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# Healthy East Grinstead Partnership

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# East Grinstead

- 41,500 registered population
- Population is older and more affluent than most
- History of innovation – the “guinea pig club”
- Higher levels of dementia (but that looks well managed)
- High chlamydia rates
- High Injury rates to under 5's
- Higher respiratory deaths among the elderly



# Healthy East Grinstead Partnership

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# What do people want?

- Good **access** to primary care,
- Keeping care **local**,
- Care that is well **coordinated**,
- Having the right **information** to support self-care and as much focus on **wellbeing** as on health.
- In addition, local people recommended expansion of the range of services based at **Queen Victoria Hospital** so these would be more integrated and accessible both for patients and also for family and carers.

*(taken from Five Communities engagement report)*

# What do the GP's want?

- Avoid contacts which are purely administrative transactions. **Develop “self-referral” models**
- **Better local focus** eg a Maternity and Child Health hub in the town.
- Address the “DN dressings” script issue.
- See more of **Community Team Members** who we recognise and with whom we can **develop a working relationship**.
- **Better access to specialists for advice**, support or help in managing long-term conditions – something between the acute admission and the 3-month outpatient appointment.
- Help in managing **the inexorable rise in both need and demand**.
- Make our area a **desirable place to live and work**

# HEGP Aims

Develop **sustainable** GP and community services with **improved access** for the local population

Improve the care of people who need both **GP care and specialist care for long term conditions** and for those who are **frail**

Help people to stay well by putting into place more localised health **prevention and wellbeing** services

Make people's care feel more **joined up** by bringing together **most community services** under **one team** to remove fragmentation of services

