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Rehabilitation Framework: Taking a Value-Based Approach to Measuring Outcomes

Lessons from SBUHB Podiatry and Orthotics Life and Limb Crisis Prevention

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Our Story So Far.....

1. Embedding *MECC*
2. *Behavioural Change* Measurement
3. *Root Cause Analysis*
4. *Co-Production* and *Self Management* Support Training
5. *Patient Activation* Training
6. Implementation of *Pre-Consultation* Questionnaires
7. Importance and Confidence Scaling
8. All Wales *Putting Feet First* Amendment
9. All Wales *Podiatry Taxonomy* Amendment
10. All Wales *Patient Activation* Measures

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1. Embedding MECC

and

2. Behavioural Change Measurement

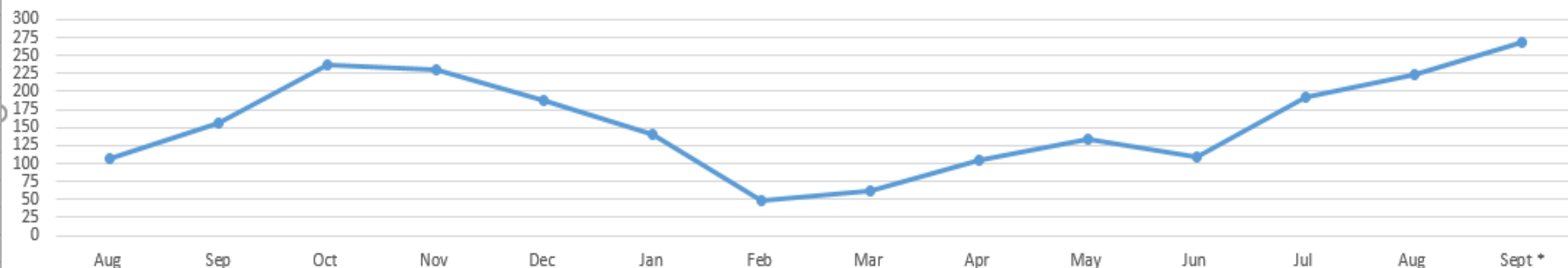


MECC INTERVENTION DESCRIPTORS 12 months

Descriptors recorded monthly

Treatment	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept *	Total
MECC Behavioural change-Diet and exercise	18	19	13	21	12	1	1	7	8	9	4	23	5	6	147
MECC Behavioural change-Immunisations	4	-	21	41	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	3	10	6	89
MECC Behavioural change-Smoking ceased	13	4	10	8	3	4	1	1	11	4	1	7	3	3	73
MECC Discussion-Diet and exercise	36	65	38	42	42	35	12	24	48	57	73	99	104	53	728
MECC Discussion-Immunisation	13	19	96	65	84	42	10	11	5	14	1	21	47	168	596
MECC Discussion-Smoking	19	40	30	34	37	42	23	15	19	39	19	23	21	19	380
MECC Review-Diet and exercise	2	7	-	10	3	9	-	4	11	7	8	8	13	3	85
MECC Review-Immunisation	-	-	27	8	5	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	21	10	77
MECC Review-Smoking	2	2	3	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	2	6	-	1	28
TOTAL	107	156	238	231	188	141	48	63	104	133	109	192	224	269	2203

MECC Intervention Descriptors recorded Monthly (12 months)



