



Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Our Surgical AEC Journey

Background

- Surgical Ambulatory Care Unit opened in September 2016
- The unit is open Monday to Friday 12:00 to 20:00
- Supported by one qualified nurse and 2 HCA`s, an ANP and senior clinician review
- The unit received GP General Surgery referrals for assessment



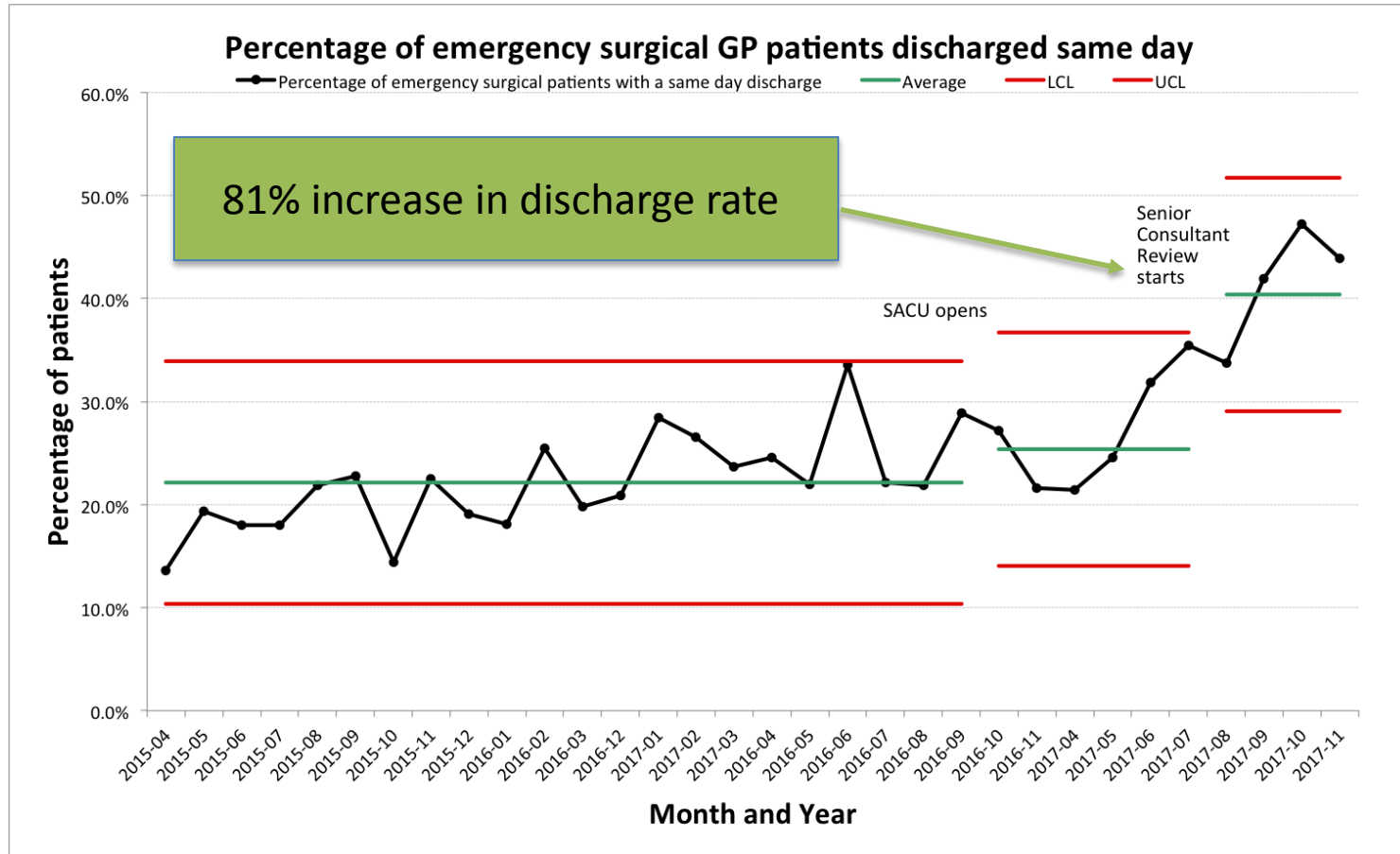
Changes/Improvements

- Project Leadership
- Clear Process
- Quick Turnaround for Blood Results
- Designated Senior Clinician/
Clinic Slots
- Access to Imaging/Designated
Slots
- ANP Leadership Roles
- Development of HCA Role
- Staff Engagement
- Pull from ED
- Virtual Ward
- Trust-wide Support for the Unit