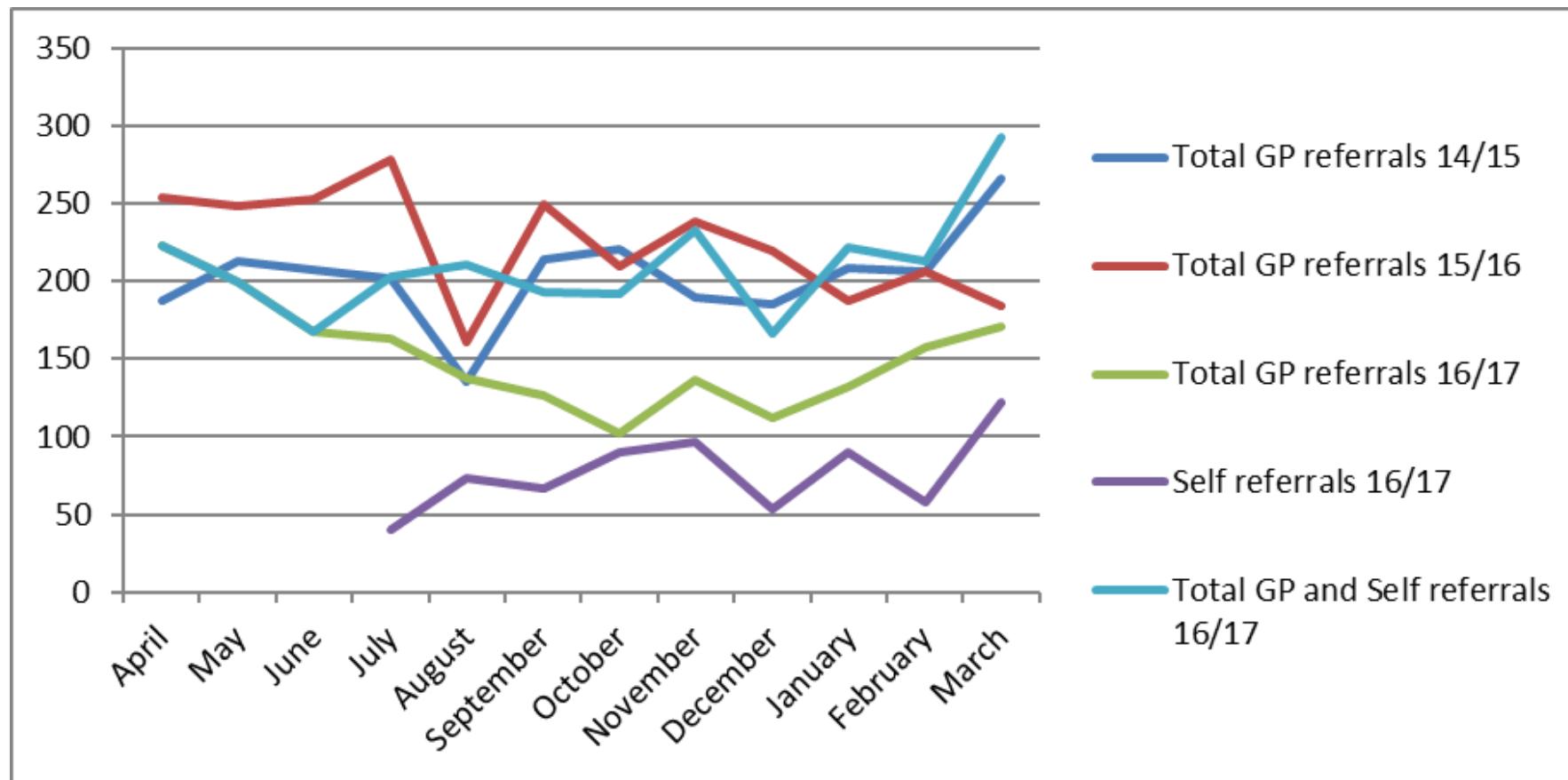
# Improving access to primary care

- Redesigning care pathways to free up GP capacity:
  - Self referral to musculoskeletal physiotherapy
  - Redesign of dressings pathway
  - Direct access to midwifery
    - (400 live births a year)

