Useful Links

The SDEC programme website is: https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/same-day-emergency-care/

The SDEC programme email address is nhsi.sdec@nhs.net

The Ambulatory Emergency Care Network website is: www.ambulatoryemergencycare.org.uk

The AEC Network email address is aec@nhselect.org.uk

If you want to tweet about this event or anything relating to same day emergency care please use #NHSSSDEC to spread the conversation a little wider
Agenda

10:00  Welcome and Overview
      Strategic Vision
      AEC in Emergency Care
      What is SDEC?
      Coffee Break
      Working together to understand what is needed to maximise SDEC at pace
      Lunch
      Working with the SAM to Develop the SDEC Model
      SDEC Dataset
      Showcase sites
      Acute Frailty and SDEC
      Developing a Dashboard for AEC

16:30  Next Steps and Close
1. Go to any web browser from any device

2. Go to slido.com

3. Type in the event code #SDEC210519
Same Day Emergency Care

Dr Cliff Mann
National Clinical Advisor
Co-Chair SDEC Programme Board
Thanks for attending

Not here to lecture

Not here to patronize

Not here to claim this is a transformational imperative

We are here because

This works

Most trusts already do some of this

If we did more – more patients would benefit

It would be cost (? Price) efficient
Another transformational project, perhaps?

Diagram:

- **Inputs**
  - Money & Time
  - Blind Faith

- **Activities**
  - Buy Lots of Flip Charts & Sticky Notes
  - Hold Lots of Meetings & Workshops
  - Ignore Basic Principles of Causation

- **Outputs**
  - Lots of Logic Models
  - Simplistic View of Reality

- **Outcomes**
  - No Money Left
  - No Improvement in Outcomes
  - No Understanding of WTF Happened

**Next ‘Transformational’ Initiative**
Figure 5:† Proportion of total bed days for emergency admissions and elective admissions


† Health Foundation analysis of Hospital Episode Statistics data. Where patients were transferred from one hospital to another, we included the length of the subsequent hospital stay.
1.30. **Under this Long Term Plan, every acute hospital with a type 1 A&E department will move to a comprehensive model of Same Day Emergency Care. This will increase the proportion of acute admissions discharged on the day of attendance from a fifth to a third**

- SDEC patients = 22% of all acute admissions
- Moving from ‘a fifth to a third’ = 13% absolute increase
- = 782,600 fewer MN stays
- = 4% reduction in bed occupancy
- (16% ED, 6% direct)
- £1.1 billion
Milestones for urgent and emergency care

- In 2019 England will be covered by a 24/7 Integrated Urgent Care Service, accessible via NHS 111 or online.

- All hospitals with a major A&E department will:
  - Provide SDEC services at least 12 hours a day, 7 days a week by the end of 2019/20
  - Provide an acute frailty service for at least 70 hours a week. They will work towards achieving clinical frailty assessment within 30 minutes of arrival;
  - Aim to record 100% of patient activity in A&E, UTCs and SDEC via ECDS by March 2020

- Test and begin implementing the new emergency and urgent care standards arising from the Clinical Standards Review, by October 2019
- Further reduce DTOC, in partnership with local authorities.
- By 2023, CAS will typically act as the single point of access for patients, carers and health professionals for integrated urgent care and discharge from hospital care.
Paris will be fed
National tasks

Signal
Count
Pay
SDEC

≠ ZLoS
≠ A Place/ Site Code/ Ward
= Diagnosis +/- Ix +/- Rx recorded via SDECDS
one two three
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South East LOS

- 10+LOS
- 5-10LOS
- 3-5LOS
- 1-2LOS
- 0LOS

Legend:
- Brown: 10+LOS
- Blue: 5-10LOS
- Green: 3-5LOS
- Light Blue: 1-2LOS
- Yellow: 0LOS

Institutions:
- Ashford and St Peter's NHS Foundation Trust
- Buckinghamshire Healthcare
- Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust
- East Kent Hospitals
- East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
- Isle of Wight NHS Trust
- Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust
- Medway NHS Foundation Trust
- NHS Foundation Trust
- Oxford University Hospitals
- Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust
- Royal Surrey County Hospital
- Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
- University Hospital Southampton
- Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
SDEC

Star-chamber approach

ICD/SnoMed/ECDS codes agreed

Agreement with NHS Digital to record as ECDS type 5

10 pilot sites currently testing the proposed SDECDS

- The Royal Free
- Northwick Park
- Wexham Park
- Warrington and Halton
- Epsom & Helier
- Leeds Teaching Hospital
- Northampton
- Norfolk & Norwich
- City Hospitals Sunderland
- Western Sussex Hospitals
Incentives

3 CQUINS ≅ £500k per trust pa

New revenue from blended payment
Fiscally prudent

For most SDEC conditions Tariff < Cost if LoS > 1.5 days
“After the first year of the NHS, one of the chief causes of our troubles is the increasing demand made on our hospitals by the aged sick"
Acute admissions
Inflammatory insult, Delirium
Poor recovery, iatrogenic insult

+ve influence
Access to early diagnosis
Advanced care planning
Socioeconomics

-ve influence
Pathophysiology
Frailty
Disease expression
Better for

- Patients who can be managed without admissions
- Patients who require admission
- Hospitals
- The NHS

SDEC  \( \uparrow \)  4% bed occupancy
N2LoS  \( \downarrow \)
Strategic Vision

Mark England
Deputy National Director of Emergency and Elective Care

NHS England and NHS Improvement

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SDEC Workshop
April 2019

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NHS England and NHS Improvement
Non-elective spells at M11

Source: Joint Activity Report Report M11 – continuous timeseries graphs
Bed Days at M11

Source: Joint Activity Report at M11 – continuous timeseries graph
We are responsible for reforming hospitals emergency care delivering a step-change in Same Day Emergency Care this year

1. By September 2019 every Type 1 ED Provider will operate a comprehensive model of Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) - 12/7
2. By December 2019 every Type 1 ED Provider will establish an Acute Frailty Service (AFS).
3. During 2020 all Type 1 ED Providers will embed the Same Day Emergency Care Data Set (SDECDS) into all SDEC services. Providing a platform to record activity, develop counting, coding enabling development of a national tariff.

