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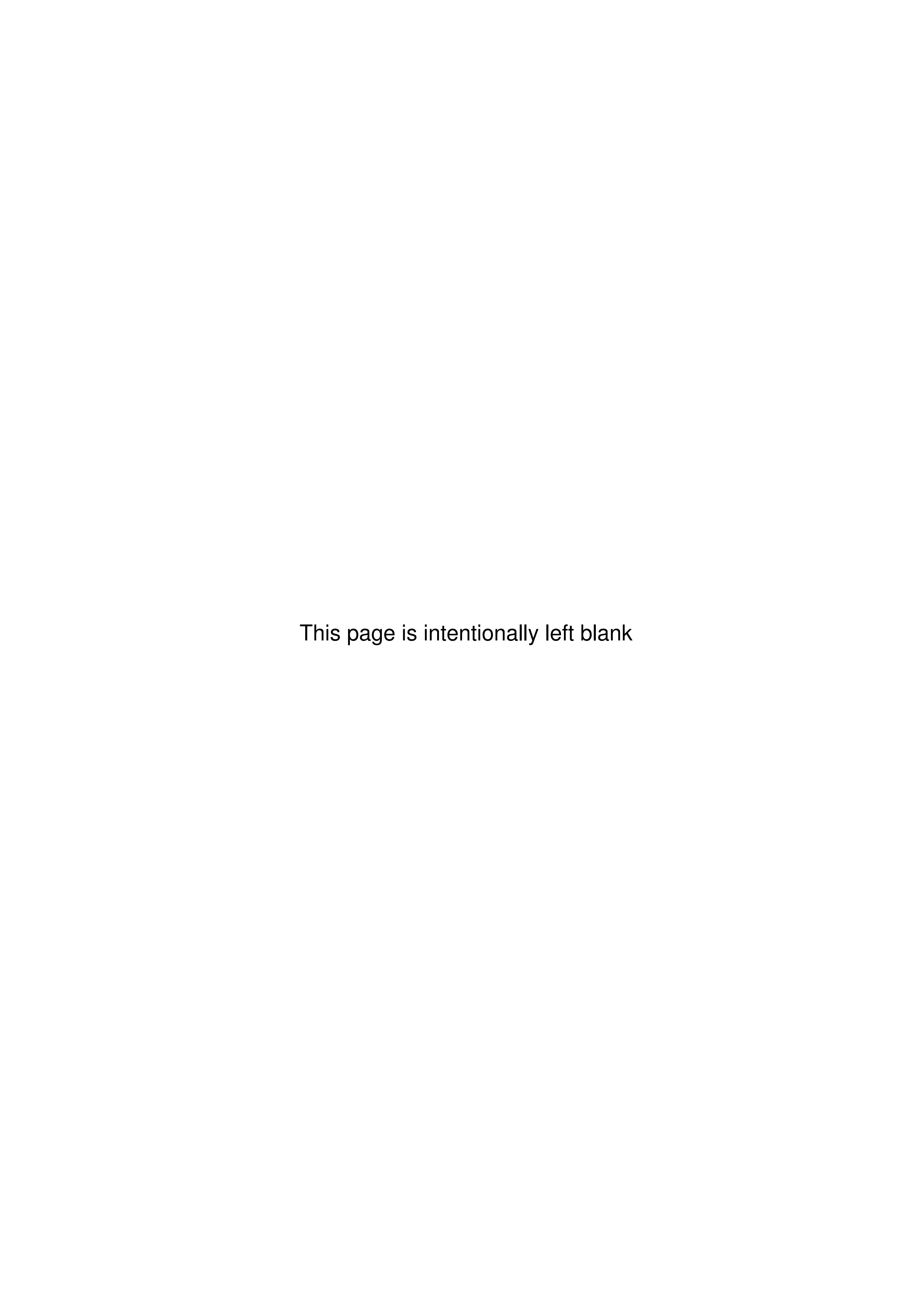
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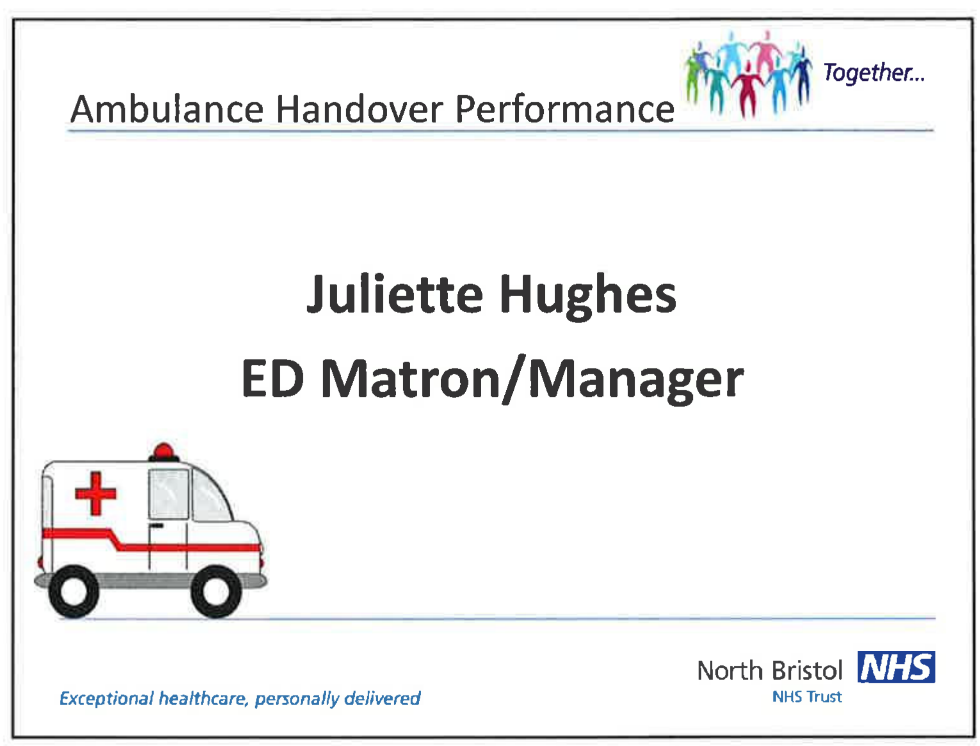

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Background

GWAS reported on a weekly basis the ambulance handover times, this is reported for all Trusts. Reporting in relation to NBT indicated significant delays at Frenchay ED.

To ensure accuracy of information a qualitative survey and data validation exercise was undertaken. This showed considerable variance in activity to that which had been previously reported.

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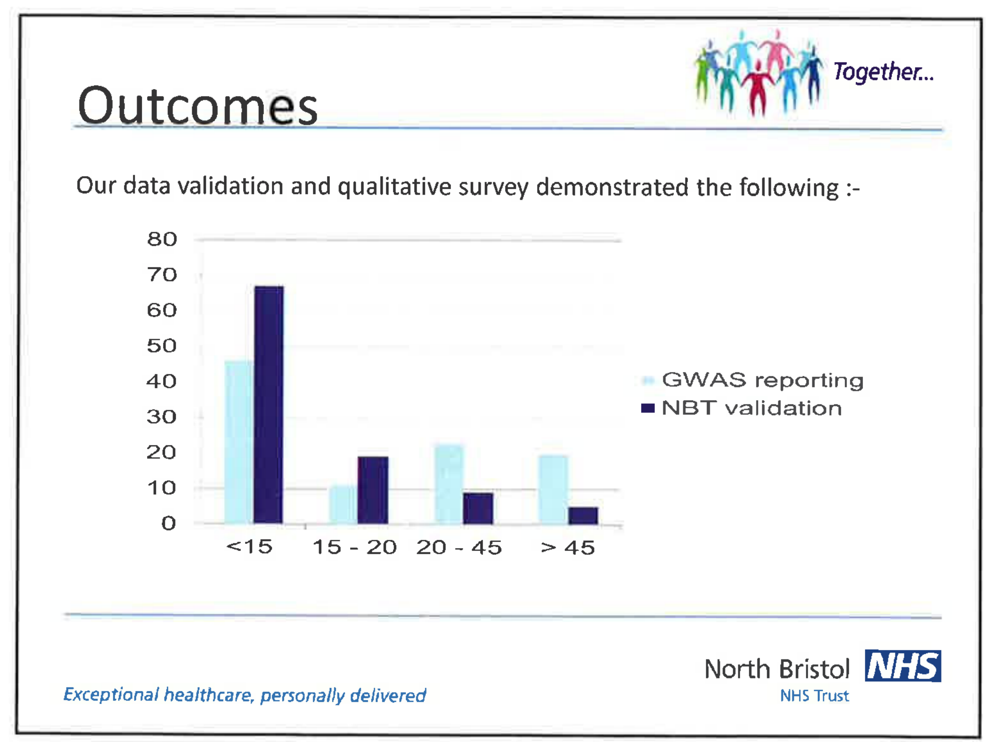

Ambulance Arrival Survey

What we found about patient attendances...

