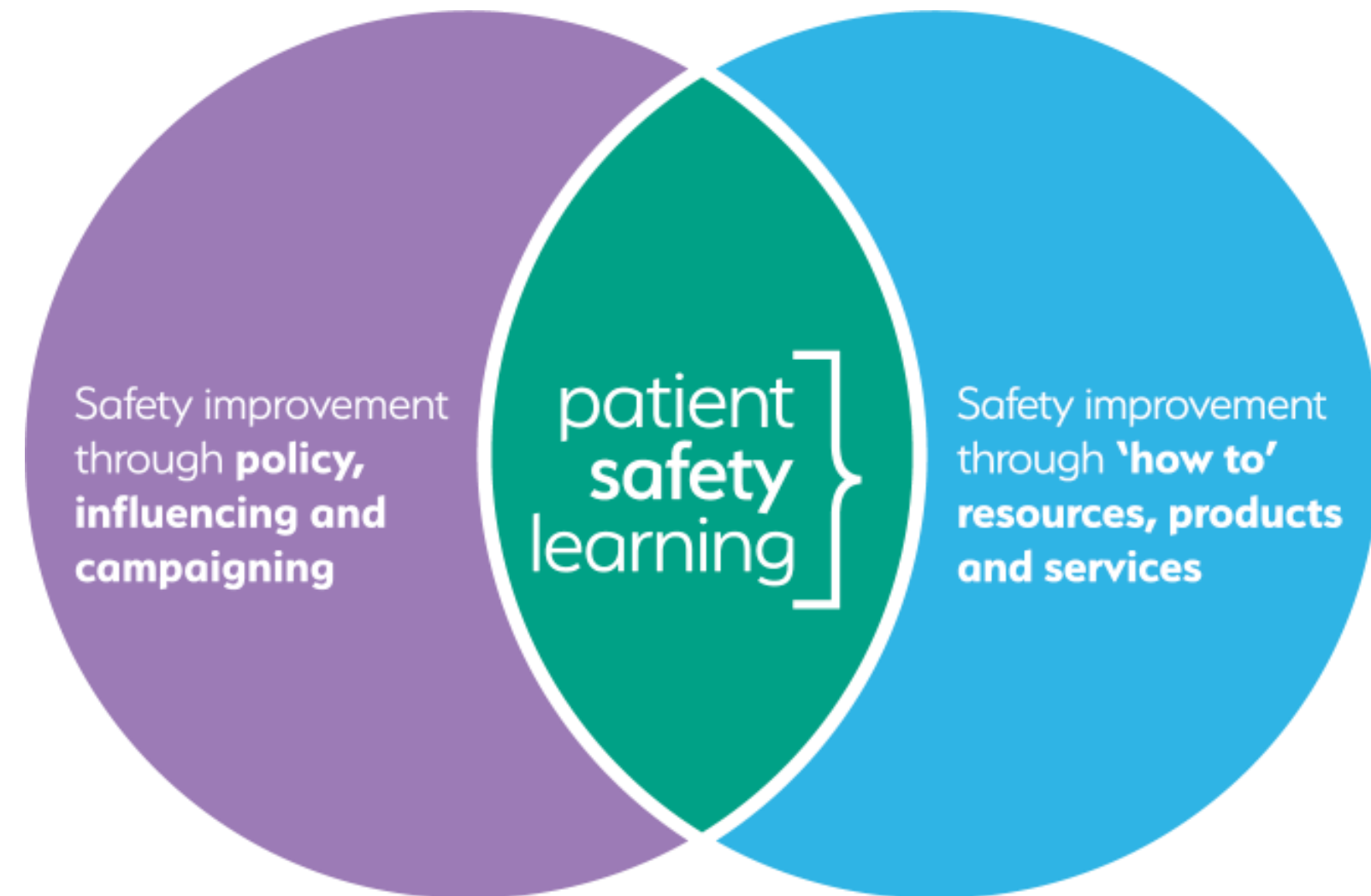
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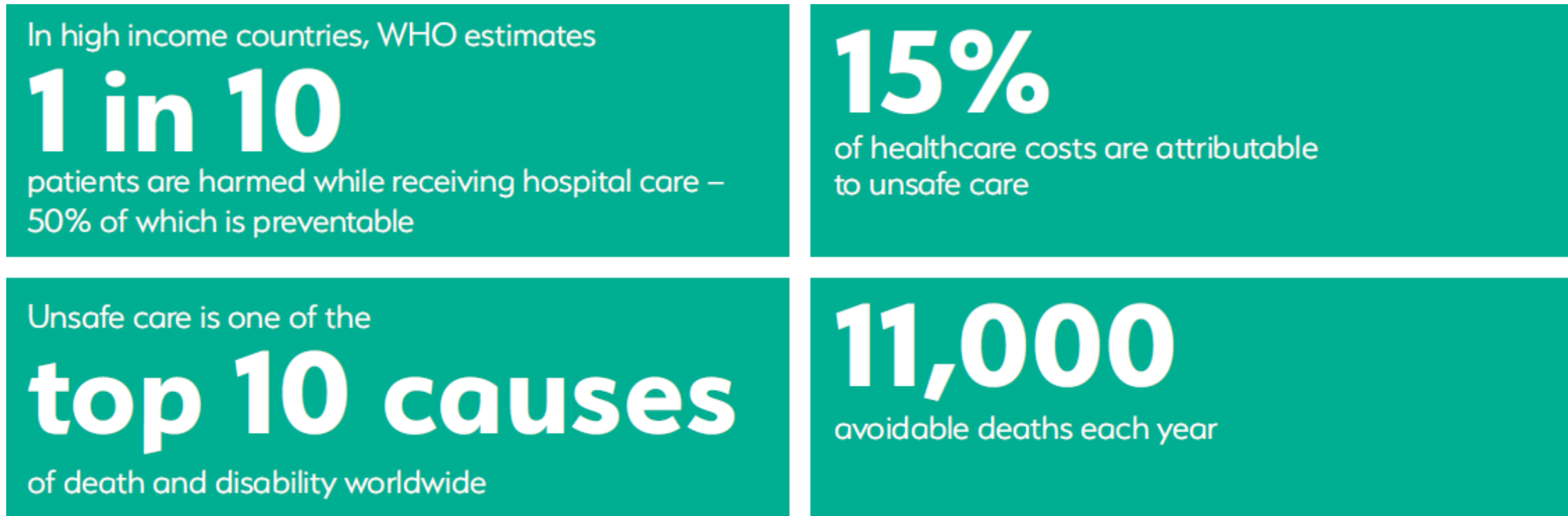
# About Patient Safety Learning