National SDEC CQUINs published for 2019/20
- pulmonary embolus
- community acquired pneumonia
- atrial fibrillation with tachycardia
The National Context SDEC (2)

We are responsible for reforming hospitals emergency care delivering a step-change in Same Day Emergency Care over the three years

“For those that do need hospital care, emergency ‘admissions’ are increasingly being treated through ‘same day emergency care’ without need for an overnight stay. This model will be rolled out across all acute hospitals, increasing the proportion of acute admissions typically discharged on day of attendance from a fifth to a third [by 2023]. “

“we commit to increase investment in primary medical and community health services as a share of the total national NHS revenue spend across the five years from 2019/20 to 2023/24. This means spending on these services will be at least £4.5 billion higher in five year’s time.” [What opportunities for SDEC?]
SDEC – Patient Level Information Cost System (PLICS) Analysis

April 2019

NHS England and NHS Improvement
The approach used to identify SDEC amenable patients

- We identify SDEC and potential SDEC spells in 2017/18 PLICS data. This covers 69 acute trusts.
- This approach was applied as a way to analyse historic data and thus applies contemporaneous information on diagnoses amenable to SDEC treatment from the Directory of Ambulatory Emergency Care for Adults (version 6).
- Thus, while similar, the identification method does not reflect developments by the SDEC Data Group to reach a definition for future coding of SDEC.
- This includes all non elective routes to SDEC treatment.
There are large differences in cost per patient as length of stay increases

- Cost per patient increases as length of stay increases (top).
- Support services make up a larger proportion of costs as LoS decreases and ward care makes up a larger proportion of costs as LoS increases (bottom).
- Costs are MFF-adjusted.
- This top right analysis is reproduced for the top three largest conditions by their largest HRG on the slides which follow.
- Tariffs on the following slides are calculated using the first episode HRG, and do not adjust for the marginal rate, nor do they incorporate locally agreed arrangements. In 17/18 (the time of the data) the marginal rate reduced tariff by 30% for activity above the threshold.
- Further, the tariff is applied to all emergency admissions without excluding 30-day readmissions.
Community-acquired pneumonia

HRG: Lobar, Atypical or Viral Pneumonia, without Interventions, with CC Score 0-3 (DZ11V)
Falls including syncope or collapse

HRG: Syncope or Collapse, with CC Score 0-3 (EB08E)
Cost reductions from additional SDEC amenable patients treated same day

The average trust* in the PLICS dataset had 99 NEL admissions per day in FY2017/18, of which 35 were SDEC amenable. Of these 35 SDEC amenable admissions, seven had a 0 day LOS and an average cost of admission half of that of the eleven who had a 1 day LOS. Shifting more admissions to same day would thus reduced total costs for the trust.

**Table 1: Estimated cost reductions per trust* based on 5 scenarios of treating increased volumes of 1+ day LOS SDEC amenable admissions same day**

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<td>D: Shift all 1 day LOS admissions to 0 day LOS</td>
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<td>11,924</td>
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* The average trust is based on the 69 trusts in the PLICS dataset with substantial NEL activity in FY2017/18. ^ The method applied to these scenarios was to shift the lowest LOS patients to 0 day LOS necessary to meet the AEC Network threshold.
Knock-on effect of SDEC for patients admitted from Type 1 A&E

This graph illustrates how increasing SDEC activity affects average time spent in A&E for admitted non-SDEC patients.

**Average wait for admitted patients not receiving SDEC**

*Patients with an amenable condition, arriving during core AEC unit operating hours*
AEC in Emergency Care
Dr Tara Sood

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RCEM AEC Toolkit

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Chair RCEM Ambulatory Emergency Care Special Interest Group
NHSI Clinical Lead SDEC (RCEM)
Drivers For Change
Other Drivers

- Patient expectation
- Patient satisfaction
- Delivering quality in a culture of increasing demand
- Workforce issues

NHS LONG TERM PLAN

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Key Ingredients

Same day emergency care can be successfully achieved by:

• Early senior decision making
• Streamlining access to diagnostic services
• Collaborative working
• Providing an environment that supports same day emergency care
Who Does This?

Emergency Physicians
Acute Physicians
Acute Surgeons
Frailty Teams
Specialist teams e.g. renal, O&G

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The RCEM Ambulatory Emergency Care toolkit

Delivering same day emergency care from the ED

January 2019
Principles of Delivering AEC from the ED

- Patient Identification
- Working closely with specialist colleagues
- Patient streaming
- AEC environment
- Patients that should not be streamed to AEC
- A comprehensive record must be in place
- Patient information
- Secondary and Primary care services
- Clear Measures
- AEC Activity
Work Closely With Specialist Colleagues

To standardise care according to best practice
To use local expertise
To share resources
To ensure that there are no adverse effects on ED flow
Patient Streaming

• Patients with certain clinical conditions may be streamed directly to the AECU
• The most appropriate service to meet the patient needs should be selected
• In a significant proportion of cases, patients will have their pathway initiated in the ED and then continued on an AECU or equivalent ED observation ward.

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AEC Environment

• The practice of observational medicine is embedded into Emergency Medicine Practice.

• Location of an area providing ambulatory emergency care activity close to an AMU is recognised as improving patient flow by up to 50%
Observational Medicine

• Observation Medicine & Same Day Emergency Care is a vital function of main ED activity

• ED Clinical Decision Units provide a key contribution to delivery of Same Day Emergency Care by:
  – Providing an ideal platform for same day emergency care
  – “Gatekeeping” the in-hospital bed base
  – Improving safe discharge from the ED

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Delivering Ambulatory Care from the ED

- Low Risk Chest Pain
- First Seizure
- DVT
- Urinary Retention
- SVT
- Asthma
- Frailty
- Low risk GI bleed
- Low risk PE
- Pneumothorax
- TIA
- Ureteric Colic
- Low risk PE
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Patients that should NOT be streamed to AEC

- Type 2 and Type 3 ED attenders (Minors)

- Type 1 ED patients who will breach the 4-hour standard but whose clinical care can be completed in the ED, or are awaiting ward admission

- Clinically unstable patients

The AECU is NOT a discharge lounge or “overflow” unit for other services

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Secondary and Primary Care Services

- Secondary and Primary Care services must work together
- AEC can be particularly valuable in the assessment and management of frail patients
Clear Measures Should be in Place

- reduction in the number of emergency bed days used
- reduction in the number of patients admitted to hospital for <24 hours
- improved experience for patients
- improved staff experience
- improved quality of care
- improved safety
- improved patient flow
- improved ambulance turnaround
- reduction in readmissions
- reduction in incidents in emergency care

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AEC Activity

• Dashboard – with appropriate data set
• Appropriate process and outcome metrics
• Tariff
# RCEM VISION 2020

Fixing Emergency Department **Staffing, Systems & Support** to deliver excellent patient centred care

## Staffing

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#RCEM solutions

rcem.ac.uk/vision2020

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What is SDEC?