- 17% (n=35) patients were sent by ambulance to Ed by a GP. Only 5 of these patients had a GP letter. None had been discussed with ED.
- 34% (n=64) patients had been seen by a healthcare professional in the previous 72 hours.
- Of these 73% (n= 47) had been seen by a GP.
- 51% (n=97) were admitted to an in patient bed with 49% being able to be discharged.

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Ambulance Arrival Survey

What we found about our process ....

- GWAS crews not pressing the handover button in a timely way, making it look like there are delays occurring when in fact this is not the case
- Some patients that could have bypassed ED and been directly admitted to AAU did not follow this pathway.
- ED staff needed to "police" the GWAS handover screen.

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Improvement Plan

- Enter and view visit and recommendations.
- ECIST patient flow recommendations – Flow out of ED has a direct link to ambulance off load delays.
- Implementation of the “IAN” nurses.
- Agreed joint handover process.
- Joint escalation plan for NBT and UHB.
- New hospital capacity improvements.
- Direct admission pathway reviews.

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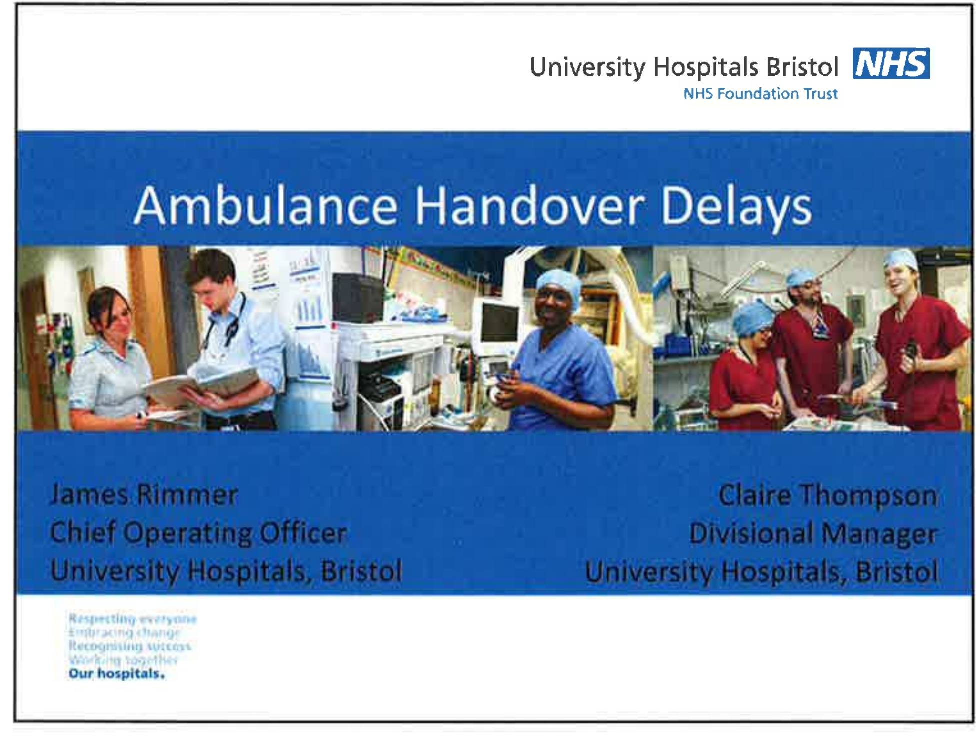
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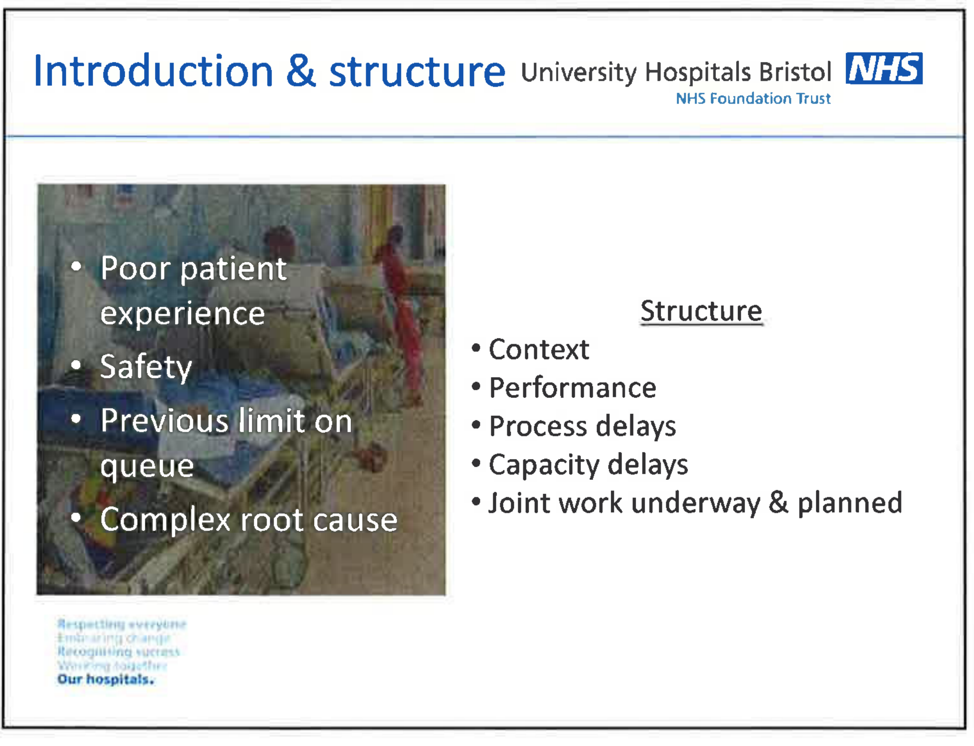
Introduction & structure
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• Poor patient experience
• Safety
• Previous limit on queue
• Complex root cause
Structure
• Context
• Performance
• Process delays
• Capacity delays
• Joint work underway & planned
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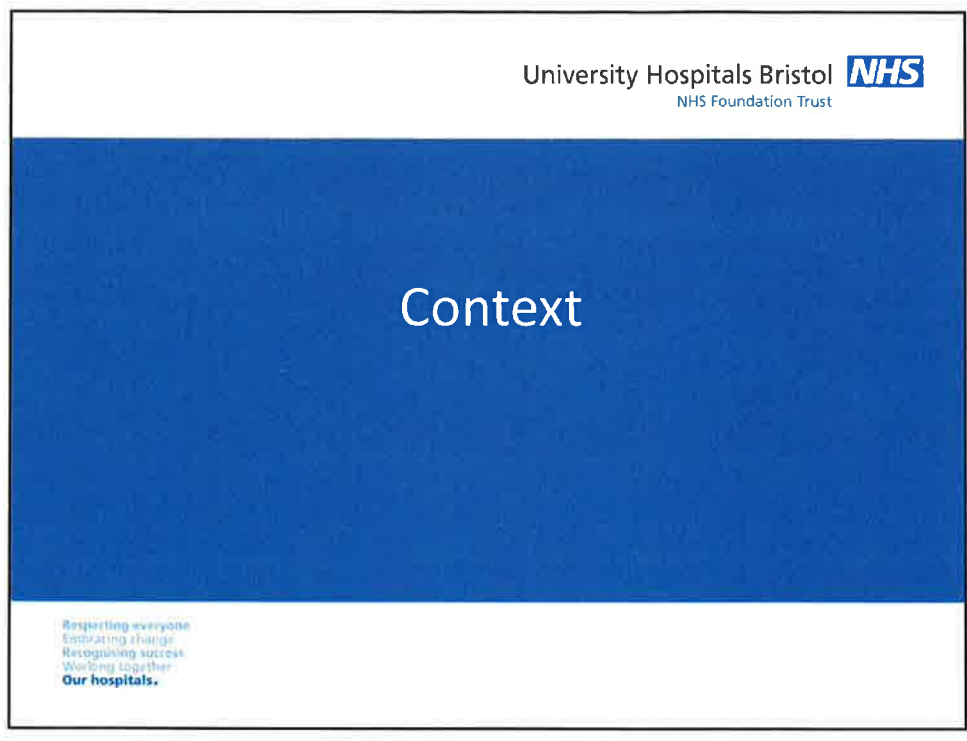
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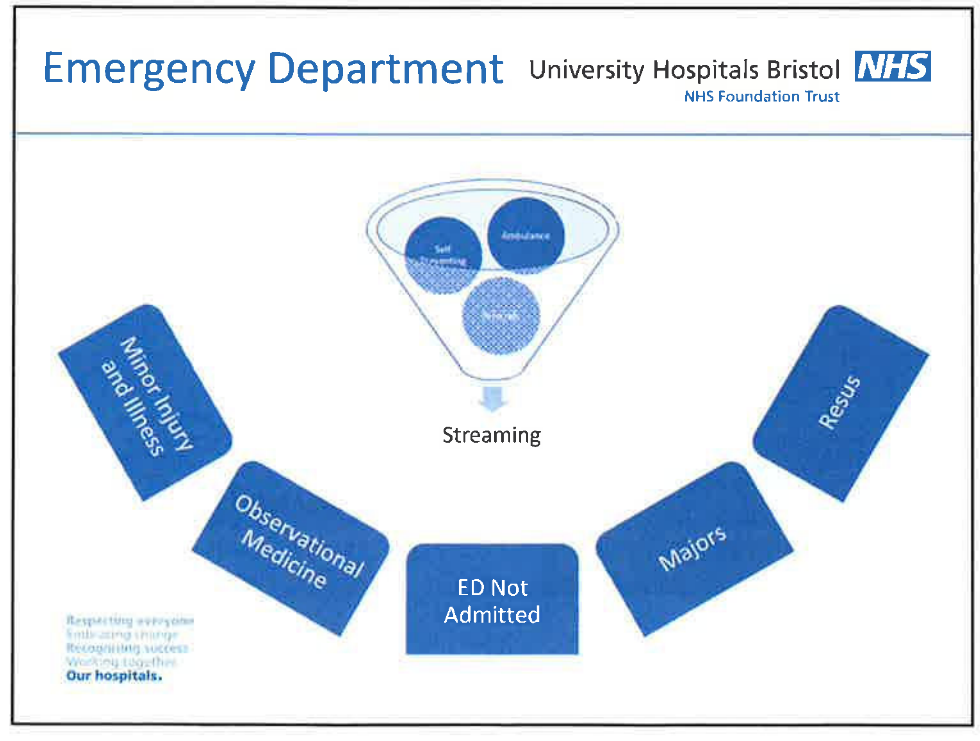
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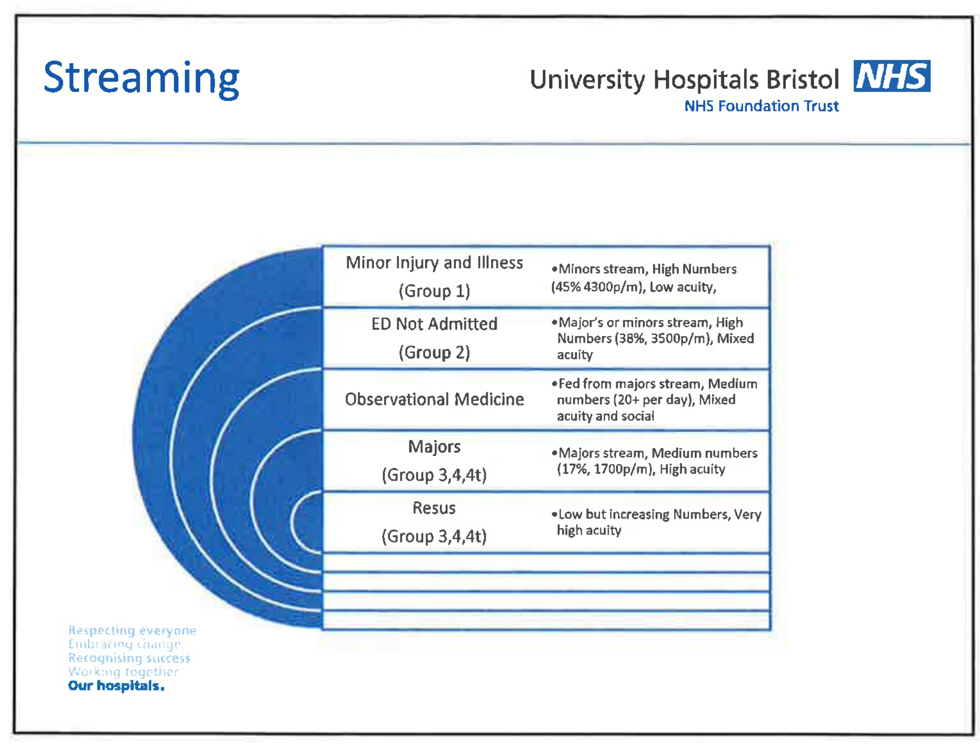
Streaming
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Minor Injury and Illness (Group 1)
•Minors stream, High Numbers (45% 4300p/m), Low acuity,
