



Social prescribing for long term conditions

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Challenges

- Social prescribing – who benefits?
- Funding to deliver at scale over time
- SIB Outcomes Contracts
- Culture change
- Operational models v research design models

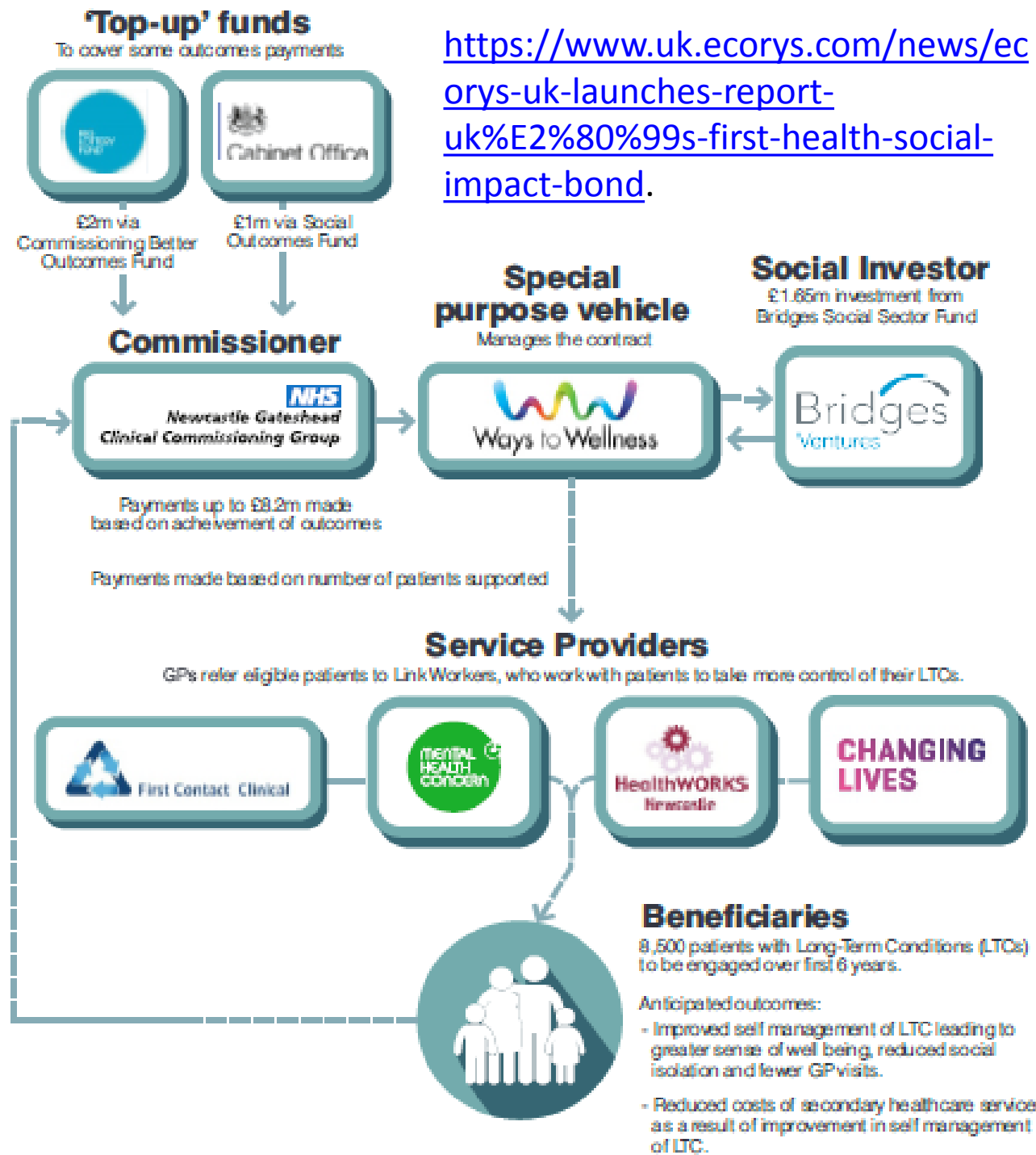
Why Physical LTCs in people 40-74?