Jay Banerjee
The NHS needs to be more productive - or is it more efficient?

kingsfund.org.uk/blog
95% of increase in short stay admissions

- Urinary disorders
- Gastroenteritis / colitis
- Tonsillitis
- Cellulitis
- Pneumonia (unspecified)
- GORD
- Convulsions
- Abscesses, carbuncles
Patients

PROCESSES
• Time based
• Service based
• Time in hospital?
• Meaningful time?
• Self management?
• Access to care?
• Respect for values?

OUTCOMES
• Admission…..
• Morbidity…..
• Satisfaction?
• Carer burden?
• Autonomy?
• Mood?
• PPC/PPD?
Some influencers on U&E care decision making

• Improving diagnostics – HS Trop; high resolution CT

• Improving evidence on risk – hospital admission does not stop falls; 300 falls in AF/yr

• Improving evidence on effectiveness – NOACs

• Improving person centredness – end of life evidence, shared decision making

• Improving evidence of impact of patient groups – frailty and how it influences outcomes
Other influencers

- Educating patients
- Improving access
- ........doing our best.....

“It is not enough to do your best; you must know what to do, and then do your best”
- W. Edwards Deming
# Challenge

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<td>➢ Involves feelings of loss, sacrifice (sometimes betrayal to values)</td>
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<td>➢ Solution requires learning and a new way of thinking, new relationships</td>
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Small steps lead to big changes

We accelerate change and improve our quality of HIV care by using the Model for Improvement

Model for Improvement

- What are we trying to accomplish?
- How will we know that a change is an improvement?
- What change can we make that will result in improvement?

Aims
Measures
Changes

Act
 Determine what changes are to be made

Plan
 Change or test

Do
 Carry out the plan

Study
 Summarize what was learned

Test the Changes (PDSA Cycles)

Source: Langley et al. (1996)

Right patient, right place

ED/OPD/GP Activity

Opinion Referral

Management Referral

Definite Admission

ED/OPD/GP Management

AEC

Admit to Assess

Admit
UPDATE - Directory of AEC

Key Questions

- Is the patient sufficiently stable to be managed in AEC (usually NEWS <= 4?)
- Is the patient functionally capable of being managed in AEC whilst maintaining their safety, privacy and dignity?
- Is there an existing outpatient or community service that could more appropriately meet the patients needs?
- Would the patient have been admitted if AEC was not available?
The 4Ps Model of AEC

• Passive – receive referrals

• Pathway driven - restricted to agreed pathways

• Pull – senior clinician takes the call

• Process driven – all patients considered for AEC
Surgical AEC & Medical Procedures

Appendicectomy (laparoscopic)
Arthroscopy
Biopsy
- lymph node
- temporal artery
Evacuation retained products of conception
Incarcerated Hernia
- inguinal
- para-umbilical
- femoral
Incision & Drainage of Abscess
- axillary
- groin
- neck
- perianal
- pilonidal
K – wiring
- finger or wrist
Laparoscopic ovarian cystectomy
Reduction and internal fixation
Tendon repair
Maximising front door care

• ED and beyond but not too far!
• Deciding to admit versus admitting to decide?
• Who would prefer to be admitted?
• When is an admission an acute intervention?
• Is the care ambulatory or the patient?
• Which specialties can support ambulatory care?
• Who are the generalists?
Key message - Beds aren’t capacity
“Beds are where patients wait for the next thing to happen”

We should think:
You only get care from a bed if that is the only way we can deliver your care
What is SDEC?

• Ambulatory emergency care (AEC) is a service that provides same day emergency care to patients in hospital.

• Patients are assessed, diagnosed, treated and are able to go home the same day, without being admitted overnight.

• Who can be managed under these criteria?

• What is you need to deliver it? Plan, people, place, process, passion and PDSA
**Figure 2 2x2 matrix illustrating “right patient, right place” is it effective?**

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<td><strong>Missed opportunity</strong></td>
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<td>% conversion from AEC service to admission&lt;br&gt;Clinical outcomes/experience</td>
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<td>Some HRGs may indicate Low conversion rates&lt;br&gt;Casefile review</td>
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Maximising potential

**Suitable for AEC**

- **Gatekeeping**
  - Clear aim
  - Objective criteria
  - Early identification
  - Early streaming
  - Appropriate measures

- **Success (expect about 10% conversion rate)**
- **Not Seen in AEC**
  - Missed Opportunity (Do ICD10 short LOS search and post take reviews)

**Unsuitable for AEC**

- **Risk** (Pt too sick/complex at time of selection – Review thresholds)
- **Waste** (Pt could be managed in other outpatient service – Review flow map and thresholds)
- **Success (appropriate alternative care)**
Heart Failure Pathway
Define who can go home

&

Define who needs specialist care
Inclusion/exclusion criteria

• The more criteria there are the more complicated the system becomes.

• Complex systems need simple rules.
  • Is the patient clinically stable?
  • Is the patient functionally capable of receiving care in AEC?
  • Would the patient otherwise have been admitted?
  • Could their needs be better met in an alternative outpatient/community service?

• Assumes good knowledge of the local health system.
Scoring systems

- Aim to reduce unhelpful variation by using common objective measures.
- Accessible to outsiders.
- Can support new or junior team members.
- Useful for audit and statistical analysis.
- Useful for benchmarking.
- Only one part of the toolkit.
- Can incorporate risk stratification.
# Glasgow Admission Prediction Score*

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**Cutoff 18**
Use of GAPS in AEC

• GAPS is a good multi-dimensional measure of “sickness”, laden with prognostic information.

• It has the potential to be used as way of controlling for case mix when comparing the performance of different units, or the same unit over time.

• Low scores predict discharge from the front door, shorter hospital stays, lower mortality and a lower likelihood of re-attendance.

• At GRI Patients with a low score are moved to a rapid assessment area, managed by a medical nurse practitioner and senior acute physician. Discharge rates typically exceed 80%, and many patients are fed into ambulatory care pathways.

• Another option especially useful in those units that are co-located with ED.
What makes it work?