- Founded in 2018
- Charity and independent voice for system-wide change
- Vision
  - To help create a world where patients are free from avoidable harm
- Mission and purpose
  - To transform how health & social care organisations think and act in safety



Listening to, learning from and promoting the voice of the patient safety frontline

# Scale and impact of avoidable harm in healthcare

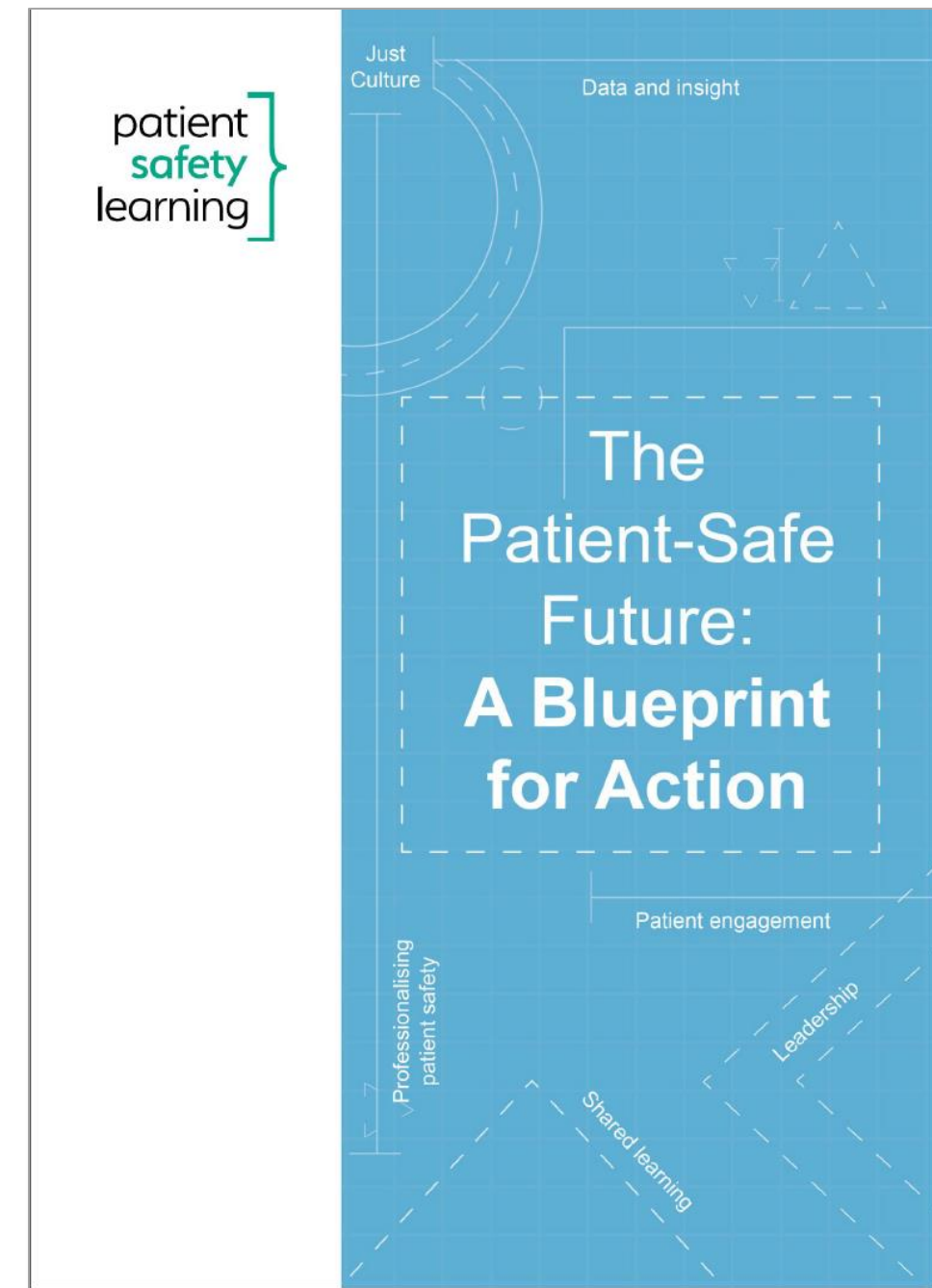


- Patients assume patient safety is a priority until they experience avoidable harm
- Despite the efforts & good work of many people, unsafe care continues to persist
- RCEM estimated at least 305 excess deaths per week linked to long waits (2026)

**Have we normalised an unsafe system?**

# Why does avoidable harm persist?

- Safety is one priority of many
- Blame culture and fear
- Patients are not engaged
- Lack of leadership and commitment to safety
- Failure to learn and act on good practice/avoidable harm
- Insufficient patient safety and human factors expertise
- Inadequate staff engagement
- Few patient safety standards
- 'Driving the care looking in the review view mirror
- Lack proactive risk management



# Patient safety must become a core purpose in...

- Policy-making
- Service commissioning and planning
- Standards and good practice governance
- Service provision
- Professional regulation
- System regulation
- Patient and family engagement



... and across the entire health and safety management system

# *the hub* – an award-winning platform to share learning for patient safety

- Membership is free
- You can register at [www.pslhub.org](http://www.pslhub.org)
- The world's largest repository on patient safety
- Hosts networks and communities which give people a place to discuss patient safety concerns and how to address them.