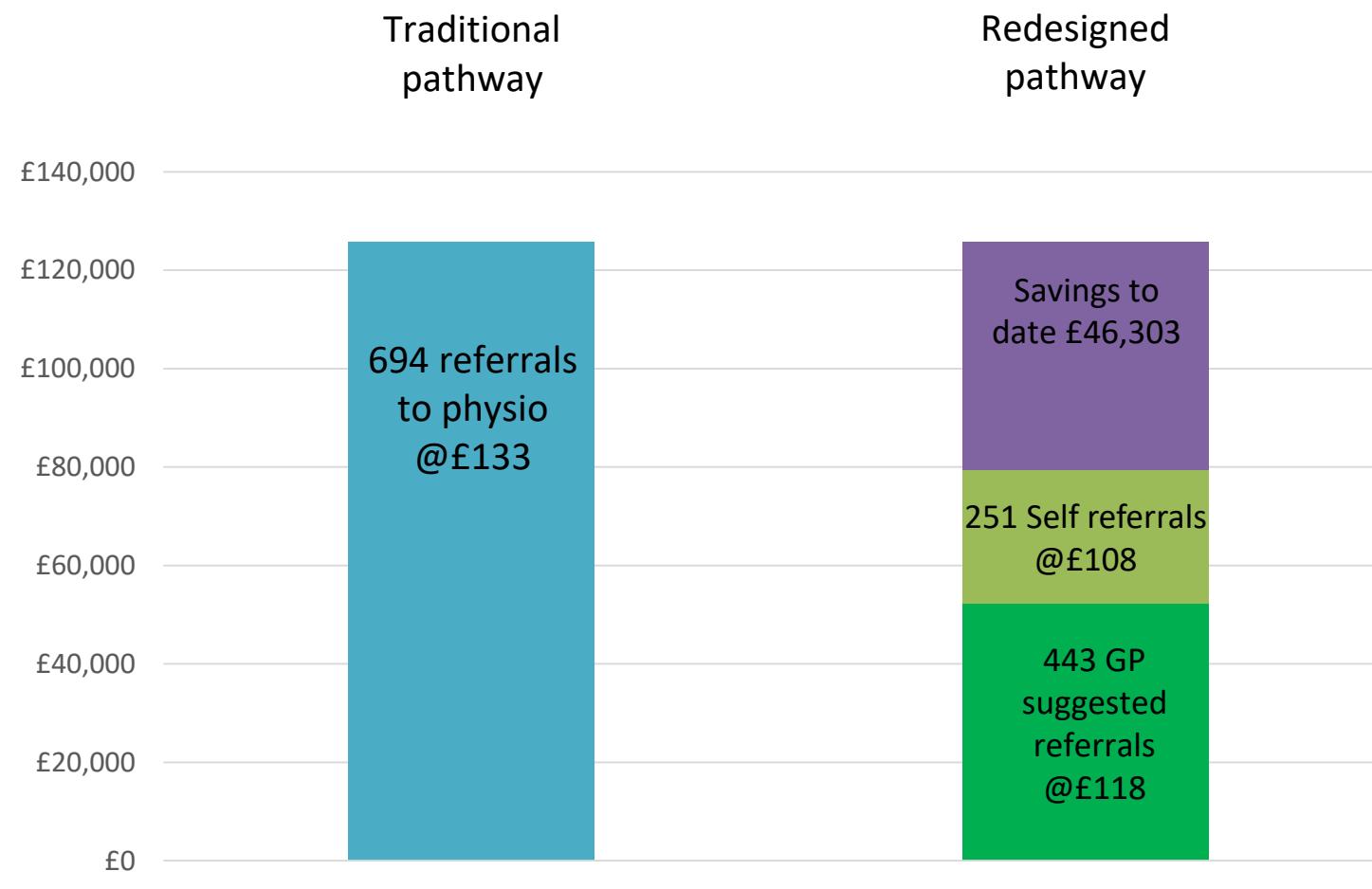
## Self referral to musculoskeletal physiotherapy

- Good evidence from the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy regarding self referral
  - Up to 30% of GP workload could be MSK
- Previously all referrals for physiotherapy had to come from a GP
- Now patient completes referral form which also includes self management advice
- Triage by physiotherapy team at QVH
- Patient given appointment directly by QVH
- Removes need for GP appointment for referral
- Removes admin associated with referral for GP and practice staff

## Number of referrals to MSK physiotherapy



## Self referrals to MSK physiotherapy – Cost savings



NB where there was a self referral with no GP suggestion – this also released 251 additional appointments into primary care

# Dressings pathway previously

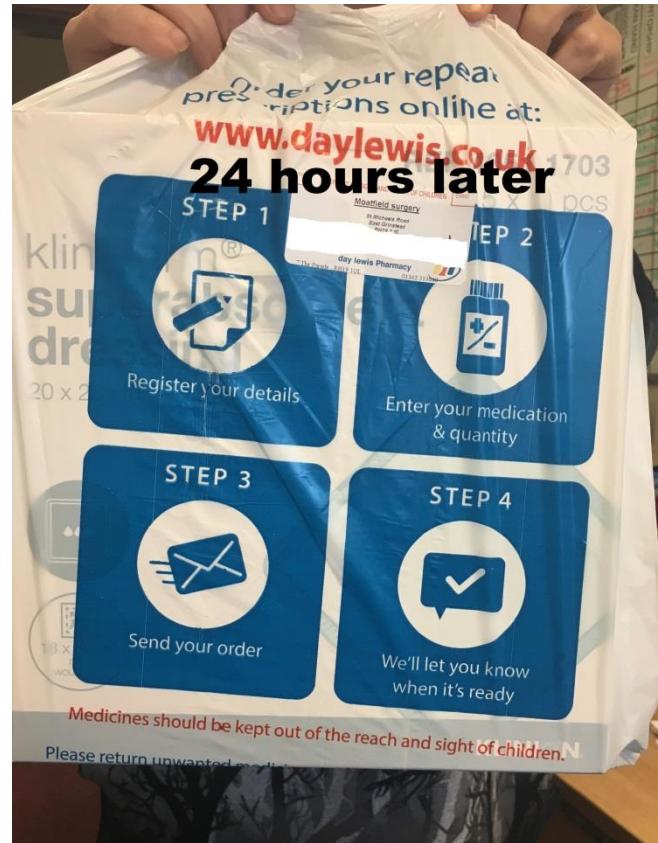
- Nurse reviewed patient and decided on appropriate dressings
- Nurse faxed request to surgery
- Surgery processed request and passed to GP to sign prescription
- GP signed and prescription was collected by either patient or community pharmacy
- Patient received dressing ready for visit from nurse