- Significance of social determinants on development and outcome of LTCs.
- Cost of LTCs to public purse and specifically to CCGs.
- Opportunity to address secondary prevention.
- QOF registers for LTCs and demand on GPs

The Ways to Wellness Model



<https://www.uk.ecorys.com/news/ecorys-uk-launches-report-uk%E2%80%99s-first-health-social-impact-bond>



Getting There

- 2011 VONNE interest in testing SIBs as a vehicle for the VCSE.
- Strong steering group with VCSE and NHS credibility hosted by VONNE.
- 2012-14 development funding SEIF and BLF
 - evidence case
 - financial & operational modelling
 - service specification and procurement
 - management information system
- **April 2015 Launch**

Challenges 1

- Tying down the target group – people 40-74 on LTC QOF Registers
- Operational costs – activities or link workers?
- Agreeing outcomes and repayment metrics
- Negotiating a seven year contract
- Does the developer (SPV) get the contract or should it be an open tender?
- Financial modelling (Version 18.2)

Challenges 2

- Building local buy-in – VCSE, GPs, patient groups.
- Finding and negotiating with investors.
- Sourcing additional funding
- Procurement of providers
- Meeting NHS Information Governance requirements (HSCIC Level 2 AQP)
- Retro-fitting to the Standard NHS Contract.

Get involved in local groups and activities

Find support groups

Make lifestyle choices

Get more active

Find relevant information

Develop positive relationships

Gain confidence

Access specialist services and support

Healthy eating and cooking



Referral Criteria

- Registered with a GP practice in Newcastle West (18 practices, 112,000 population, 14,229 on LTC QOF Register)
- Long-term condition (LTC):
 - COPD, Asthma, Diabetes (Type 1 or 2), Coronary Heart Disease, Heart Failure, Epilepsy, Osteoporosis
- 40 to 74 years of age
- Further prioritised referral criteria:
 - social isolation
 - poor understanding of condition, frequent attender at GP or hospital, poor adherence to prescription
 - anxiety or depression (in addition to one of the above LTCs)
 - poor health but with scope to improve with lifestyle change
 - poor English literacy
 - obese or inactive

Outcomes

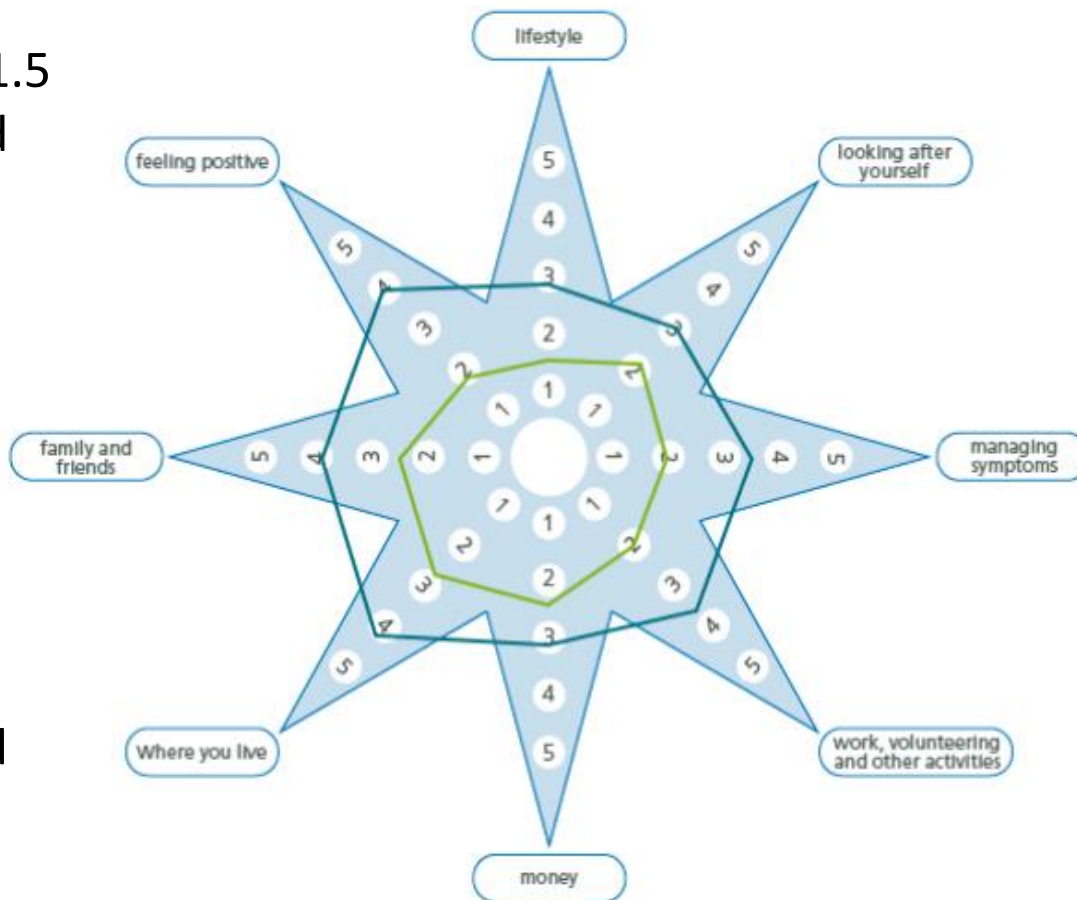
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1. Well-being Star™