ED Not Admitted (Group 2)
•Major's or minors stream, High Numbers (38%, 3500p/m), Mixed acuity
Observational Medicine
•Fed from majors stream, Medium numbers (20+ per day), Mixed acuity and social
Majors (Group 3,4,4t)
•Majors stream, Medium numbers (17%, 1700p/m), High acuity
Resus (Group 3,4,4t)
•Low but increasing Numbers, Very high acuity
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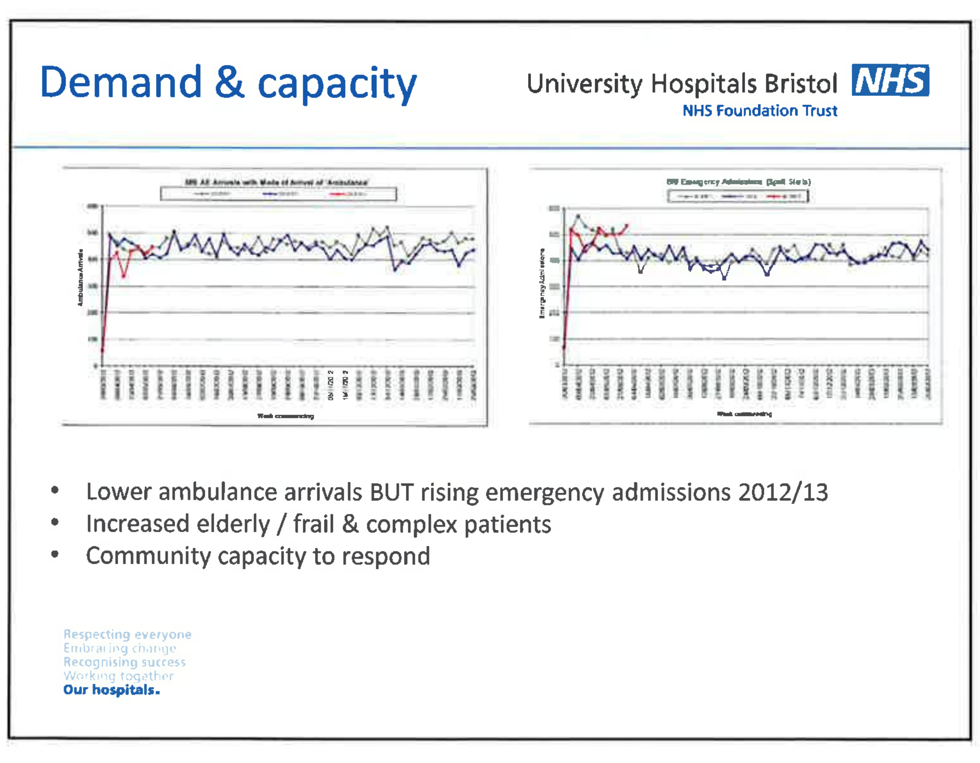
Demand & capacity
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• Lower ambulance arrivals BUT rising emergency admissions 2012/13
• Increased elderly / frail & complex patients
• Community capacity to respond
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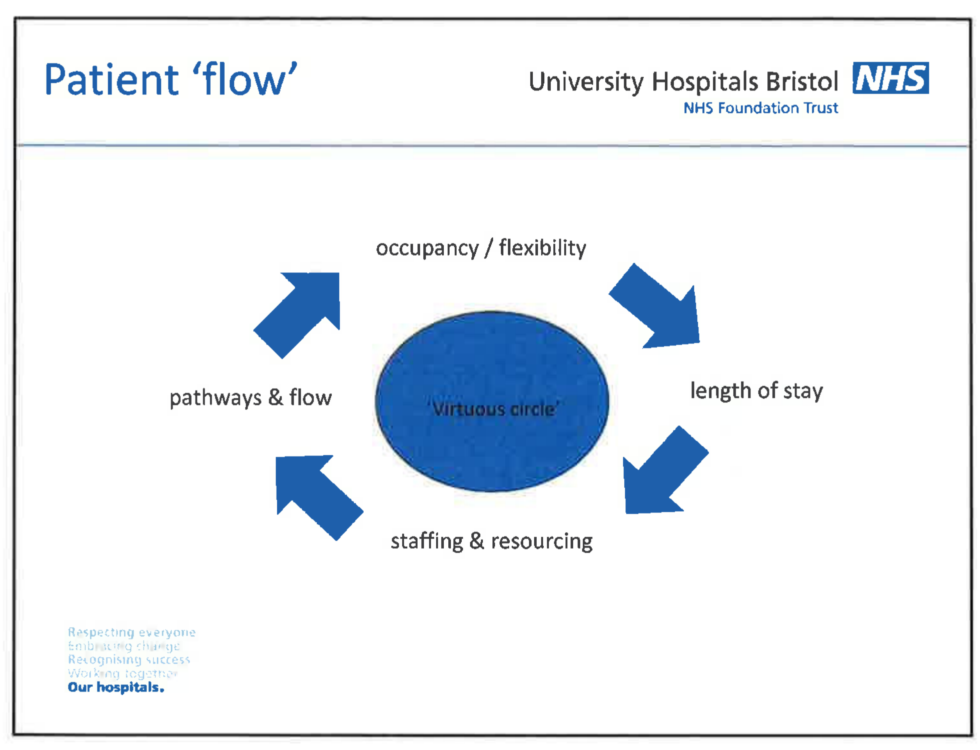
Patient 'flow'
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occupancy / flexibility
length of stay
staffing & resourcing
pathways & flow
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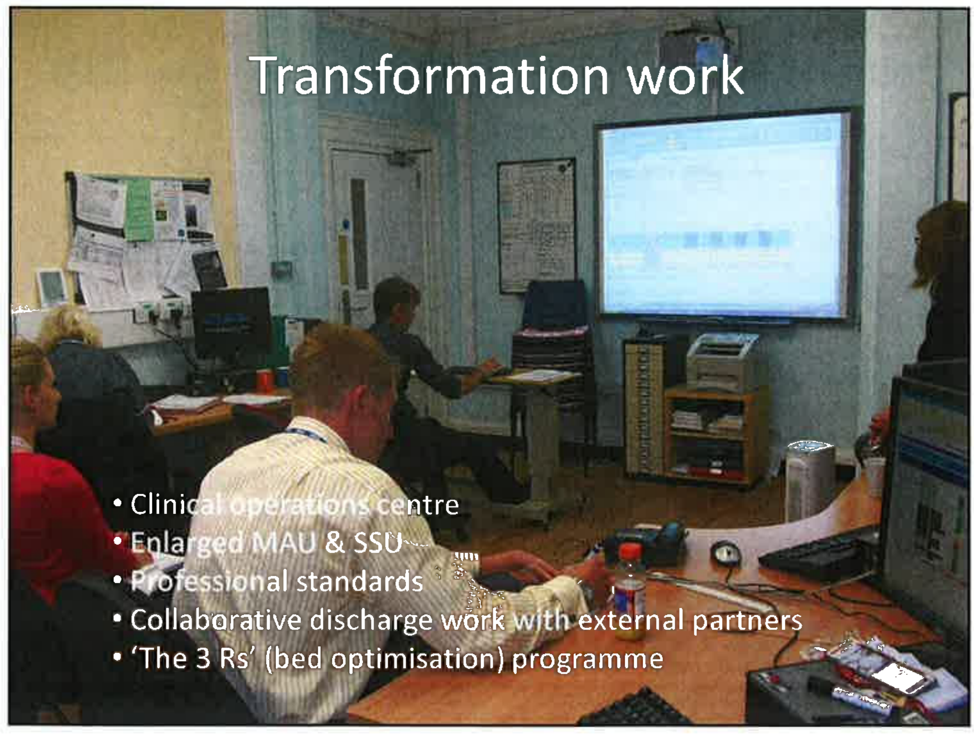
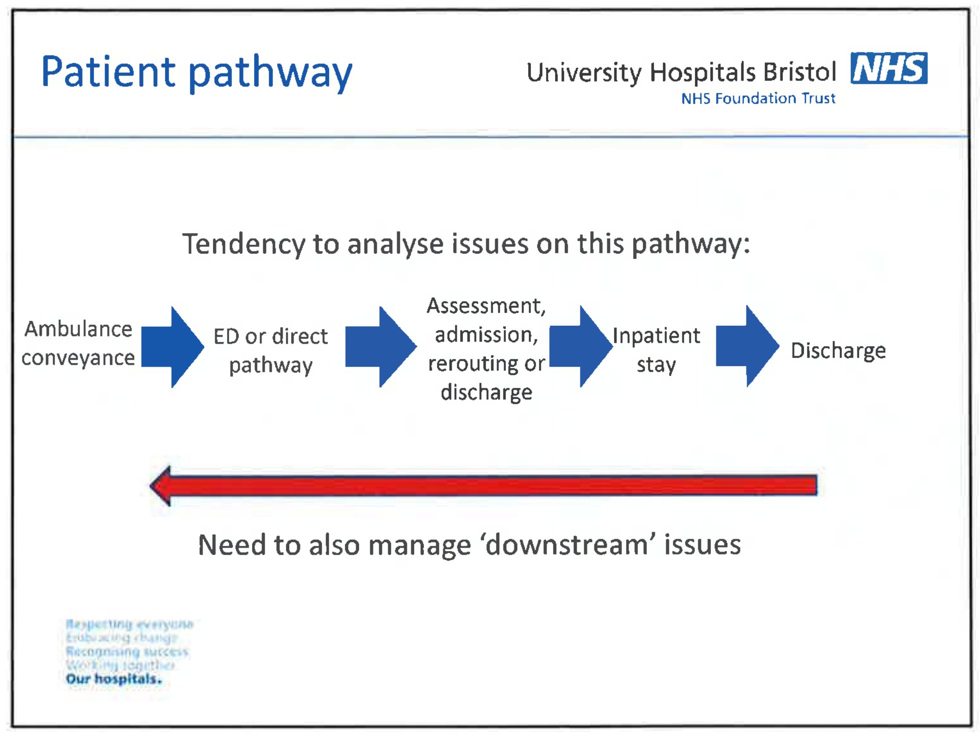