NB. New TAT issued July with MECC prompts





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3. Root Cause Analysis

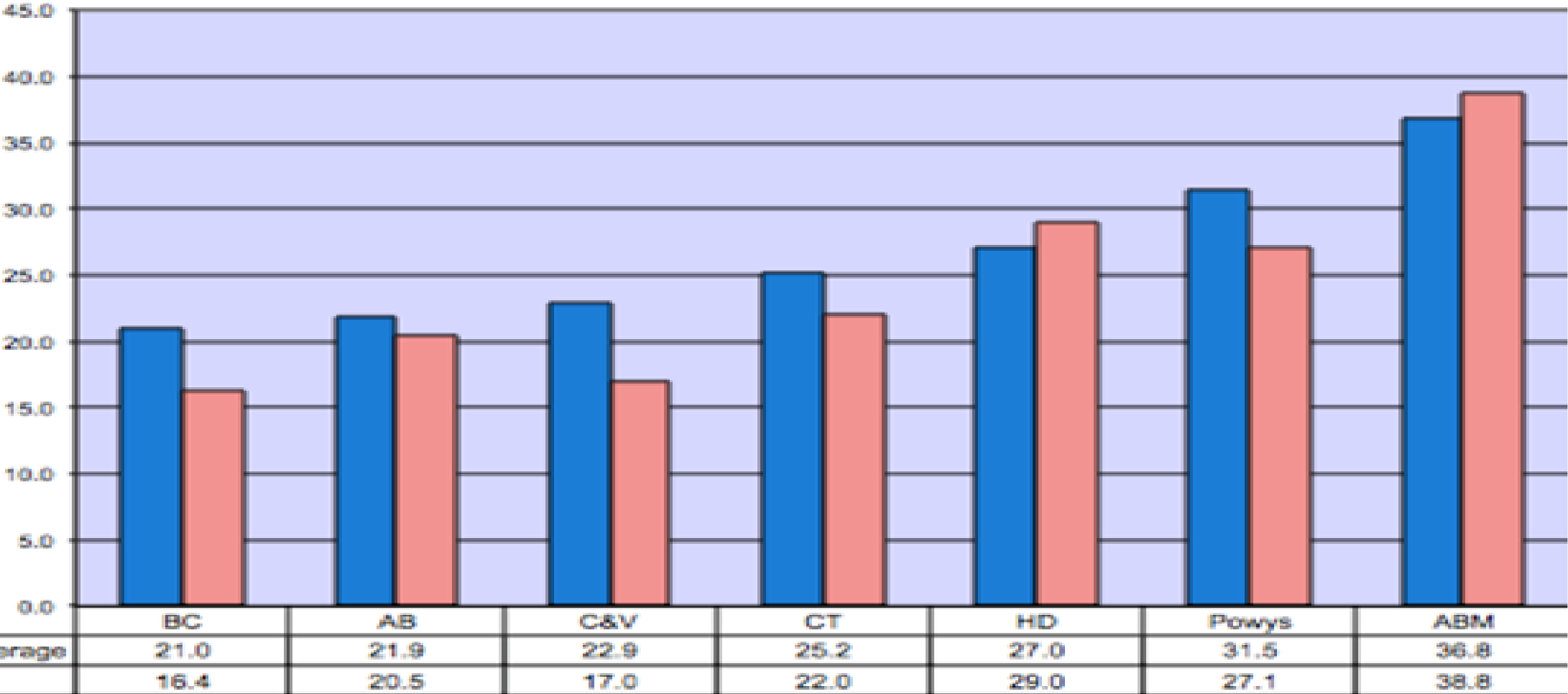
Lower Limb Amputations 2015

“Increased population need”