- Senior decision makers and simple rules.
- Knowledge of the AEC provision and system admission alternatives.
- Decisions NOT tests.
- Consistency of AEC provision.
- AEC capacity not used by inappropriate activity.
- Role modeling during “pull” from ED.
- Clear consistent clinical conversations at point of referral.
- Today’s work done today.
- Working as a system.
Surgical AEC – Mr Arin Saha
Working together to Maximise SDEC at Pace
Deborah Thompson
This is an opportunity to share best practice or work you have done to improve SDEC in a particular area, reflect on the challenges being faced by colleagues from a mix of roles and organisations and discuss potential solutions/actions to address the key issues identified.

There will be 8 tables and each table will host 4 rounds of discussion of 15 minutes each. At the beginning of each round the table facilitator will give a quick summary of the previous group’s discussions and conclusions.
Table Topics

- National SDEC priorities
- ED
- SDEC principles
- Frailty
- High volume pathways
- Measuring the impact of SDEC
- Patient Experience
- Non-medical roles
IT IS LUNCH TIME
Working with SAM to develop the SDEC model
Julia Nixon, Society of Acute Medicine
Same Day Emergency Care – Standards for Ambulatory Emergency Care
Background

- Increasing activity/acuity nationally
- AEC departments growing in demand
- Managing acute patients as a zero LOS, that previously would have had an admission
- AEC Network/Directory
- RCPE/SAM working group - Standards for AEC/SDEC
SAMBA data

Ambulatory Emergency Care (AEC)

• 103 hospitals had an AEC service as part of acute medicine (83% of total hospitals, 95.3% of hospitals submitting complete data for this question)
• The majority of AEC units use a combination of trolleys, chairs and separate clinic rooms.
• The median number of trolleys and chairs per unit was 8 (range 1 - 54)
• The median number of clinic rooms per unit was 3 (range 1 - 9)
• 68% of AEC units were separate from AMU
• 49.6% (46.8%) of hospitals had access to speciality ‘hot’ clinics
Figure 6 Variation in Percentage of Initial Medical Assessments Undertaken in AEC
Standards for Ambulatory Emergency Care

Report of a working group for Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh and Society for Acute Medicine
1. Patient feedback

All units undertaking AEC should regularly survey a representative and consecutive number of patients treated in this manner. This should take the form of a short questionnaire. At least 5% of all patients should be surveyed and the total time spent in the unit for each patient calculated.

Survey results should be used by the multi-disciplinary team (MDT) in a dedicated meeting to identify possible areas for quality improvement at least every 6 months. Although more challenging, one of the surveys should take place in the winter months.
2. Waiting times should be minimised

a. Observations contributing to a NEWS2 score (National Early Warning Score version 2 - a system to standardise response to acute illness) should be obtained within 30 minutes of a patient’s arrival.

b. Patients should be seen promptly and certainly within one hour by a clinician who has the capabilities to assess and investigate the patient’s symptoms and signs. This clinician should have immediate access to a more senior clinical decision maker for review when the presentation proves more complex.

c. A validated risk stratification tool for specific conditions should be used to guide management including the need for investigation.
3. Physician input

A consultant physician should be available on the hospital site day and night throughout the opening times of the AEC unit to review AEC patients.
4. Overall Leadership

A nominated clinician from the MDT should take responsibility for the overall leadership of the AEC unit to ensure there are active clinical governance and quality improvement processes and strategies.
5. Diagnostics

AEC unit patients should have the same access to urgent investigations as inpatients or patients attending the emergency department. In order to minimise patient waits, monitoring of waiting times for diagnostics, including the generation of reports, should occur at least monthly and discussion held with relevant departments to ameliorate delays.
6. Performance review

Review of AEC performance should occur regularly using at least the metrics suggested by the AEC network. Additional measures that are relevant to the local health system may also be needed to understand factors influencing performance. Results should be reviewed with the aim of quality improvement.
7. Monitoring/safety

Non-attendance of patients who have been referred to the AEC unit should be reviewed. If a patient does not attend and cannot be contacted this should be communicated with the relevant GP practice.

Similarly, robust systems must be in place to ensure that patients do not get lost whilst under the care of the ambulatory unit including those in any ‘virtual ward’ or undergoing investigation.
8. Communication

A same day discharge summary for a single episode of care should be created at the end of the AEC episode and sent to the GP and given to the patient. This should include details of investigations undertaken, any new therapies instigated and the follow up plan required and arranged. If there are multiple attendances then it is mandatory that the primary care team receives regular communication, with the mechanism and content defined locally. In either circumstance it should be clearly communicated when the AEC episode has been completed and continuing management has been transferred back to the care team in the community.
9. Operational model

Each unit should have a standard operational policy that defines the specific clinical pathways that have been developed and should also define the local arrangements that exist to ensure that the AEC unit does not become the default referral pathway for patients who would be managed more appropriately by a particular specialty or if in-patient care is required.
10. Commissioning

All patient pathways should be adequately defined and resourced in association with the commissioning organisation (where applicable) to avoid duplication and provide clarity of care for specific conditions.
11. Information to patients

During the period of care under the ambulatory team, patients should have clear written instructions for actions to take if they feel they are deteriorating or if they wish to discuss concerns prior to their next scheduled visit.
12. Use of resource

Activity within AEC must be protected including during periods of escalation when the hospital is under pressure. Loss of this activity will undoubtedly make the acute pressures worse. AEC units should not be used for the non-acute management of long term conditions.
13. Infrastructure/environment

The infrastructure and space in the AEC unit must be adequate and reviewed regularly for the throughput and the needs of patients anticipated. Waiting areas should be equipped with adequate seating, refreshment facilities, TV and toilets.
14. Information

All patients referred to the AEC unit should have an explanation of the service and reassurance that it can provide safe and effective care including the need for escalation of care if this is thought to be necessary.
15. Privacy and dignity

A private area must be available where all confidential conversations should be conducted.
Thank you
Where’s SDEC?

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John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford
Clinical Lead for ECDS
Emergency Care Data Set

Urgent & Emergency Care “Flying Blind”
  • Commons Health Select Committee 2013

• Started 2015
• Finished 2019

Approx. 200 Type 1 / 2 EDs [+ UTCs]
40 different IT suppliers
Increasing demand for urgent treatment

Visits to A&E in England (in millions)

Source: IFS
Block Tariff
PbR Tariff (HRGs = DRGs)
Blended payment
Best Practice Tariff

- Variable take up
- ? Level of activity
- ? All SDEC recorded
- BPT not claimed
  - Local arrangements – recorded as OP/ ED
  - Block tariff

OR
- Not doing SDEC
Success?