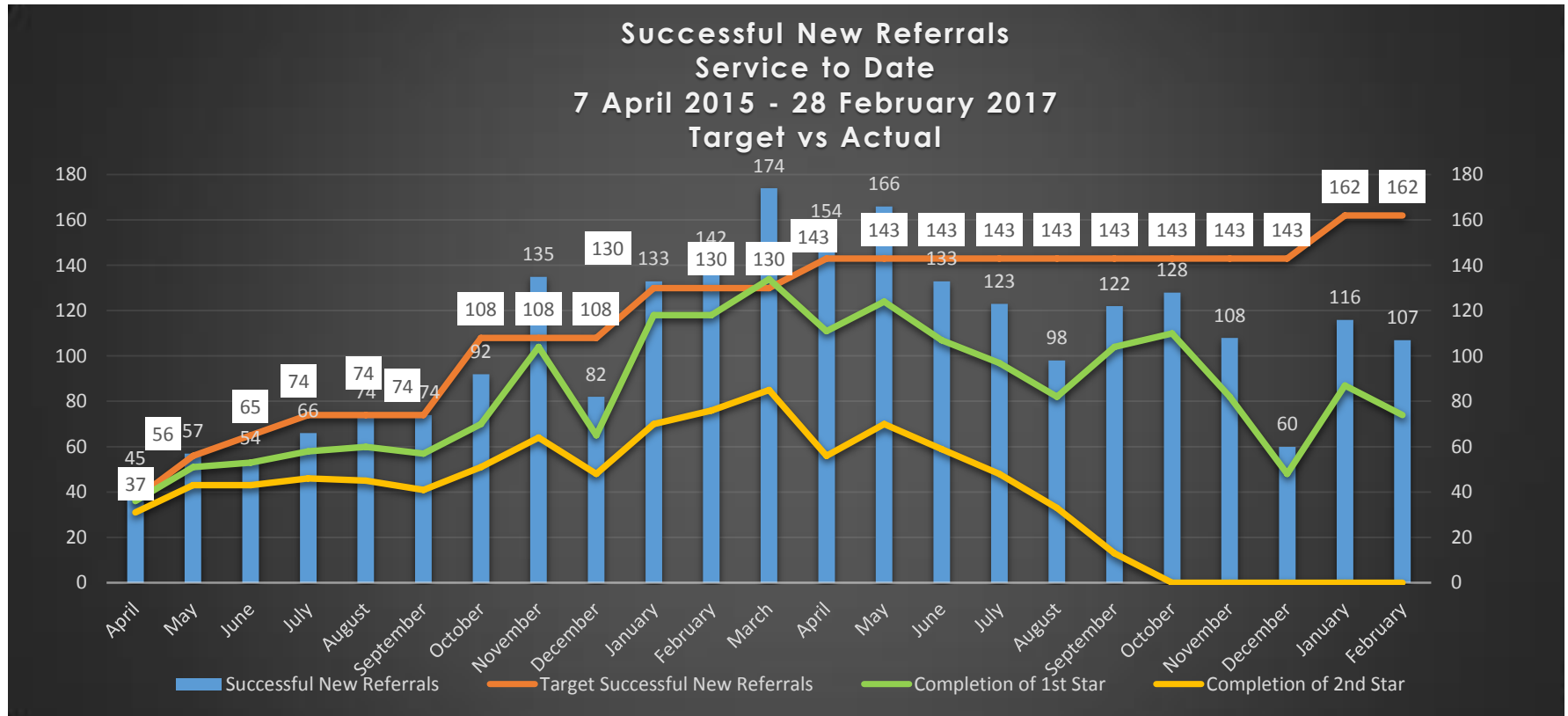
Average improvement over 1.5 results in an outcome- based payment (30%)

2. Secondary care costs

Savings in scheduled & unscheduled admissions, out-patient and A&E costs compared against a matched cohort results in an agreed payment (70%)