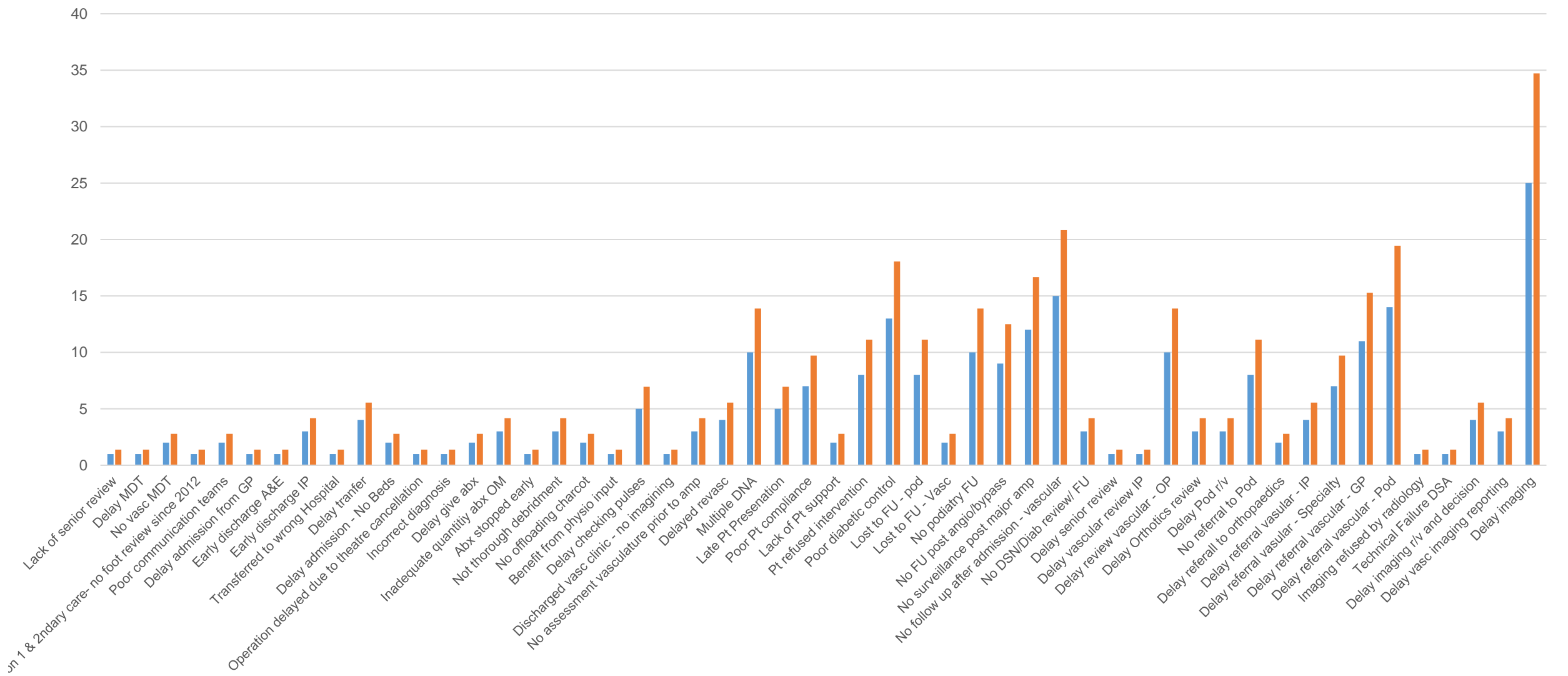


Historic Position across HB's

**Total Amputations per 10000 Diabetic Population in Wales
7 Year Average:2015 Comparison**



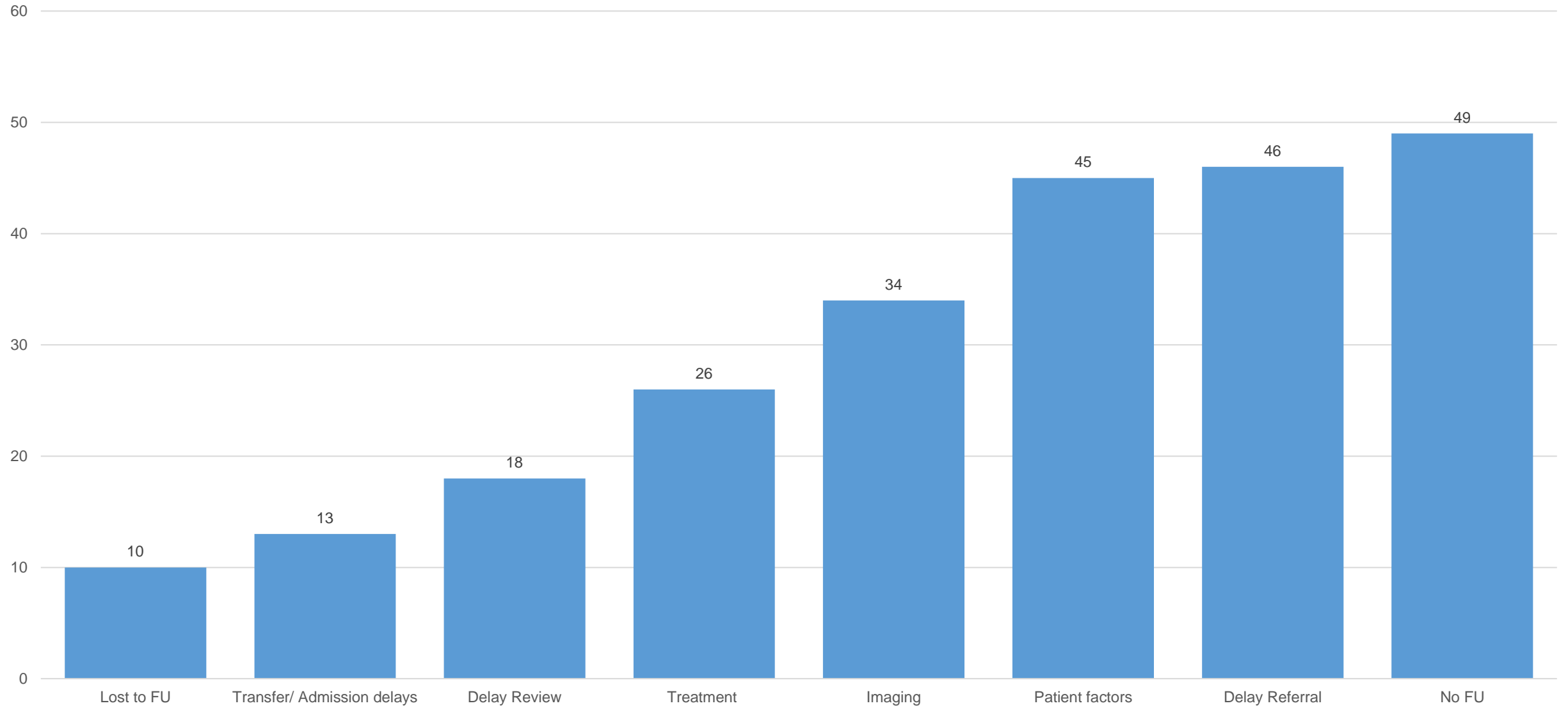
Contributory factors



■ number ■ %

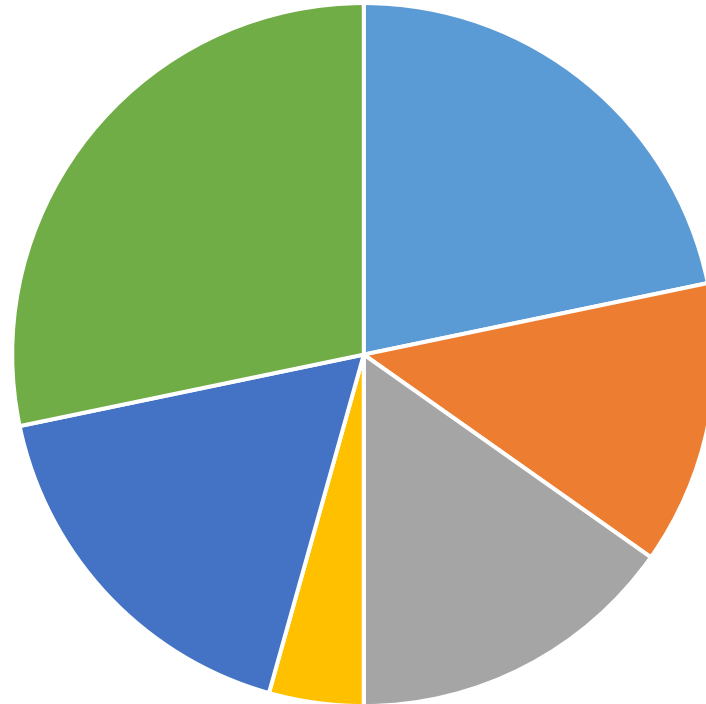


Main catagories contributory factors



Impact of Low Patient Activation

Patient Factors - 45 cases



■ Multiple DNA

■ Lack of Pt support

■ Late Pt Presentation

■ Pt refused intervention

■ Poor Pt compliance

■ Poor diabetic control





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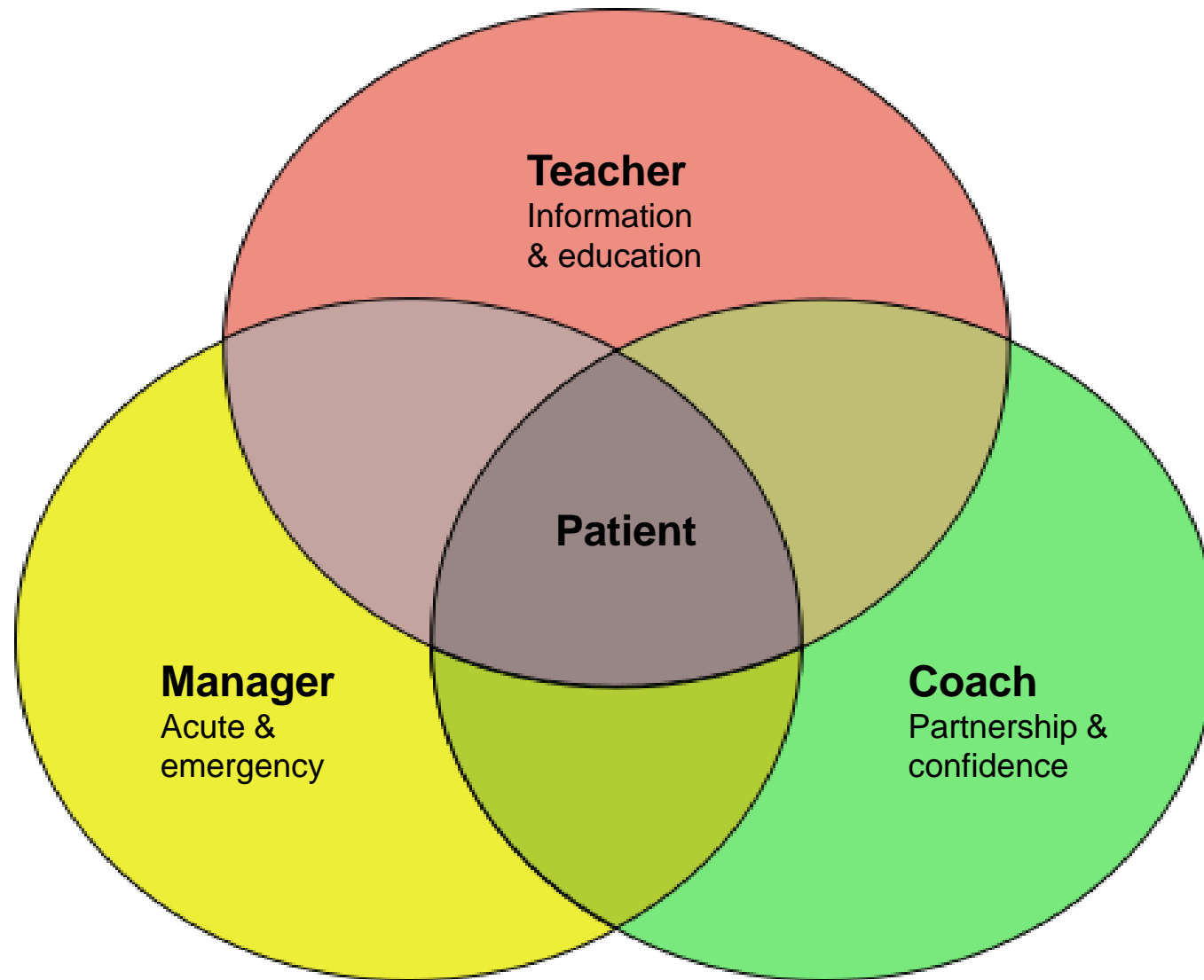
Training

4. Co-Production and Self Management Support
and

5. Patient Activation



Self Management Support



REHABILITATION- CO-PRODUCTION AND ACTIVATION

“.....A workforce-wide culture of empowering people to be equal partners in maximising their own recovery and independence will be essential.

In line with A Healthier Wales, promoting self-management and co-production of care will enable people to take more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.

Advances in technology and smarter ways of working must be embedded to support the increased demand and improve access, outcomes and experience.....”

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Building Resources for Rehabilitation through Activation

Activation is changeable and describes the *knowledge, skills, confidence* and *importance* which relate to an individual's ability to self-determine and engage in positive behaviours.