Zero Day LoS admissions

^ 9.6% (2017-18)

• ? Zero / Low value-added SDEC
• ? High value-added SDEC
• ? Gaming
• ? Breach avoidance

Expanding rapidly, we don’t know why
Where is SDEC hiding?
Why use ECDS for SDEC?

- Baked in from the start
  - Worked with AEC Network
- Time based, milestones
- Input & Output metrics
  - Chief Complaint & Acuity
  - Diagnosis & Suspected / Confirmed
Process Re-engineering

SDEC Short-term aims
  • Count SDEC consistently
  • Enable tariff – value-based commissioning

SDEC Long-term aims
  • Co-located with ED
  • Flexible patient flow / staffing
  • Process model vs. condition model
Where we are now

Piloting ECDS in SDEC – 10 Trusts

- First site live (Wexham Park)
Summary

1. The world has changed
   • Patients have changed
   • Can’t keep doing the same thing

2. Existing data – collected for other purposes
   • Not valid
   • Not reliable

3. We need a system that measures and rewards excellent SDEC patient care
"If you can't measure it, you can't improve it."

Peter Drucker
Same Day Emergency Care & Acute Frailty

Regional Event, Leicester: May 21st 2019

Finbarr C Martin
Emeritus Geriatrician and
Professor of Medical Gerontology

SDEC Frailty Sub-Group Lead
Putting SDEC in policy context
What’s the national approach?

FROM THIS

‘The frail Elderly’

Late Crisis presentation
Fall, delirium, immobility

Hospital-based episodic care
Disruptive & disjointed

TO THIS

‘An Older Person living with frailty’
A long-term condition

Timely identification preventative, proactive care
supported self management & personalised care planning

Community based person centred & coordinated
Health + Social +Voluntary+ Mental Health + Community assets

Slide courtesy of Martin Vernon and NHS England
What is frailty?

• “a condition or syndrome which results from a multi-system reduction in reserve capacity to the extent that a number of physiological systems are close to, or past the threshold of symptomatic failure. As a result the frail person is at increased risk of disability or death from minor external stresses.”

(Campbell and Buchner, 1997)
“A long-term condition characterised by lost biological reserves across multiple systems & vulnerability to decompensation after a stressor event”
Clinical challenge

- Non-specific presentations can be underestimated
- It takes time to identify key issues

Three part system challenge

- Age attune community services to prevent deterioration
- Provide community alternative urgent responses
- Age attune the hospital to optimise the approach to the modern patient
What are we trying to achieve?

Right patient, right place and right time etc etc

• Admit the patient who can benefit and get the issues clear at the outset
• Don’t admit the patient who will not benefit
• Don’t admit if the benefit can be achieved as well and as efficiently somewhere else, eg at home

..............................In a little more detail
# What are we trying to achieve?

| Frail and acutely ill | Admission is probably useful and necessary  
|                       | • Identify geriatric syndromes that will impact the next few days eg delirium  
|                       | • Build in a CGA approach to maximise function  
|                       | • Anticipate discharge and post acute needs  
| Admission is probably NOT useful  
|                       | • Identify palliative needs: ? end of life care  
| Admission might be useful but is not necessary  
|                       | • Discharge to competent service for medical and other interventions and support  
|                       | • Liaise with hot clinics /CGA  
| Frail + not acutely ill | • Discharge +/- urgent functional support  
|                       | • Rehabilitation to increase reserve and resilience to future events  

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What is frailty made of and how is it measured?
Different concepts, each with its own usefulness

**Phenotype**
- specific measurable impairments
- distinct from co-morbidity

**Deficit accumulation model**
- risk prediction using symptoms, diagnoses, disability + impairments + behaviours

**Clinical impression based on an overview**
- eg Clinical Frailty Scale (Rockwood)
### Fried’s phenotype approach


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How does this help?

• Establishes frailty as a potential target for intervention as well as an indicator of vulnerability
• Community based treatment programmes can focus on strength, balance, nutrition, physical activity etc

*in addition to*

• the current emphasis on function
Deficit accumulation approach

- Each “deficit” has equal weighting
- Each dichotomised (0/1) or trichotomised (0, 0.33, 0.66, 1.0)
- Add all individual item scores
- Divide by number of items
- Thus the Frailty Index score is between 0 and 1
- Predictive ability improves with more parameters, >30 is enough!
- Good evidence for all outcome prediction

Rockwood et al JAGS 2006; 54:975-979
eFI: the deficit approach from routine primary care data

Frailty is not good for you

Reducing proportion alive

Time (days) → 5 yrs

Fit
Mild frailty
Moderate frailty
Severe frailty

www.england.nhs.uk
How does this help?

- Enables targeting in primary and community care for issues such as
  - Medication reviews and de-prescribing
  - Advance care planning

*(What matters to you)*
Case finding – a simple tool

- CFS based on how the patient was **TWO weeks ago**
- Ask them, families or carers. Can the ambulance service help?

**Clinical Frailty Scale***

1. Very Fit – People who are robust, active, energetic and motivated. These people commonly exercise regularly. They are among the fittest for their age.

2. Well – People who have **no active disease symptoms** but are less fit than category 1. Often, they exercise or are very **active occasionally**, e.g. seasonally.

3. Managing Well – People whose medical problems are **well controlled**, but are not regularly active beyond routine walking.

4. Vulnerable – While not **dependent** on others for daily help, often **symptoms limit activities**. A common complaint is being “slowed up”, and/or being tired during the day.

5. Mildly Frail – These people often have **more evident slowing**, and need help in **high order IADLs** (finances, transportation, heavy housework, medications). Typically, mild frailty progressively impairs shopping and walking outside alone, meal preparation and housework.

6. Moderately Frail – People need help with all **outside activities** and with **keeping house**. Inside, they often have problems with stairs and need **help with bathing** and might need minimal assistance (cuing, standby) with dressing.

7. Severely Frail – Completely dependent for **personal care**, from whatever cause (physical or cognitive). Even so, they seem stable and not at high risk of dying (within ~ 6 months).

8. Very Severely Frail – Completely dependent, approaching the end of life. Typically, they could not recover even from a minor illness.