- 'Voice of the patient safety frontline' – staff, patients and families.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Patient Safety Learning Hub. The header includes the logo 'patient safety learning the hub' and navigation links for 'Learn', 'Share', 'Communities', 'News', and 'Attend'. There are also 'Sign in' and 'Sign up' buttons. The main heading reads 'Welcome to the hub' and 'An award-winning platform to share learning for patient safety'. Below this is a search bar and a 'View all content' button. The 'Featured' section highlights an article titled 'Listening to families: why paediatric patient safety requires a conscious approach to engagement', featuring photos of Peter Sidgwick and Julie Plumridge. To the right, there is a section titled 'The unique complexities of paediatric patient safety' with a 'Read more' link. The 'Latest in Learn' section displays four recent articles with their titles and publication times.

# Our patient safety networks

- Informal voluntary networks created by and for staff working in patient safety
- Drop-in sessions with guest speakers
- Information and peer support
- Dedicated private space for discussion and sharing resources on *the hub*
- Helping to develop and strengthen an open and fair safety culture
- Staff and patient safety partner engagement



# Work with us to create a patient safe future

- Learn and share
- Join a community
- Become a topic expert
- Share your experiences
- Patient safety: a social movement
  - Email: [clarew@patientsafetylearning.org](mailto:clarew@patientsafetylearning.org)
  - Website: [www.patientsafetylearning.org](http://www.patientsafetylearning.org)
  - LinkedIn: Patient Safety Learning
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# Q&A

# Upcoming Clinical Audit Awareness Week Webinars

**Daily themed webinars and Excellence in Clinical Audit Awards announcements:**

- Thu 12.45-1.30pm: Patient Safety Award
- Fri 10am-12pm: Data-Informed Improvement AM
- Fri 1-3pm: Data-Informed Improvement PM, including Evidence in Practice Award



Find out more and register here  
- or scan the QR code:

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# THANK YOU!



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