# Dressings pathway previously

- GPs frustrated by pathway
  - 92% not satisfied with current system
  - 100% felt a nurse led system would be safe
  - *“They are the dressings experts not us”*
- Nurses reported:
  - 85% of them were spending 30 mins or more a week chasing prescriptions/dressings
  - 85% of them had waited over a week for dressings to arrive (55% more than two weeks)

# New dressings pathway

- Community nurses and tissue viability nurses order stock as required from an agreed formulary
- Community pharmacy dispenses and delivers to nursing base
- Nurse takes to patient for wound dressing



## Dressings redesigned

- Good for the **patient**
  - Dressing arrives faster
- Good for **nursing teams**
  - Increased autonomy
- Good for **GP and practice teams**
  - Releasing 3 hours of GP time per week/surgery
  - Plus associated admin time
- Good for the **health economy**
  - Increased staff efficiency (over 200 hours of nursing time back into the system so far since March)
- Staff have now identified other areas that would also benefit from same approach

## Enhanced primary care team

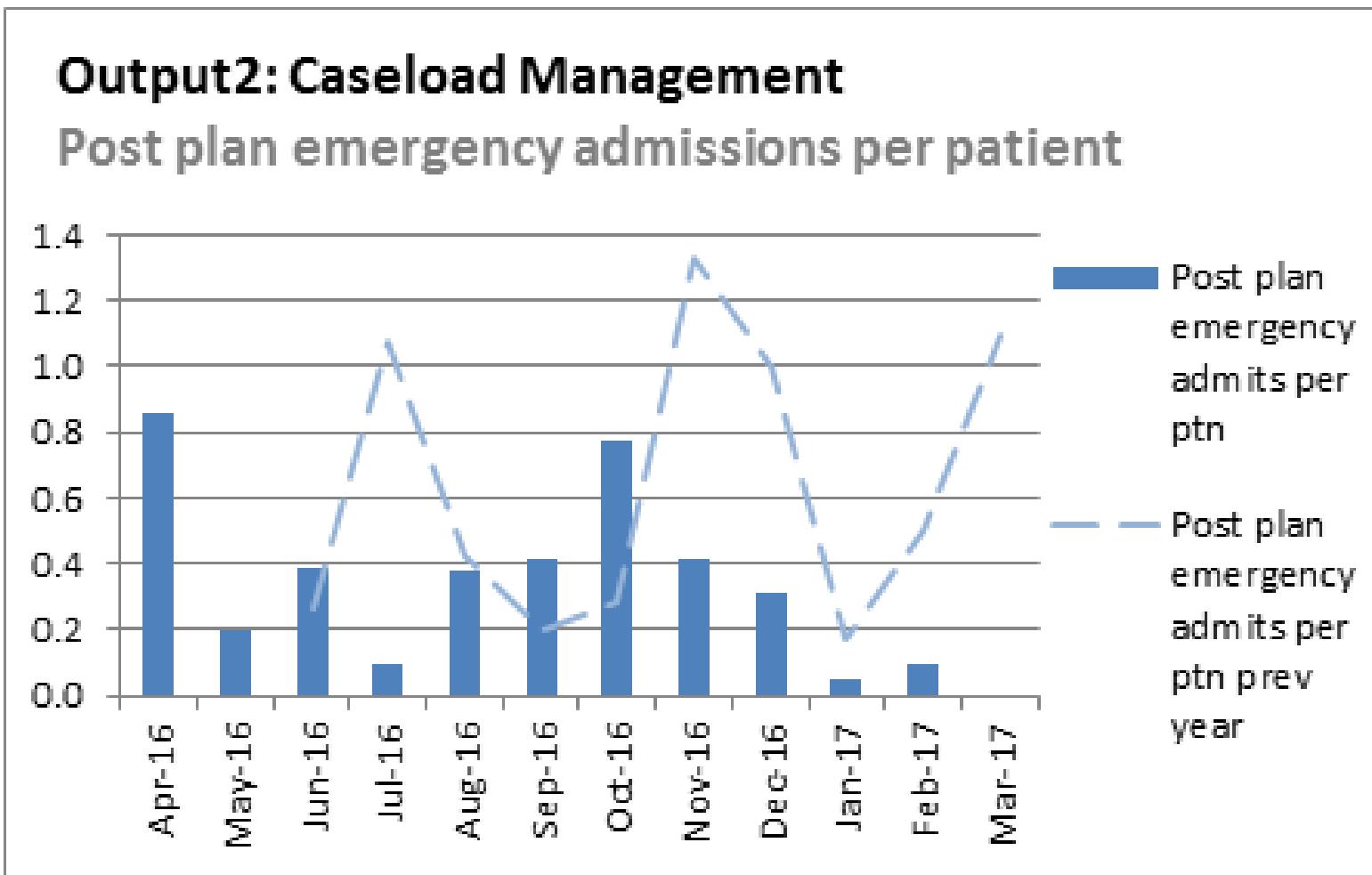
- Brought together our community nursing team and our proactive care team to form a MDT wrapped around GP practices
- Team currently consists of:
  - Community nurses and community matrons
  - Physiotherapist and occupational therapist
  - Community psychiatric nurse
  - Social worker (WSCC)
  - Co-ordinator
  - Clinical lead
- Focused on those patients at highest risk of admission (greater than 75% risk of admission)

# Targeting specific population segments

- Using our risk stratification tool (Docobo) to look at the registered populations of our four practices