Transformation work
• Clinical operations centre
• Enlarged MAU & SSU
• Professional standards
• Collaborative discharge work with external partners
• 'The 3 Rs' (bed optimisation) programme



Patient pathway
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Tendency to analyse issues on this pathway:
Ambulance conveyance
ED or direct pathway
Assessment, admission, rerouting or discharge
Inpatient stay
Discharge
Need to also manage 'downstream' issues
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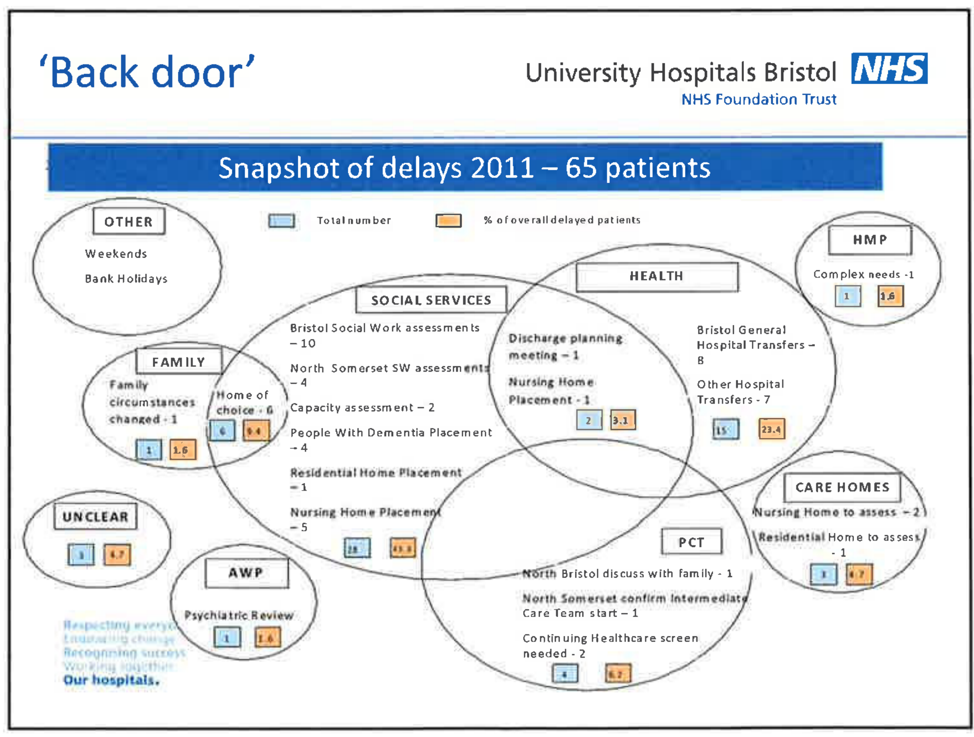

'Back door'
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Snapshot of delays 2011 – 65 patients
Total number
% of overall delayed patients
OTHER
Weekends
Bank Holidays
FAMILY
Family circumstances changed - 1
1
1.6
Home of choice - 6
SOCIAL SERVICES
Bristol Social Work assessments – 10
North Somerset SW assessments – 4
Capacity assessment – 2
People With Dementia Placement – 4
Residential Home Placement – 1
Nursing Home Placement – 5
HEALTH
Discharge planning meeting – 1
Nursing Home Placement - 1
2
3.1
Bristol General Hospital Transfers – 8
Other Hospital Transfers - 7
15
23.4
HMP
Complex needs -1
1
1.6
UNCLEAR
AWP
Psychiatric Review
1
1.6
PCT
North Bristol discuss with family - 1
North Somerset confirm Intermediate Care Team start – 1
Continuing Healthcare screen needed - 2
CARE HOMES
Nursing Home to assess – 2
Residential Home to assess - 1
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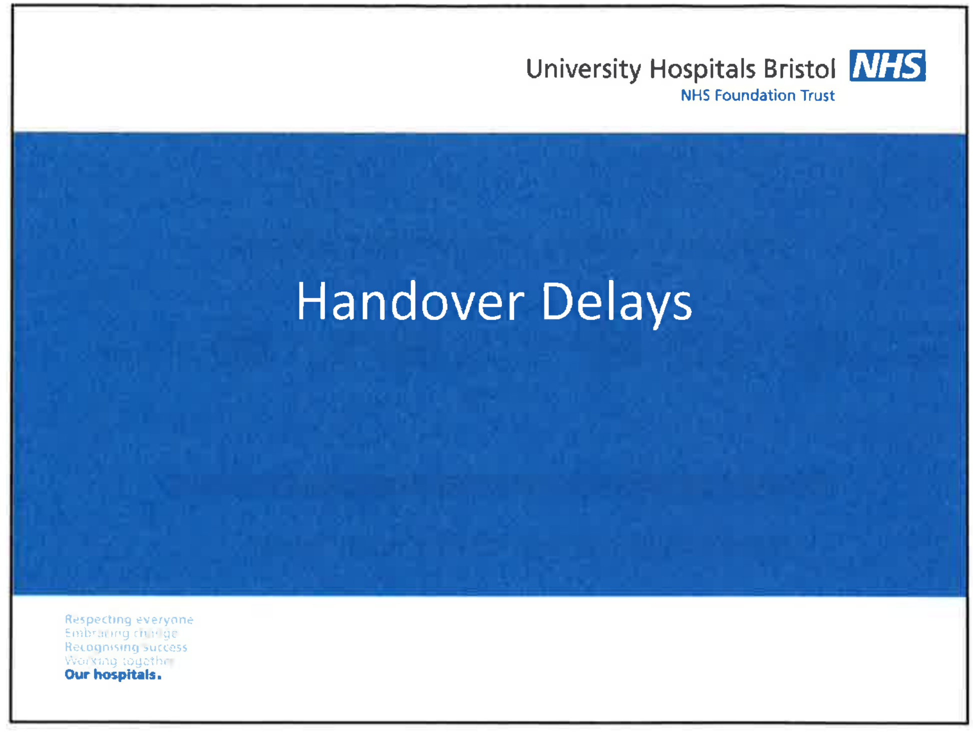
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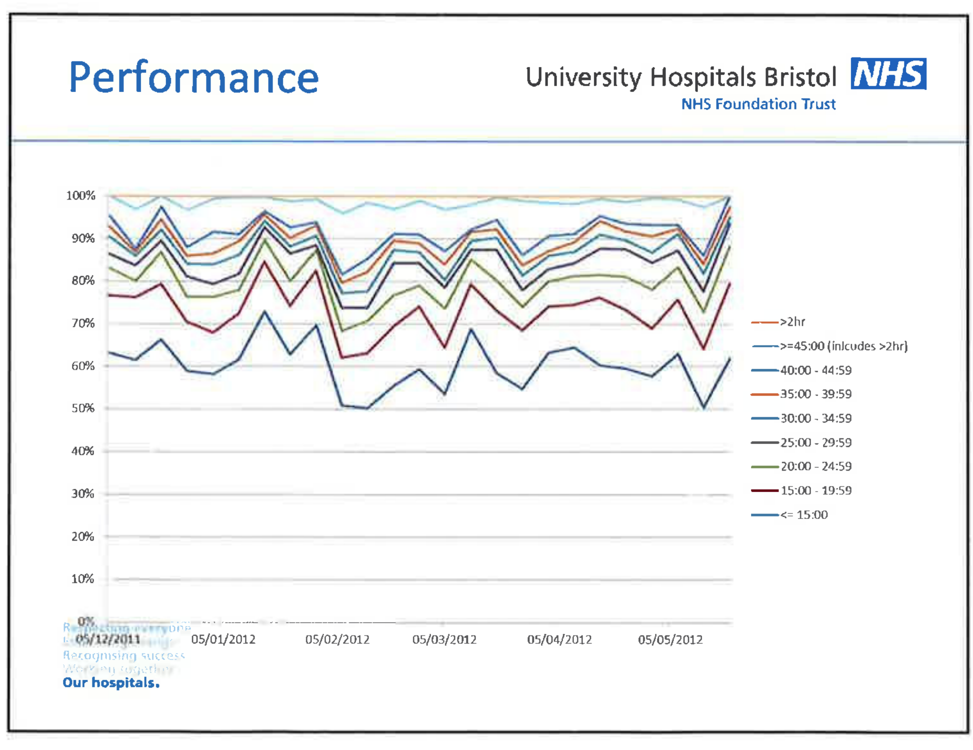
Performance
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100%
90%
80%
70%
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50%
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20%
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05/12/2011
05/01/2012
05/02/2012
05/03/2012
05/04/2012
05/05/2012
>2hr
>=45:00 (inlcudes >2hr)
40:00 - 44:59
35:00 - 39:59
30:00 - 34:59
25:00 - 29:59
20:00 - 24:59
15:00 - 19:59
<= 15:00
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Ambulance Handover

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- Types of Delay
  - Process delays
    - Delays where the handover time took too long due to delays or inefficiencies in the system
  - Capacity delays
    - Delays where the limiting factor is the hospital is unable to take over clinical responsibility of the patient generally due to lack of physical space.