Service Metrics – Successful New Referrals Service to Date

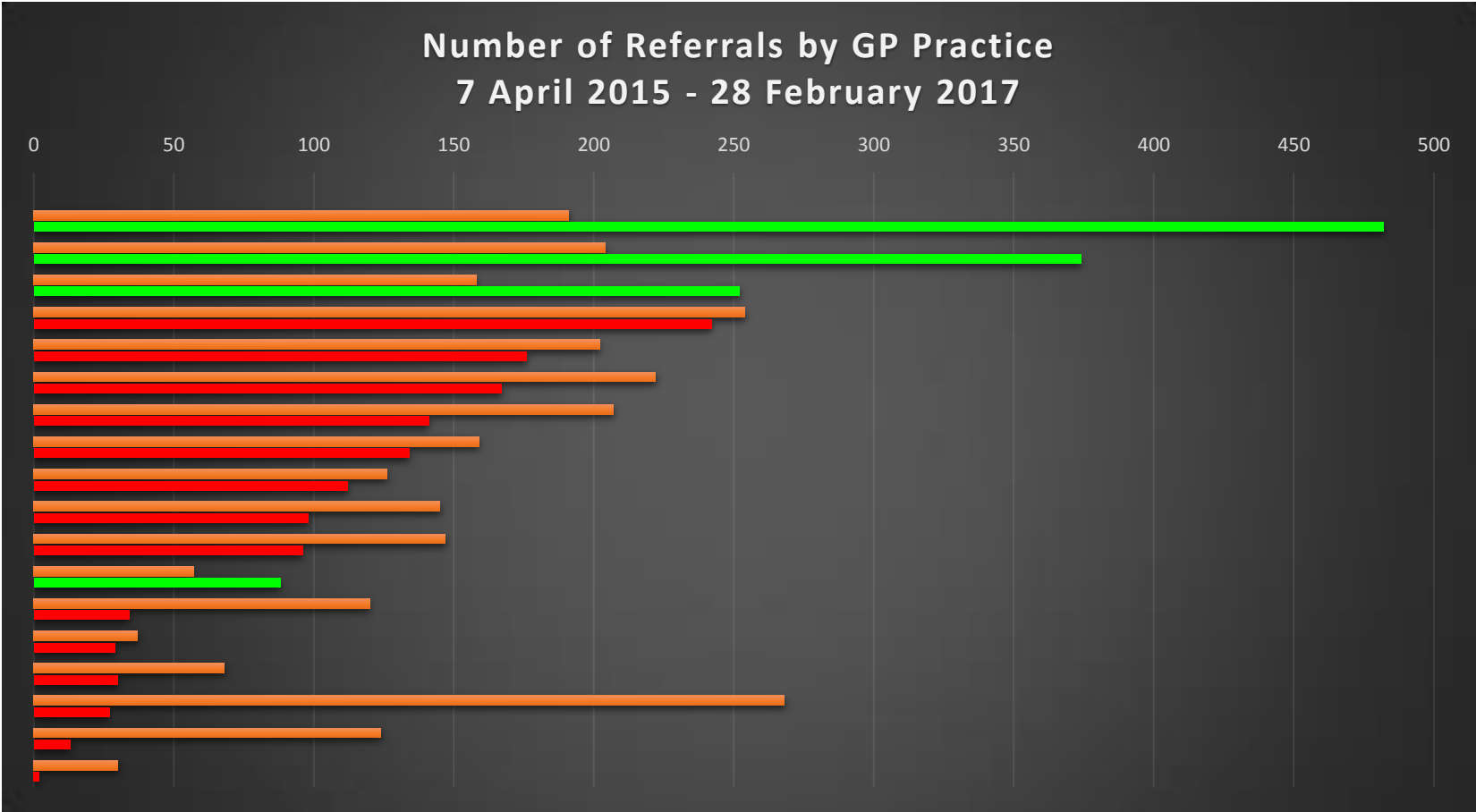


- **Successful New Referrals in Year 1: 1,127 = 103% of target (starts 924 = 84% of target)**
- **Successful New Referrals in Year 2: 1,319 = 82% of target (starts 1,026 = 64% of target)**
- **To Date Successful New Referrals: 2,446 = 90% of target (starts 1,950 = 72% of target)**