Hibbard and Gilbert's (2014) model for patient activation demonstrates high activation levels are commensurate with-

- Positive behaviours
- Improved satisfaction
- Improved outcomes: preventive, restorative, supportive, palliative

Conversely, low activation has been shown to result in

- High levels of dependency
- Reluctance to seek help
- Continued failings
- Increased fear or apathy
- Poor outcomes



ACTIVATION PREDICTS HEALTH/REHABILITATION OUTCOMES

14% of population

7% of population

Level 1

Build Knowledge Base, Self-Awareness & Initial Confidence

- Understand condition and/or disease prevention basics and their role
- Become aware of own behaviors and symptoms
- Pursue small steps to build confidence

Level 2

Increase in Knowledge, Initial Skills Development

- Close any knowledge gaps
- Clearly understand the role they must play
- Focus on clinically meaningful behavior change through small steps
- Most behaviors will not yet achieve guideline level

Level 3

Skills Development, Gains in Knowledge

- Strive for behavior development consistent with guidelines
- Be self-aware and good at monitoring one's health and responding to changes
- Lifestyle behaviors come into stronger focus

Level 4

Maintaining Behaviors & Techniques to Prevent Remission

- Achieve guideline behaviors
- Maintain behaviors and learn to anticipate difficult situations
- Develop bounce back strategies
- Focus on closing gaps around nutrition, activity, and coping with emotions

Improved health

Increased self-management ability

Reductions in unwarranted utilization of services

HIGH

“.....Rehabilitation is an investment, with cost benefits for both the individuals and society:

- *Avoid costly hospitalisation*
- *Reduce hospital length of stay*
- *Prevent re-admissions.*
- *Reduced reliance on long-term health and social care services*
- *Enables people to live more independently and provides wider societal benefits”*

LOW

“.....Economic impact; loss of usual societal participation and loss of family and friends, alongside the impact for frontline health and social care workers.....”



Co-production- duty not choice

Paternalism is a hazard to health-

“Doing things to people instead of with them can be profoundly disempowering. It encourages patients to believe that professionals have all the answers and that they themselves lack relevant knowledge and skills, and hence have no legitimate role to play in decisions about their healthcare. Paternalism breeds dependency, encourages passivity and undermines people’s capacity to look after themselves. It may appear benign, comfortable and reassuring, but it is a hazard to health.”

Engaging Patients in Healthcare- per Angela Coulter 2011 p.2



Duty to Support Patient Activation and Informed Decision Making

Documenting poor patient engagement opens a further duty to support patients to overcome ambivalence

“You must encourage and help service users, where appropriate, to maintain their own health and well-being, and support them so they can make informed decisions”

HCPC Standards of conduct, performance and ethics





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6. Implementation of Pre-Consultation Questionnaires

shared decision making, meaningful goal setting and patient
centred management planning



Pre Consultation Questionnaires-Staff feedback

- *“having the information from the patient as we introduce ourselves to one another really helps to engage and empower the patient”*
- *“believe it or not lots of patients are taken by surprise and feel strange being asked and not told”*
- *“the questionnaire helps us to focus on what is important to the patient and not just on what we feel is important for the patient”*
- *“reflecting back what the patient has written shows the patient that we are actively listening to them”*
- *“The questionnaire gives clarity to a complex list of needs and wants”*
- *“I feel like I have more time to get to the bottom of what may be holding a patient back rather than making assumptions”*





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7.

Scaling of Importance and Confidence

Longitudinal analysis of patient reported I & C scores



Activation levels informing Mgt Plan

	Importance	Confidence	Problem Solve
Beginning Level 1 Pre-contemplation	Low (0-4)	Low(0-4)	Low <i>Explore ambivalence</i>
Finding a way Level 2 Contemplation	Mod (5-7) –High (7+)	Moderate(5-7)	Moderate <i>Small supported achievable goal setting</i>
Travelling Level 3 Action	High (7+)	High (7+) <i>for some</i>	Moderate to High <i>Info, Edn, Signposting & ref specialist services</i>
Staying on track Level 4 Maintenance	High(7+)	High(7+)	High <i>Increasing resilience & problem solving skills</i>

Hibbard J, Greene J, Tusler M (2009). 'Improving the outcomes of disease management by tailoring care to the patient's level of activation'. *American Journal of Managed Care*, vol 15, no 6, pp 353–60. Available at: <http://thehealthforum.brandeis.edu/about/grant-pages/univ-oregon-grant.html> (accessed on 23 March 2014).





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8. **All Wales Putting Feet First Amendment**

Embedding Activation in the calculation of risk for patient centred
management planning



PUTTING FEET FIRST

Annual Foot Review for everyone with diabetes over 12 years old

How to do an annual foot check:

- Remove shoes and socks/ stockings
- Test foot sensations using 10g monofilament or vibration with a tuning fork
- Palpate foot pulses
- Inspect for any deformity
- Inspect for significant callus
- Check for signs of ulceration
- Ask about any previous ulceration
- Inspect footwear
- Ask about any pain
- Tell patient how to look after their feet and provide written information
- Tell patient their risk status and what it means. Explain what to look out for and provide emergency contact numbers.

IDENTIFICATION OF FOOT RISK STATUS AND THE ACTION TO TAKE

LEVEL OF RISK

ACTION

ACTIVE

- Ulceration or spreading infection or critical limb ischaemia (severe peripheral arterial disease) or gangrene or suspicion of acute Charcot foot or an unexplained hot, red, swollen foot with or without pain.

- Rapid referral (within one working day) to the Foot Protection Service (FPS) or the multidisciplinary foot team, for triage within one further working day.
- Assess feet and lower limbs, then agree a tailored treatment plan.
- Provide written and verbal education with emergency contact numbers.
- Refer for special intervention if/ when required.
- Liaise with other healthcare professionals eg GP as necessary.

HIGH

- Previous ulceration or previous amputation or on renal replacement therapy (dialysis or transplant) or neuropathy (loss of sensation) and lower limb peripheral arterial disease together or neuropathy (loss of sensation) in combination with callus and/ or deformity* or lower limb peripheral arterial disease in combination with callus and/ or deformity*.