9. Terminally Ill – Approaching the end of life. This category applies to people with a **life expectancy <6 months**, who are **not otherwise evidently frail**.

Scoring frailty in people with dementia

The degree of frailty corresponds to the degree of dementia. Common **symptoms in mild dementia** include forgetting the details of a recent event, though still remembering the event itself, repeating the same question/story and social withdrawal.

In **moderate dementia**, recent memory is very impaired, even though they seemingly can remember their past life events well. They can do personal care with prompting.

In **severe dementia**, they cannot do personal care without help.

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How does this help?

- Provides a guide to the *likely* clinical course now and over the following year or so
- Alerts you to the *possibility* of very different priorities for care
  
  ..*What matters to you?*
- Therefore what *skills* may be needed (MDT)
Percentage of deaths by CFS score post discharge for NEL >65 admissions who had a death date recorded by 4 April 2018
(Admissions between April – Dec 2017)

Courtesy of David Hunt from West Sussex Hospitals
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How common is frailty?
eFl: the deficit approach from routine primary care data

5 year survival curves

- Fit: 43%
- Mild frailty: 37%
- Moderate frailty: 16%
- Severe frailty: 4%

Reducing proportion alive
Distribution of Frailty in old age (eFI)

**Percentage of eFI category within each age band**

KID data, January 2017 cohort

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NHS England analysis- KID 2017-18
Older people, frailty, hospital use and outcomes
• Older People: HES codes to identify frailty:
  • - Unspecified protein-energy malnutrition
  • - Dementia+ or Incontinence+
  • - Somnolence, Very low level of personal hygiene
  • - Difficulty in walk Senility, Falls
  • - ‘Z-codes’ – functional limitations

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• Frailty associated c delirium, falls and deconditioning

• 20% experience 80% of harms (75+patients)

*Slide courtesy of the Acute Frailty Network*
What we know what makes a difference
Comprehensive Geriatric assessment for the older or frail patients

Cochrane Review 2017 of CGA for older people admitted to acute hospital vs usual care

- 29 trials recruiting 13,766 participants across nine, mostly high-income countries.
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Lessons from the Acute Frailty Network

• Early identification of frailty with the Clinical Frailty Scale can become as routine as early identification of acuity with the NEWS
• Any trained staff member can do this
• Reliable timely responses need clear professional working standards
• **A flexible multi-disciplinary approach works and helps address staffing gaps**
• Improving responses to frail older people can avert unnecessary admissions and reduces bed use
• Patient experience of ED/AMU can improve
Individualise the focus – What matters?

- **Domains:**
  - Symptoms, functioning, quality of life
  - Disutility in care
  - Care
  - Healthcare responsiveness
  - Clinical status
  - Quality of death

- [http://www.ichom.org/medical-conditions/older-person/](http://www.ichom.org/medical-conditions/older-person/)
Examples (see the AFN website)
Styles of responses to frail patients

• Frailty (CFS) assessed by paramedics or ED nurse practitioners and directs patient to specific place or team (but needs to be accompanied by acuity assessment)
• “Frailty” MD team pulls selectively from ED
• Assessment space without beds to avoid immobility and encourage speedy responses
• Frailty used to divide the work in AMUs, with/without dedicated space
• OPAL type assessments in AM ward “next day”
RECAP - Why identify frailty?

• **For those admitted**, rapid access to MDT approach to minimise harms etc
• **For the uncertain ones**, to factor in frailty to clinical decisions about priorities and discharge plans etc
• **For those who go home**, to flag up need for interventions to
  - reduce the frailty factors
  - reduce frailty associated risks (eg falls)
Risks for patients if frailty is not recognised and taken into account

- Delirium, falls and pressure sores not prevented
- Deconditioning and slower recovery
- MDT input delayed
- Appropriate goals of care not decided
- Polypharmacy not managed
- Readmissions not prevented
- End of life care missed
Risks for patients if frailty is taken into account without individual assessment

Frailty
➢ becomes a nihilist connotation
➢ obscures need for prompt medical response
➢ everybody’s business becomes anybody can do it

*Frailism* takes the place of ageism
New Frontiers in Frailty conference
Book your place **27th June 2019**

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**27th June 2019**
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Our AEC transformation Journey

Julia Nixon
Lead for Clinical Transformation/ACP lead
Airedale NHS Foundation Trust
The beginning ......

- 2013
- 1 Acute Consultant/ 1 ACP
- 2014 – successful business case for 6 WTE ACPs
- Consultant took GP calls and triaged to ACU/AMU
- Average of 5 patients per day Monday to Friday
- 2015 ACP establishment increased to support extended ACU hours and ACP took over the GP calls
2016 – Development Plan

• ‘All patients are ambulatory until proven otherwise’
• Take 15% of medical take
• Offer high quality acute medical care with a zero LOS
• Support the emergency care standard
• ACU to become an integral part of the urgent care team/services
What we did

• Reviewed the data to understand our potential to grow
• Reviewed existing pathways and developed new ambulatory pathways
• Developed a generic referral guide for ED team
• Extended ACU opening times/consultant access/ACP team
• Developed a dashboard/KPIs
• Engaged all our stakeholders including patients
What happened?

- Increased ACU activity by 98% in first 3 months
- Supported the improvement of the emergency care standard
- Consistently saw >20% of the medical take within 3 months which steadily increased to 29% until 2018
- 2019 – around 35% of take (40% medical/30% Surgical)
Acute Assessment Unit (AAU)

• Undertook 2 rapid improvement events to plan our new model – ACP team heavily involved in planning/PDSA cycles prior to opening

• Opened on 24th April 2018

• April/May saw increased non-elective activity of 11% from previous year

• Combined SAU/AMU/ACU together ..... New opportunities
Acute Assessment Unit (AAU)

• New 6.5 m capital funding to build acute assessment unit (AAU) combining medical/surgical assessment beds and ambulatory care, co-located with ED.