- Targeted those at highest risk of admission: 154 patients
- Case management approach by our enhanced primary care team
- Targeted interventions
- Care plans developed and shared across our PCH

Measures	Risk Category				Total
	Lowest	Moderate	High	Very High	
Patients	38,173	1,335	382	154	40,044
% of population	95.3%	3.3%	1.0%	0.4%	100.0%
Total Cost	9,564,080	2,714,246	1,092,354	741,378	14,112,058

# Those patients at highest risk of admission



Only 68 of the 154 remain in the very highest risk of admission group

## Enhanced primary care team – what next?

- Expanding the team to include other community services (mental health liaison practitioners) and voluntary sector link workers
- Daily virtual huddles with GP practices
- Clinical Pharmacist focusing on those patients in nursing homes with polypharmacy
- Moving to focus on those patients at high risk of admission (50-74% risk) and those with rising risk of admission
- Continue to develop relationships between GP practices, the wider team and other health and prevention services
  - Fire and Rescue Service
  - Mid Sussex Wellbeing

# Our PCH – what next?

- Prevention, wellbeing and self management
  - Health and wellbeing event in September
  - 46 dementia friends trained last week
- Town wide urgent on the day primary care service integrated with MIU
- Piloting integrated community based respiratory services for our 58 patients with COPD at high risk of admission
- Share learning and roll out with other localities
- Working with Social Finance and OptiMedis COBIC UK to investigate potential gains from a system integrator approach to population health across our PCH – working towards a unified budget



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