- Refer to a specialist podiatrist or member of the foot protection service (FPS) and request an assessment within 2-4 weeks.
- Thereafter they should be assessed every 1-2 weeks if there is immediate concern or every 1-2 months if there is no immediate concern. This is in addition to their annual assessment. Both assessments should be carried out by a specialist podiatrist or a member of the FPS.
- Assess feet and lower limbs, then agree a tailored treatment plan.
- Provide written and verbal education with emergency contact numbers.
- Refer for special intervention if/ when required.
- Liaise with other healthcare professionals eg GP as necessary.

MODERATE

- Deformity* or neuropathy (loss of sensation) or lower limb peripheral arterial disease.

- Refer to a specialist podiatrist or member of the foot protection service (FPS) and request an assessment within 6-8 weeks.
- Thereafter they should be assessed every 3-6 months in addition to their annual assessment, by a specialist podiatrist or a member of the FPS.
- Assess feet and lower limbs, then agree a tailored treatment plan.
- Provide written and verbal education with emergency contact numbers.
- Refer for special intervention if/ when required.
- Liaise with other healthcare professionals eg GP as necessary.

LOW

- No risk factors, as listed above, present.
- Callus alone is considered low risk.

- Annual screening by a suitably trained Healthcare Professional.
- Agree self management plan.
- Provide written and verbal education with emergency contact numbers.

Record risk status and inform patient of their risk status and what it means.

*A change in foot shape that results in difficulty in fitting a standard shoe, as assessed by the practitioner.

ADVISE THE PATIENT TO:

Check their feet every day

Be aware of loss of sensation

Look for changes in the shape of their foot

Not use corn removing plasters or blades

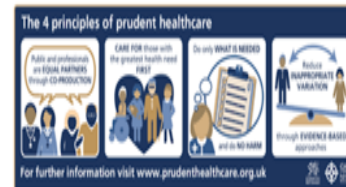
Know how to look after their toenails

Wear shoes that fit properly

Maintain good blood glucose control

Attend their annual foot review

Prudent Model for Prevention of Diabetes Related Crisis



Step 1- Identify Hazards

Step 2- Calculate Risk of Hazard Contributing to Crisis

Step 3- Inform Patient Centred Management Plan to Reduce Risk

Step 1 IDENTIFYING HAZARDS

- CLINICAL:**
- Deformity and/or function loss
 - Callus
 - Neuropathy
 - vascular disease
 - Infection
 - history of/ current ulceration/ amputation
 - renal replacement

- MANAGE:**
- Knowledge deficit
 - Skills deficit
 - Importance to self manage [$<7/10$]
 - Confidence to self manage [$<7/10$]
 - Carer support deficit

Step 2 CALCULATING RISK OF CRISIS

ACTIVE CRISIS/FOOT ATTACK

Ulceration, spreading infection, critical limb ischaemia, gangrene, suspicion of acute Charcot foot, unexplained hot, red, swollen foot with or without pain

MODERATE

- CLINICAL:**
- Deformity (not effectively accommodated)
 - Neuropathy associated risk behaviours
 - PAD or renal replacement with sub optimal self/medical management
 - Problematic callus
- PATIENT ACTIVATION TO SELF MANAGE:**
- Knowledge deficit
 - Skills deficit
 - Importance to self manage [$<7/10$]
 - Confidence to self manage [$<7/10$]
 - Carer support deficit

LOW

- CLINICAL:**
- NO significant deformity or effectively accommodate
 - NO neuropathy or effectively self managed
 - NO PAD or renal replacement therapy or optimal self/medical management
 - NO/NON problematic callus
- PATIENT ACTIVATION TO SELF MANAGE:**
- Importance and confidence scores $\geq 7/10$
 - Effective Carer support
 - NO knowledge and skill deficit

Step 3 IDENTIFYING NEED AND MANAGEMENT PLANNING

NEED (A)

Foot Protection Service (multidisciplinary team) to manage symptom and cause of acute crisis

NEED (B-D)

- CLINICAL:**
- Foot Protection Team (Podiatrist/Orthotist)
 - Accommodation of deformity
 - Redistribution of deleterious pressure
 - CV risk modification
 - Signposting-medical management
 - Neuropathy related risk avoidance

PATIENT ACTIVATION TO SELF MANAGE:

- Explore ambivalence and raise importance to effectively self manage and to engage fully in management plan
- Explore and build confidence to effectively self manage and to engage fully in management plan
- Build knowledge and skill when sufficiently activated

Activation Levels (Informing Risk Status)			
High	Low	Low	Low
High	Low	Low	Low
High	Low	Low	Low
High	Low	Low	Low
High	Low	Low	Low
High	Low	Low	Low
High	Low	Low	Low
High	Low	Low	Low
High	Low	Low	Low
High	Low	Low	Low

PREVENTION

NEED (G)

- Foot Protection Team (no Podiatrist)
- DAR

These risk categories relate to the use of the SCI-DC foot risk stratification tool and NICE guidance (NG19, 2015).

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9. All Wales Podiatry Taxonomy Amendment

A holistic assessment of NEED



....will ensure that care is prioritised for those who need it most.

.... identifying health inequalities in access to timely, effective rehabilitation.

.....afford health and care planners the opportunity to deliver equity in rehabilitation responsiveness across Wales.....