• ACU activity increased by 55%

• Reduction in overall admissions 18% less than previous year, despite overall numbers to the hospital increasing

• ACP team consolidation/development
Pathways Vs process

- Ambulatory Care Pathways
- Criteria for ACU for triage – Multiple PDSA cycles
- ACPs take call medical/surgical GP referrals and triage
- Whole system team working
- Flex up in response to peak ED activity
- Developed our ‘urgent care model’
Now 2019

- 35% Medical take (> 40% on weekdays)
- 31% Surgical take
- Opportunities to develop/maximise weekend referrals
- Urgent care model/system approach
- On a background of an increase 12.5% ED attendances from the previous year
Next

• Weekend pathway/process/infrastructure development
• Greater system collaboration
• Continue to flex/respond to activity/acuity changes
Thank you
Questions ?
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Showcase Sites: Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

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Medical Ambulatory Emergency Care @ SaSH

Dr Radha Selvaratnam – Acute Physician/AEC Lead
2016/17 – Medical AEC: AMU “Chairs”

- Mon – Fri 8am till 5pm
- Two clinic rooms, one nurse assessment room
- Waiting area off main corridor
- GP expected, A&E referred patients
- TIA, DVT and Follow up clinics
- 1 Junior doctor, 1 Nurse (band 6), 1 HCA, 1 Admin staff
- AMU consultant covering take
AMU Chairs activity 2015/2016 - 20 months

• 5443 patients seen.
• 10% A&E, 59% GP

Patient and staff survey

• Long waits
• Poor communication
• Lack of space
• Inadequate facilities
• Lack of staff
• Delays - diagnostics, discharge and admission
Waiting times unacceptably long with poor excuses...
About: East Surrey Hospital
Posted via NHS Choices four years ago

You are very high on spin but very low on substance

Treatment suggested at 09.45 by a specialist, not carried out until 19.00! ..... 

To take blood took two hours....... 

I witnessed doctors walking about like headless chickens, not knowing what rooms to use. 

....if you are not getting the simple things right then trust goes out the window.....

Lions lead by donkey's spring to mind.
AMU 1 day LOS analysis

Potential Ambulatory patients – LOS 1

Days

0.00 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80 1.00 1.20 1.40 1.60 1.80 2.00

1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19 21 23 25 27 29 31 33 35 37 39 41 43 45 47 49 51 53 55 57 59 61

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ARR:INTR/V
ARR:PTWR
ARR:d/c

Putting people first
Delivering excellent, accessible healthcare
AEC aims

- Improve patient experience
- Improve efficiency and cost effectiveness
- Relieve A&E pressure
- Reduce ambulance wait times
- Reduce length of stay
- Improve GP access for direct medical review
Patient experience

Initial contact & assessment (GP or self present to ED)

Arrival to Triage
15 mins
• Risk stratification
• Early work up

Clinical Review
1 hour
• Initial clerking
• Pathway and Investigation selection

Decision Making
• Management pathway
• Location and setting
• Information to Patient

Senior Clinician input through the patient process
Kingsfold Unit – October 2017

Consultant led working with:

- 2 Nurse practitioners
- SpR
- 1 Band 7
- 2 Nurses + 1 NA
- 2 Ward clerks
- Therapists + Pharmacy support
- Porter
- Housekeeper

12 hours a day 7 days week 8am-8pm (admission close at 6pm)
Kingsfold Processes

• Direct access – GP, A&E, Specialty and Community
• Out of hours patients slots
• Paper light - shared access, Data input through Cerner
• Agreed diagnostics turnaround times and slots
• Procedural clinics
• Regular Huddles
• Escalation Plan
• Discharge processes
• Key performance indicators
• Weekly operational meetings
Issues encountered

• Managing change

• A&E demand - Escalate to accommodate A&E flow

• Multiple lists

• Location and logistics

• Staffing issues - Phased consultant starts, nursing vacancy

• Late finishes - Staff morale

• Increased demand from specialties

• Management opening unit for overnight patients
Refining the model

- Junior doctor shift pattern
- Admin time - SPRs/NP
- Reduce unnecessary nursing assessments
- Pharmacy
- Extended portering hours
- IT solution – unified patient list, referral templates
- Telephone Follow-Up Clinics
- Overnight Admission Criteria
Kingsfold Attendances
(Excluding Outpatients)
Kingsfold Attendances by source

(Excluding Outpatients)

- Booked
- Emergency-ED/Dental
- Emergency-Other
- Emergency-Bed Bureau
- Emergency-GP
- Maternity-Ante Partum
- Emergency-ED (Other Provider)
- Emergency-O/P Clinic
- Planned

Closed for weekend

2 Bays + 2 clinic rooms shut - decant and refurbishment adjacent ward

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Attendances Arrivals to Kingsfold by hour

(Excluding Outpatients)
Attendances by weekday

(Excluding Outpatients)
Number of attendances to Kingsfold - All Appointments  

(Excluding Inpatients)

Increased Acute Medicine consultant presence in A&E

- First Attendance
- Follow-Up Attendance

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Post implementation review 9 months

- LOS of acute medical patients reduced by 1 day (Jun 17- Jun 18)
- Reduction in Medical escalation beds in Angio Suite.
- Improvement in ED performance
  - 4hr waits (92.8% to 96.9%)
  - Numbers waiting in ED 4-12 hrs (335 to 99)
  - Ambulances wait 30-60 mins (199 to 66) and >60 min (50 to 1)
- No increase in overall GP referrals.
- Overnight patients – 6 Max with escalation nursing staff.
- Flexible working to meet demand – Winter / Summer.
- Location of the unit – impact on flow.
- Number of other hospital services using the services – increase in workload
  - Oncology, Gastro, Surgery - pre-assessment clinics
Patient feedback

‘Kingsfold unit is excellent. Great nursing & care from all.

‘Communication between upstairs and downstairs was superb ....’

‘we didn’t have to wait at all...getting results the same day was amazing...’

‘.....These amazing staff deserve 5*****...’

‘.......I have been really humbled by the amount of work everyone is putting in, redesigning boundaries of care and responsibility, TEAMWORK AT ITS VERY BEST.......’
Developing a dashboard for AEC

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What do you picture when someone says “Dashboard”?
Almost every dashboard was heavily skewed to financial data. Almost every image of a dashboard was "just too much"!

No wonder some people react like this when we talk about data and dashboards.

Almost every dashboard was heavily skewed to financial data.

Almost every image of a dashboard was "just too much"!

The dashboards had no clear message, clear aim or clear sense of what the users are trying to achieve.

We could not tell if things were changing over time.
Measurement for improvement

MODEL FOR IMPROVEMENT

* What are we trying to achieve?
* How will we know that a change is an improvement?
* What change can we make that will result in an improvement?

Reference: Langley et al 1996
Good measurement doesn’t happen by magic

Before you can develop a dashboard, you need to work your way through the seven step process for Measurement for Improvement.