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Reasons for delay

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- Handover Process delays
  - Wait for clinical co-ordinator decision
  - Wait for booking-in process
  - Wait for patient observations to be taken
- Capacity delays
  - No clinical space in the hospital to safetly offload the patient

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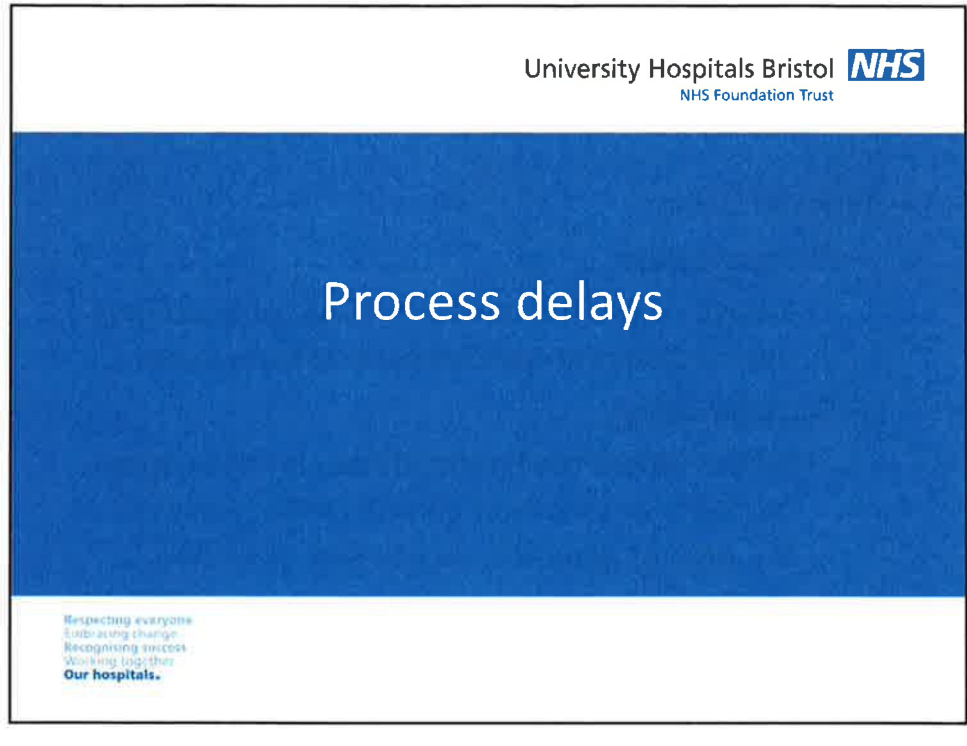
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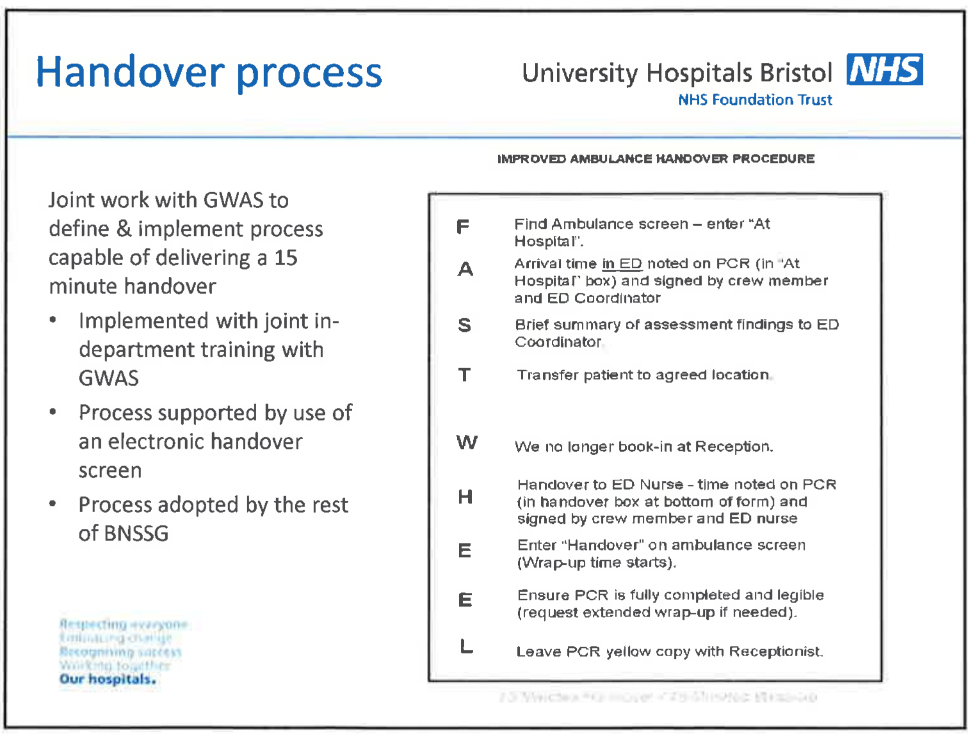
Handover process
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Joint work with GWAS to define & implement process capable of delivering a 15 minute handover
• Implemented with joint in-department training with GWAS
• Process supported by use of an electronic handover screen
• Process adopted by the rest of BNSSG
IMPROVED AMBULANCE HANDOVER PROCEDURE
F Find Ambulance screen – enter "At Hospital".
A Arrival time in ED noted on PCR (in "At Hospital" box) and signed by crew member and ED Coordinator
S Brief summary of assessment findings to ED Coordinator
T Transfer patient to agreed location
W We no longer book-in at Reception.
H Handover to ED Nurse - time noted on PCR (in handover box at bottom of form) and signed by crew member and ED nurse
E Enter "Handover" on ambulance screen (Wrap-up time starts).
E Ensure PCR is fully completed and legible (request extended wrap-up if needed).
L Leave PCR yellow copy with Receptionist.
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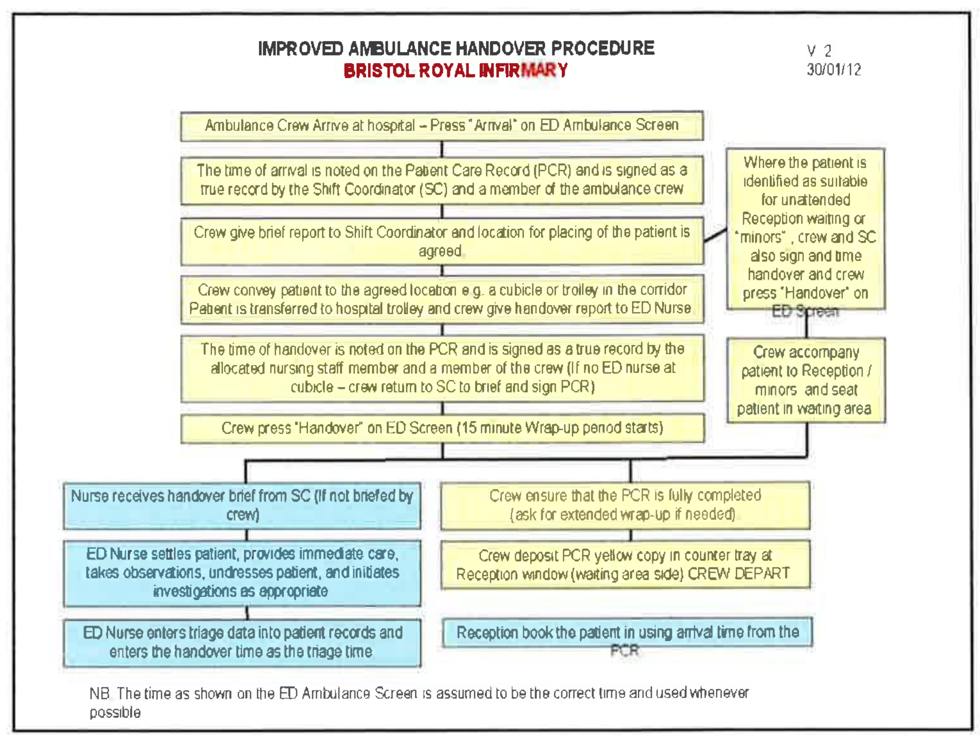
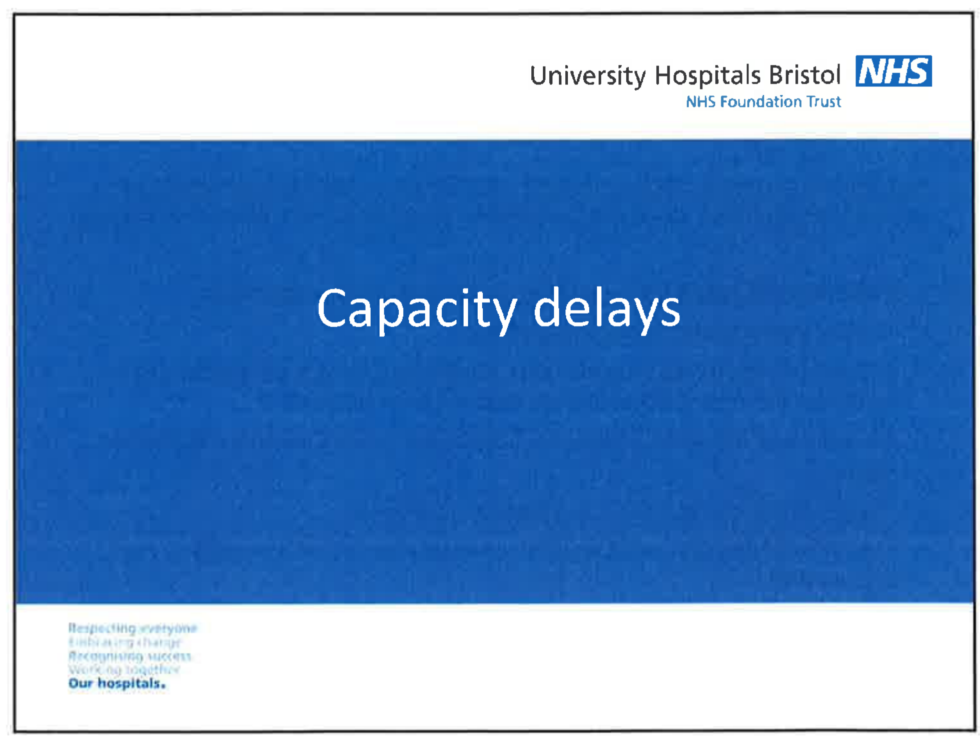