All Wales Podiatry Taxonomy- 2021 |

PODIATRY NEED for INTERVENTION		These are guidelines and do not cover all foot conditions and care/treatment plans will be determined on an individual basis. Where there are multiple presentations, highest need will determine taxonomy			
A ACTIVE PODIATRY CLINICAL NEED		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Active Wounds Texas classified as A-D 1-3 which require wound care intervention.Bacterial InfectionAcute Nail SurgeryAcute Charcot Neuro-arthropathy- Requiring Podiatric assessment			
B HIGH PODIATRY CLINICAL NEED		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Musculoskeletal Pathology which requires Specialist musculoskeletal intervention (Level 2 MSK NEED)Elective Nail SurgeryPost wound healing management- where prevention of re-ulceration is not achievable through self-care aloneLevel 1 Activation Support – Where there is Low Activation (problem solving ability) and Patient/carer does not demonstrate the requisite knowledge, skills, importance and confidence to self-care and prevent crisis. The NEED is for ambivalence (low importance and confidence) to be explored. Why is engagement in self/carer management not important to the individual?			
C MODERATE PODIATRY CLINICAL NEED		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Musculoskeletal Pathology which does not require Specialist Musculoskeletal specialist (level 1 MSK Need)Foot Lesions which require a general podiatry treatment plan for resolution and prevention within evidenced based timeframesNail Pathologies that require conservative treatments as nail surgery is currently contraindicatedLevel 2 Activation Support- where there is Moderate Activation (problem solving ability); Patient/carer does demonstrate some knowledge, skills, importance and confidence to self-care and prevent crisis but still requires significant support. The NEED is for Small supported achievable goal setting to build confidence and resilience			
D LOW PODIATRY CLINICAL NEED		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Level 3 Moderate-High Activation (problem solving ability) - Patient/carer does demonstrate the requisite knowledge, skills, importance and confidence to self-care and prevent crisis and requires minimal additional support. The NEED is Info, Edn. signposting & ref specialist services. To provide this when activation is lower would be counterproductive and risk			
E NON REGISTERED					
G NO FURTHER NEED (DISCHARGED)					
HAZARD					
		1 HIGH	2 MODERATE	3 LOW	4 NONE
Level 1 (LOW) Activation		Level 2 (MODERATE) Activation	Level 3 (MODERATE–HIGH) Activation	Level 4 Activation	
Pre-contemplation stage.		Contemplation stage.	Action stage.	Maintenance stage.	
The Patient/Caregiver has:		The Patient/Caregiver has:	The Patient/Caregiver has:	The Patient/Caregiver has:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">LOW problem solving abilitiesLOW Importance and Confidence to self-manage and engage in care, as equal partner		<ul style="list-style-type: none">MODERATE problem solving abilitiesMODERATE Importance and Confidence to self-manage and engage in care, as equal partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MODERATE-HIGH problem solving abilitiesMODERATE-HIGH Importance and Confidence to self-manage and engage in care, as equal partner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HIGH Level Problem Solving abilitiesHIGH Importance and Confidence to self-manage and engage in care as equal partner	

.....Service planning, coordination and provision should focus on the individual’s need, using learning from peoples’ experiences to drive improvement and demand and capacity, rather than location....

.....Priority should be given to providing rehabilitation in the environment, and by the service that will secure the best outcomes for the individual at, or as close to home as possible.....





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10. All Wales Patient Activation Project