1. Decide Aim
2. Choose Measures
3. Define Measures
4. Collect Data
5. Analyse & Present
6. Review Measures

Repeat steps 4-6
What are we aiming to achieve?

Model for Improvement
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To reduce the number of emergency patients admitted to hospital for an overnight stay of at least one night.
Signposting you to some help

Measurement

Robust measurement of the impact that your service is making and understanding the potential return on investment is critical to enable you to fully realise the potential of AEC.

We have worked with staff in Trusts and Commissioners to understand the challenges and skills required, and have produced guides and materials that will give you the tools to measure and quantify your improvement, and to estimate and measure your return on investment.

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- The Measurement Team
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- Flow Diagrams
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- The Potential for AEC
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Measuring change in a system context

Input

Staff time and resources used by your service

Process

The care plans, protocols and policies which staff use to care for patients

Outcome

The effect on the patient of how you use the inputs and follow the process

Source: “Evaluating the Quality of Medical Care”, Donabedian A, 1966
So you need three types of measures

- **Process measure**
  - Process measures show how well we do what we say we do

- **Outcome measure**
  - Outcome measures show the impact of what we do on patients/our aim

- **Balancing measure**
  - Balancing measures show any unintended consequences of a change
Three recommended measures

**Process measure**

The number of new non-elective presentations seen and treated in AEC/SDEC

**Impact measure**

The number of new non-elective presentations who convert to an admission of at least one night

**Balancing measure**

The number of unplanned presentations of patients who had been managed by AEC/SDEC unit within the previous 7 days
What presentation style to use

“We strongly recommend AEC/SDEC present these data items as daily run charts (or, better, statistical process control charts) with appropriate explanation for special cause events and annotate the implementation of any changes where there is an improvement in the data.”
Wythenshawe Hospital
Surgical AEC Network Cohort 1

Number of emergency surgical bed days used each week

- Number of emergency/non-elective surgical bed days used
- Average
- LCL
- UCL

Weeks:
- 06/06/2016 to 24/07/2016

Number of emergency surgical bed days used:
- 0 to 350

Reduction in bed days used from around 229 per week to around 199 per week.

Each extra patient per week appears to have saved just over two bed days per week.
Leighton Hospital
Surgical AEC Network Cohort 1

The percentage of GP patients going home same day has risen from 22% to 40% for surgical patients since SACU opened.

SACU opens
Senior Consultant Review starts
**Time from ED presentation to procedure (Abscess patients)**

- **Time from first arrival at ED to procedure (in days)**
- **Average**
- **LCL**
- **UCL**

*The average waiting time between arrival at ED and procedure being carried out has reduced by 0.6 days with a marked reduction in variation since the commencement of the abscess pathway.*
During the pilot, the average number of patients admitted for at least one night's stay fell from 10 to 7 per day. It rose again to 8 when the pilot finished. There was also a reduction in variation during the pilot - the pilot made the number of admissions more stable/predictable. The highest number of admissions during the pilot was less than the pre-pilot average.
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Measuring your process

Ambulatory emergency care guide
Same day emergency care: clinical definition, patient selection and metrics

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High level Driver Diagram from AEC Network

For all eligible emergency patients to be treated in AEC, reducing the need for admission to a hospital bed

- Rapid identification and streaming of appropriate patients to AEC
  - P1
  - B2

- Staffing and resources organised to provide rapid assessment, diagnosis and same day treatment
  - Clear exclusion criteria based on NEWS is developed to maximise patient flow to AEC
  - Staff training across health system to ensure appropriate patient streaming to AEC
  - Care is delivered by senior decision-makers
  - Clear time standards in AEC that reflect those used in ED e.g. time to first assess
  - AEC services are run 12 hours a day, 7 days per week, matched to demand profile
  - Diagnostic capacity built for AEC that matches ED priority
  - AEC services are located close to ED, AMU and diagnostics
  - Comprehensive records are completed and treatment plans shared between primary and secondary care
  - Bed management plan to accept ~10% admission stream from AEC
  - AEC area not used for inpatient bedded capacity
  - Financial envelope agreed with commissioners to cover cost of service and manage financial risks
  - Secondary and primary care work together to meet patient needs and avoid inappropriate admission
  - Clear measures are adopted and monitored to assess impact, quality and efficiency
  - Involve all stakeholders in plans to develop, monitor and improve the service
  - Develop education, training and comms to keep all stakeholders engaged

- Percentage of patients reporting good or outstanding care
- % of AEC patients going on to require admission
- Reduction in occupied bed days for those conditions treated in AEC
- % of patients returning to ED within 48hrs for same condition
- Increase in non-effective expenditure beyond predicted growth (excluding setup period)
- Medical Outliers
- ED Performance
- % of patients with 1-2 day LOS
It is a waste of time collecting and analysing your data if you don't take action on the results. How, when and where you sit down as a team to look at your data and use it to drive changes to your system is something you need to think through.

Model for Improvement:

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That meeting needs to gear up to become the engine that drives change and measurable improvement.

Reviewing and using your measures

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Repeat steps 4-6

Are you too busy to improve...

Guys I have an idea....
Sorry we are too busy...got kpi's to hit
Some practical things to take away

- Set up a regular SDEC/AEC meeting
- Generate ideas for changes you want to make
- Agree a clear aim for each change
- Decide what measures fit that aim well
- Engage with data/analytics/IT people
- Review existing SDEC/AEC data pack
- Find out more about 7 step model for Measurement for Improvement
- Look at the AEC Network website measurement section
- Get some help and advice around SDEC/AEC data
SDEC (AEC) = (SAU) + (PAU) + (CDU) + (AMU) + (EPAC)

A good SDEC service accepts an admission rate of about 15%

• ie prediction is difficult – especially about the future!

Most pathways have a differential diagnosis related element. The ‘false +ve’ rate will vary e.g. PE vs SAH

We haven't got all the answers - and probably never will. The clinical imperative is our motivation
Thankyou

All slides will be available via the website

All feedback will be used to inform the other workshops

• Then you will get the attendance certificate

Delighted by the participants/ participation

Workforce – examples yes: stipulation no
Useful Links

The SDEC programme website is: https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/same-day-emergency-care/

The SDEC programme email address is nhsi.sdec@nhs.net

The Ambulatory Emergency Care Network website is: www.ambulatoryemergencycare.org.uk

The AEC Network email address is aec@nhselect.org.uk

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