IMPROVED AMBULANCE HANDOVER PROCEDURE
BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY
V 2
30/01/12
Ambulance Crew Arrive at hospital – Press "Arrival" on ED Ambulance Screen
The time of arrival is noted on the Patient Care Record (PCR) and is signed as a true record by the Shift Coordinator (SC) and a member of the ambulance crew
Crew give brief report to Shift Coordinator and location for placing of the patient is agreed
Crew convey patient to the agreed location e.g. a cubicle or trolley in the corridor Patient is transferred to hospital trolley and crew give handover report to ED Nurse
The time of handover is noted on the PCR and is signed as a true record by the allocated nursing staff member and a member of the crew (If no ED nurse at cubicle – crew return to SC to brief and sign PCR)
Crew press "Handover" on ED Screen (15 minute Wrap-up period starts)
Where the patient is identified as suitable for unattended Reception waiting or "minors", crew and SC also sign and time handover and crew press "Handover" on ED Screen
Crew accompany patient to Reception / minors and seat patient in waiting area
Nurse receives handover brief from SC (If not briefed by crew)
ED Nurse settles patient, provides immediate care, takes observations, undresses patient, and initiates investigations as appropriate
ED Nurse enters triage data into patient records and enters the handover time as the triage time
Crew ensure that the PCR is fully completed (ask for extended wrap-up if needed)
Crew deposit PCR yellow copy in counter tray at Reception window (waiting area side) CREW DEPART
Reception book the patient in using arrival time from the PCR
NB. The time as shown on the ED Ambulance Screen is assumed to be the correct time and used whenever possible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Capacity delays

- No clinical space in ED
  - Due to bed access in the hospital
  - Due to the clinical capacity to process patients being too slow to keep up with demand
- No clinical space in assessment areas
  - Due to lack of bed access in the hospital

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Clinical safety

A group are currently working directly with GWAS to give clear guidance on patient management, clinical responsibility, escalation and information sharing.

- Fundamental principles for patient ownership and management
- Clinical Instructions for the GWAS crews
- A Standard Operating Procedure for the ED staff (which we expect to be based on the recent Royal College Best Practice Guidance)
- An outline of expected actions for both organisations based on escalation status
- Triggers for both escalation and tactical awareness
- Hierarchy of decision making which corresponds to relevant roles in each organisation

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Factors affecting capacity

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- Reduction in ambulance arrival activity at the BRI this year
- Clinical & objective view that patients are sicker and require admission (higher conversion rate, increase in age profile)
- CMS (capacity management system) implemented to smooth activity to reduce pressure at hospitals , unclear effects
- Bunching of demand : the HCP (GP expected) calls arrive in the late afternoon compounding the pressure from 999 conveyances (more static through the day)
- In hospital 'flow'
- Discharge processes & community capacity

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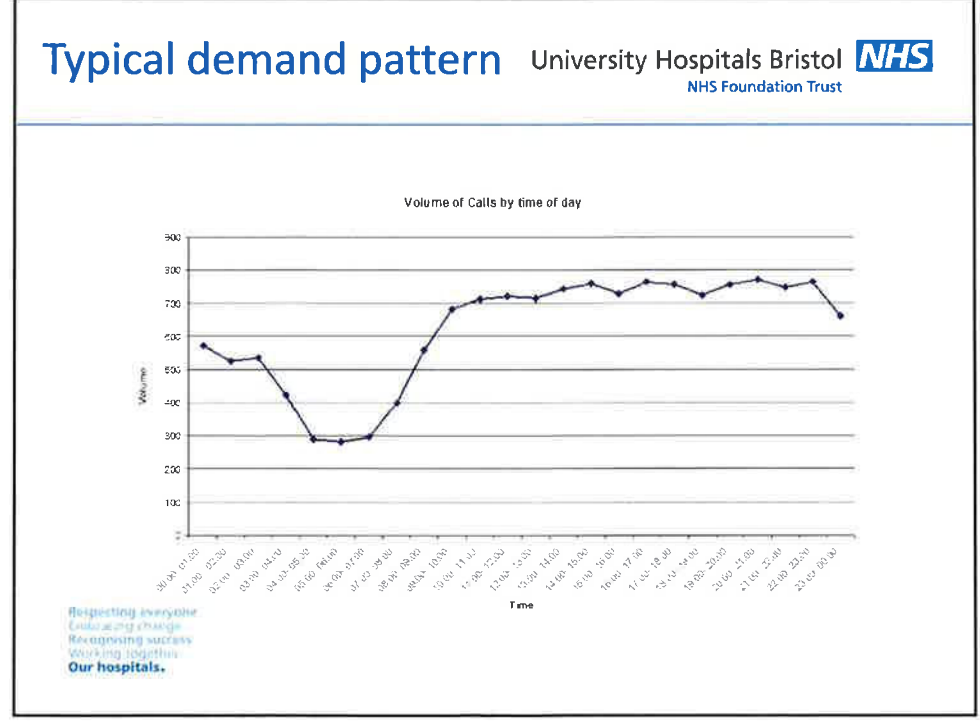