Measuring Starts only - not those patients that are still open

Service Metrics - Referrals by GP Practice

Service to Date

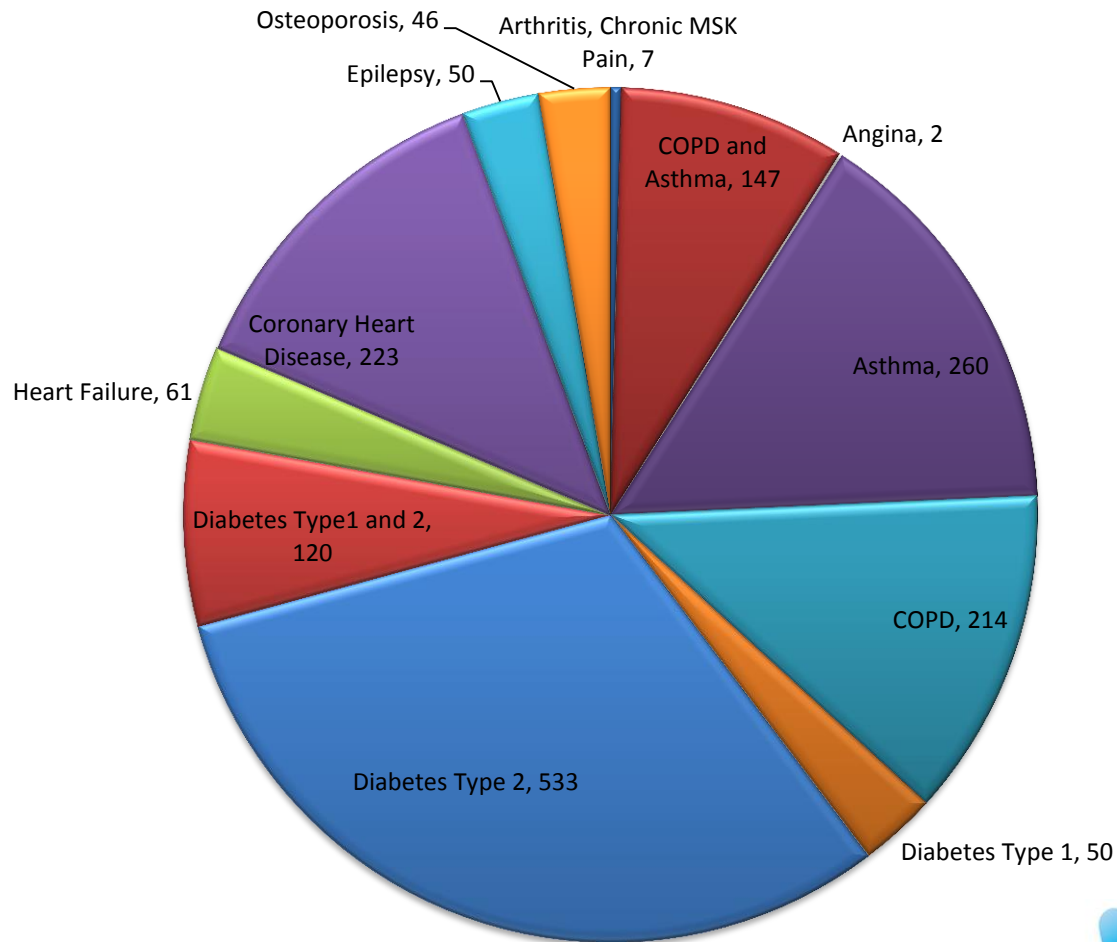


Above Target

Below Target

Target to 28 February 2017

Referrals by Long Term Condition



Highlights from further data analysis: first 1347 patients

- Men 46.6% (1st Star 28.6) Women 53.2% (27.4)
- Age 40-59 45% (1st Star 26.5)
- Age 60-74 55% (1st Star 30.4)
- 40.6% with 2 or more LTCs, numbers increase with age.
- Link workers spend an average of 8.4 hours with each patient, which represents an average of 23 contacts per patient

In case you were wondering

- Secondary care savings come on line in Year 3.
- Data for the first three quarters of Year 2
 - Average spend per patient £19 (2.5%) less than control group
 - Monthly variance between +5.4% to -10.8%

Culture Change

- Normalising the importance and validity of addressing social determinants.
- Changing the way services are designed and commissioned.
- Changing the behaviour of GPs.
- Changing the behaviour of VCSE providers.
- The role of special purpose vehicles and social investors.

Operational v research design

- NIHR Public Health rejection 2015
 - too many work packages
 - no theoretical basis to underpin intervention
 - too ambitious
 - better controls required
- Barriers to more granular analysis of NHS HES and RAIDR data.

Service Users ...

"I feel like finally there is a light at the end of the tunnel and I want to say thank you for calling me and listening, I really appreciate it."

"I do believe that knowing the Ways to Wellness team is like winning a lottery ticket in life."

"I now have a totally different outlook."

"I feel really proud of myself that I'm getting out and about more."

"This service has resolved a lot of issues that worried me."

"It has helped to focus my mind and gave me belief that things can change."

"I feel better already talking to you. It helps motivate me."

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Thank you for listening
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