Use of PAM in 10,000 patients living with Diabetes

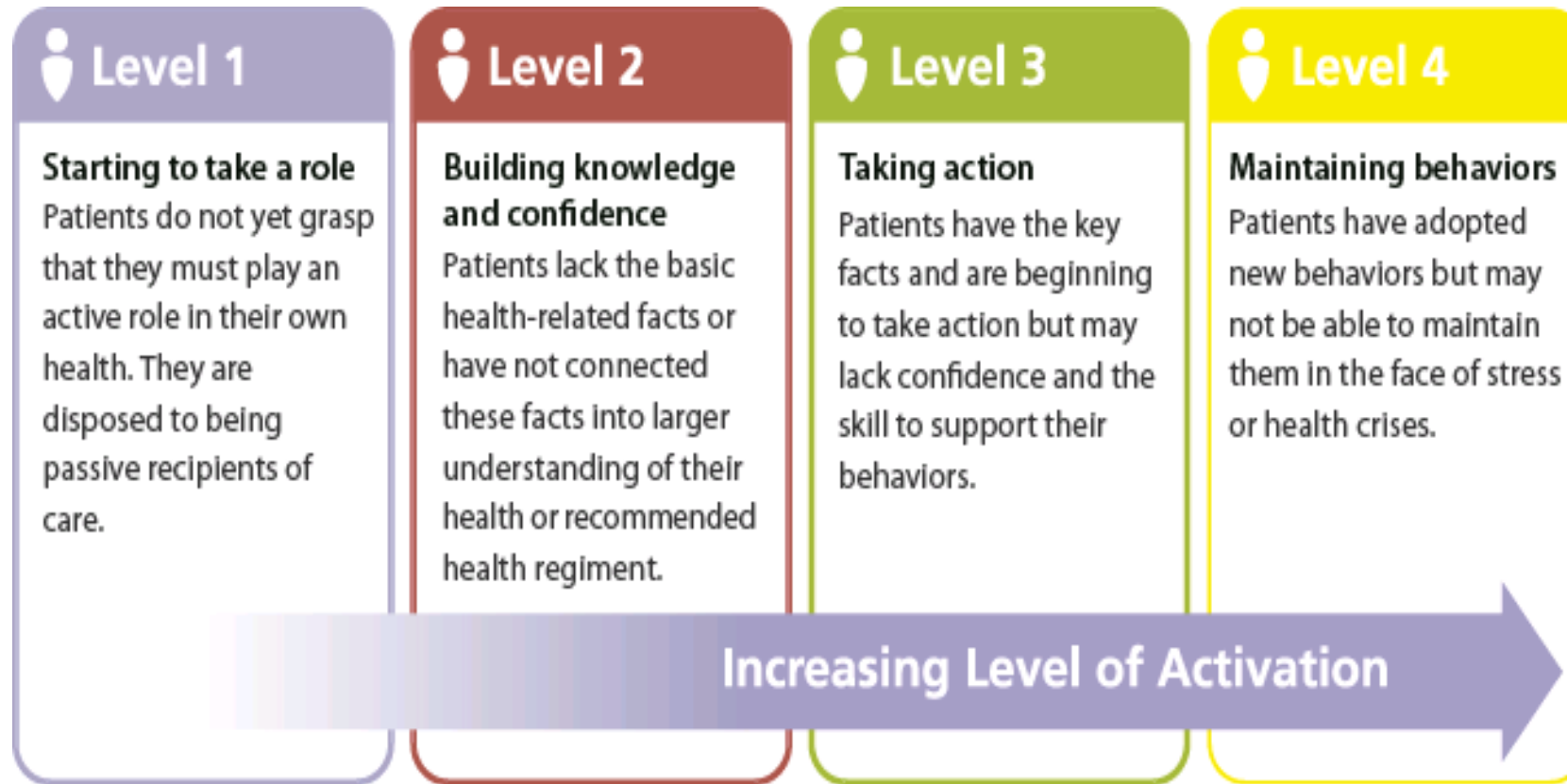


Below are some statements that people sometimes make when they talk about their health. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement as it applies to you personally by circling your answer. Your answers should be what is true for you and not just what you think others want you to say.

If the statement does not apply to you, circle N/A.

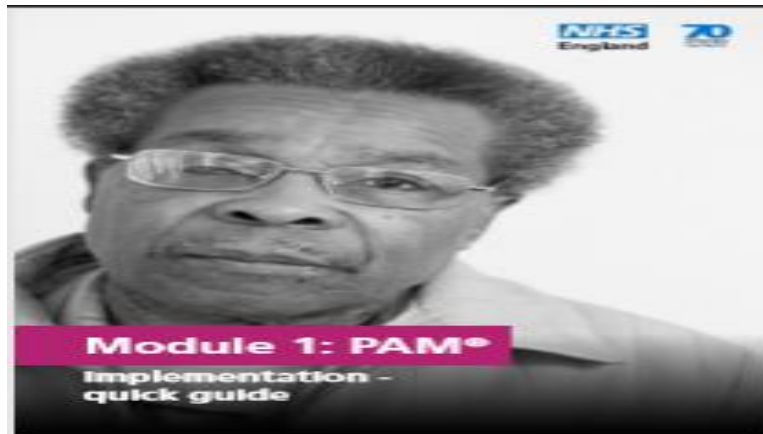
1.	When all is said and done, I am the person who is responsible for taking care of my health	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	N/A
2.	Taking an active role in my own health care is the most important thing that affects my health	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	N/A
3.	I am confident I can help prevent or reduce problems associated with my health	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	N/A
4.	I know what each of my prescribed medications do	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	N/A
5.	I am confident that I can tell whether I need to go to the doctor or whether I can take care of a health problem myself	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	N/A
6.	I am confident that I can tell a doctor concerns I have even when he or she does not ask	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	N/A
7.	I am confident that I can follow through on medical treatments I may need to do at home	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	N/A
8.	I understand my health problems and what causes them	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	N/A
9.	I know what treatments are available for my health problems	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	N/A
10.	I have been able to maintain (keep up with) lifestyle changes, like eating right or exercising	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	N/A
11.	I know how to prevent problems with my health	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	N/A
12.	I am confident I can figure out solutions when new problems arise with my health	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	N/A
13.	I am confident that I can maintain lifestyle changes, like eating right and exercising, even during times of stress	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	N/A

Building activation



Source: Prof Judy Hibbard, University of Oregon





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National Diabetes Foot Care Audit

The National Diabetes Footcare Audit (Ndfa) enables all diabetes footcare services to measure their performance against NICE clinical guidelines and peer units, and to monitor adverse outcomes for people with diabetes who develop diabetic foot disease.



Prudent health care and patient activation

An appraisal prepared for the Planned Care Programme

Andrew Rix & Katy Marrin
Independent Researchers
December 2015

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Audit

Publication date: 9 May 2019

Geographic coverage: England, Wales

Geographical granularity: NHS Trusts, Hospital Trusts

- Re-ulceration rates.....
- Improved Healing
- Reduced New and FU demand- Reduced Frequency of attendance (mid to long term).....
- Reduced waste- Reductions in DNA/C.N.A's
- Increase Clinical capacity primary, community and secondary care settings.....
- Increased Crisis prevention.....
- Reduced admissions.....
- Increase in PIFU's
- Patient Satisfaction-Reduction in Complaints, Incidents & Claims
- Healthier lifestyles- reduced BMI; improved exercise (NERS); increased smoking cessation;