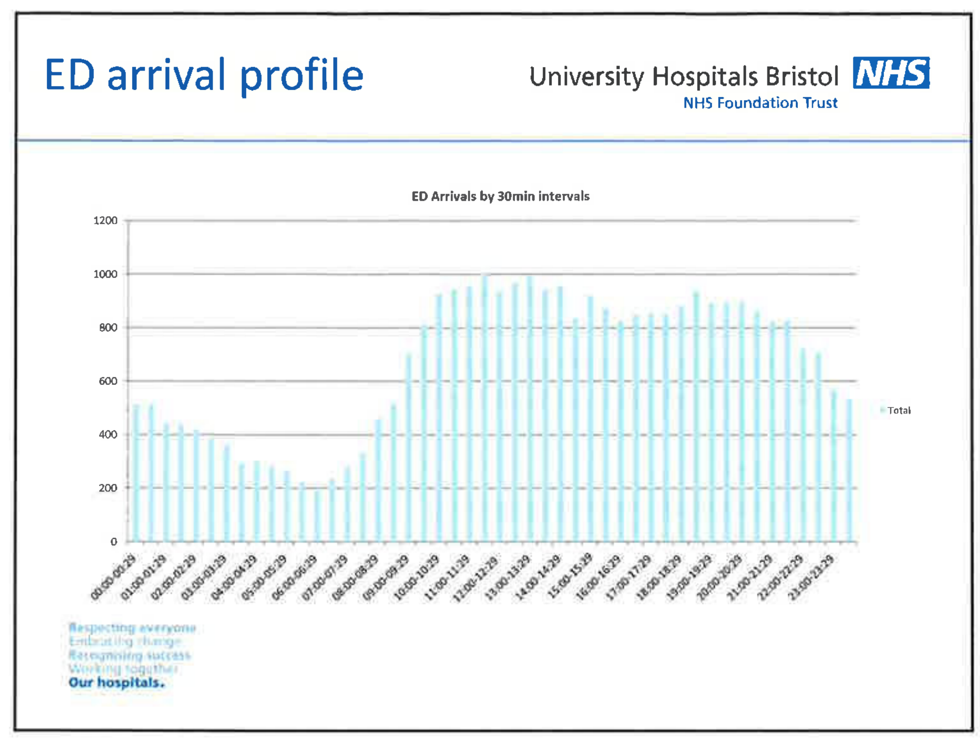
ED arrival profile
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ED Arrivals by 30min intervals
Total
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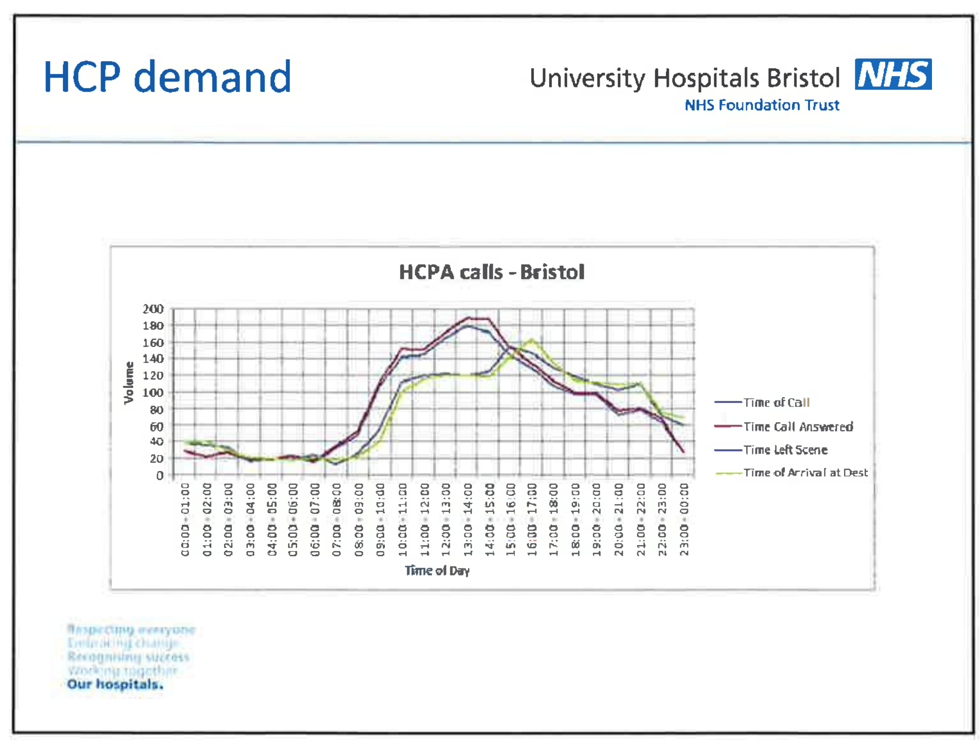
HCP demand
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HCPA calls - Bristol
Volume
Time of Day
Time of Call
Time Call Answered
Time Left Scene
Time of Arrival at Dest
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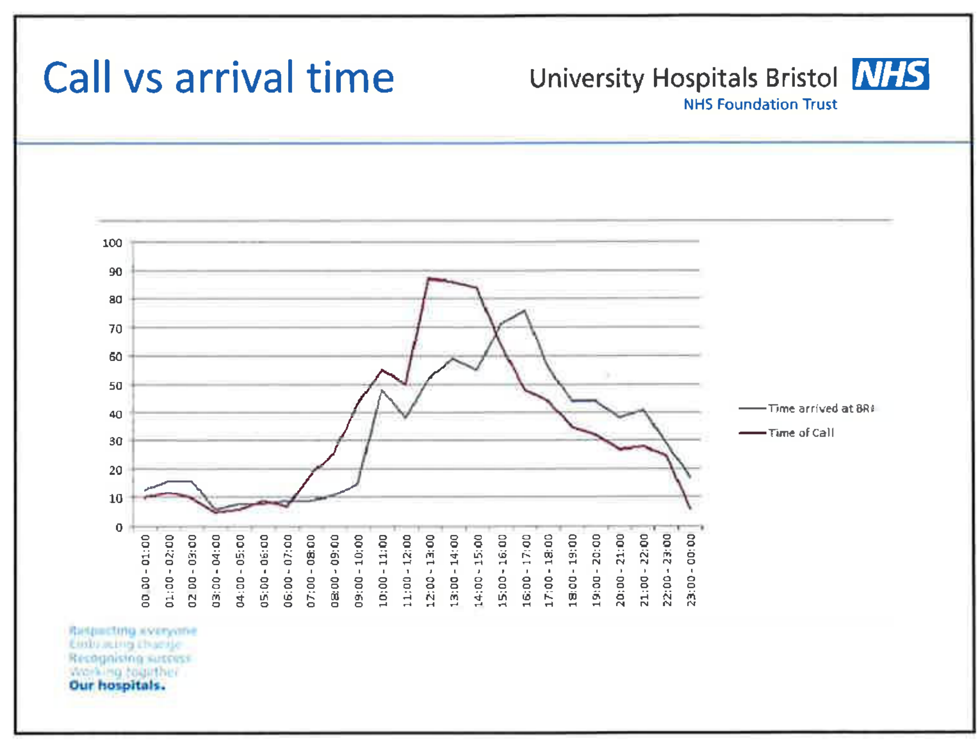

Further work / next steps 1

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<u>Discharge</u>

Recognition of "back door" as the key to maintaining flow

- Management of increasing age and complexity
  - Creation of Hospital Hub
  - Increasing capacity for managing complex discharges
  - Changing ward management structure "Supervisory Sister" role
- Managing > 14 day LOS as the critical success factor in bed access

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Further work / next steps 2

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Ambulatory Care

- Maximise the use of existing pathways e.g. DVT, Low Risk PE.
- Creation of a an Ambulatory Care Unit
- Co-location of primary and secondary Care clinicians in shared service
- Potential alternative delivery/triage point for "referred" or redirected patients
- Increasing alternatives to admission

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Further work / next steps 3

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Assessment & admission

- Improving medical assessment and speciality input at the "front door"
  - Increasing senior resource at the front door to ensure appropriate assessment and avoid unnecessary admission (2 x WTE Consultants)
  - Redesign of the medical "take" to give greater priority to emergency flow

Delivery of greater 7 day working to reduce the weekend effect on bed access

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Further work / next steps 4

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Joint work

- Healthy Futures Programme – work with all urgent care partners to implement transformational system changes, e.g. care of long term conditions
- If conveyance required, increase access to appropriate destination within hospital: medical, surgical, hot clinics, oncology, chest pain
- Further development of patient care pathways: mental health, drug and alcohol services etc.
- Implement findings of IST report (June 2012) recommending how alternate care pathways could have greater impact

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