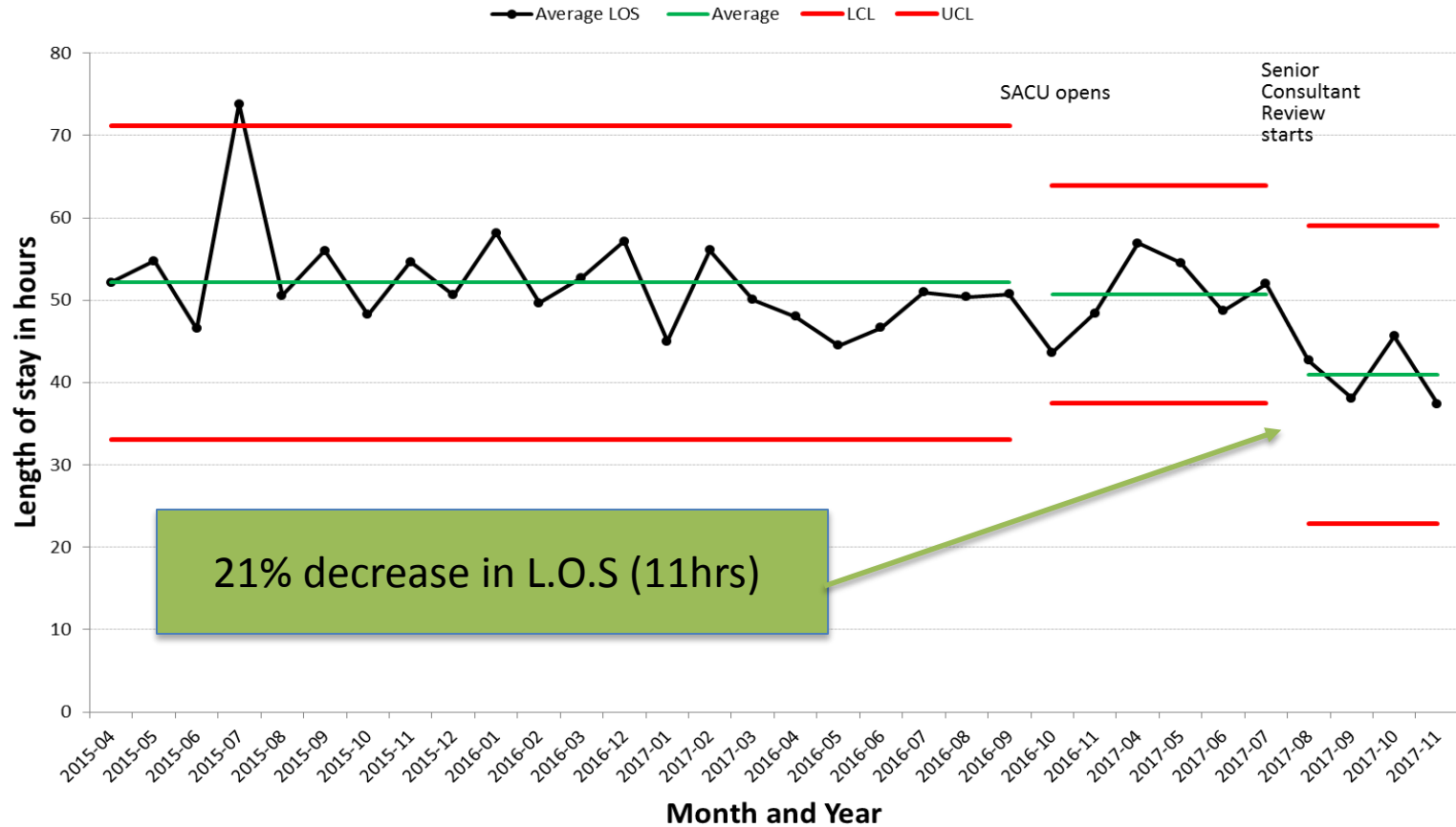


Measurement/Impact of Changes



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Average length of stay of emergency surgical patients



Challenges

- Designated staff for the unit
- Radiology
- Winter pressures
- Agree a tariff with the CCG
- Sustainability





Next Steps

- Support the Emergency Department
- Inclusion of further specialties
- The extension of the Advanced Nurse Practitioner role
- Propose Ward Facilitator
- Collaborate with Primary care
- Team development
- Access to theatre

