

Delivering value-based healthcare

Victoria's HealthLinks experience: early successes, learnings and
achieving scale

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Presentation overview

1. HealthLinks – aiming to deliver greater value
2. Implementation experience from a system-manager perspective

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3. Delivering value-based reforms within a health service level : Barwon Health's experience

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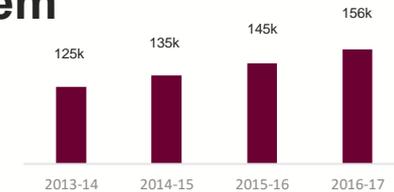
4. Next steps to scaling value-based models of care

Challenges facing Victoria's healthcare system

Pressures to Victoria's health system



Health expenditure in Victoria has risen by an average 6.6% annually over the last decade



Chronic conditions occupy an increasing proportion of Victoria's burden of disease

\$200 million is spent on avoidable hospital admissions every year

Challenges with existing funding models



Reward volume of healthcare, not the value added to patients - the system incentivises invasive and high-cost interventions



Can impede the provision of high value care - Clinicians need flexibility to coordinate and deliver the interventions that matter to patients, in the most efficient way

The logic of HealthLinks

Activities

- Identify highly complex and chronic patients on arrival at hospital
- Stream patients to the right interventions
- Support self-management
- Create incentives to reduce avoidable hospital care



Changes expected

- ↓ Unplanned admissions and ED presentations
- ↑ Increased provision of services in lower cost, home and community settings
- ↑ Patient experience and outcomes



Long-term outcomes

- Patients get the right care
- Better patient experience
- Better value care and more effective use of available resources



**VALUE BASED
HEALTHCARE**

How HealthLinks works



- An algorithm identifies patients who are at high risk of multiple unplanned admissions.
- Most of these patients have multiple chronic and complex conditions.
- Patients can remain enrolled for up to four years, unless they meet an exclusion criteria or die.
- 1/3 of patients are 'true patients – will go on to have multiple admissions.

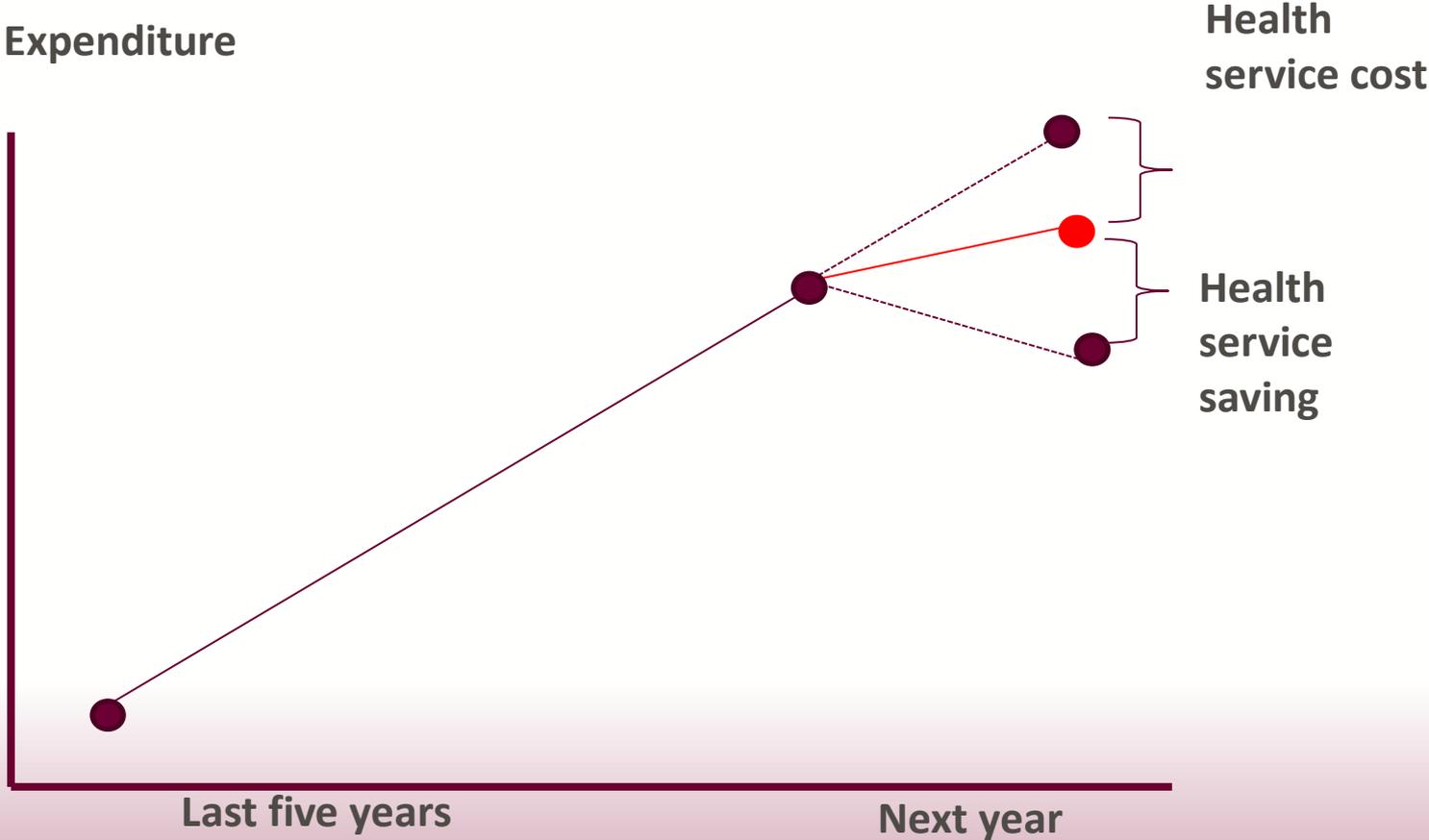


- A portion of funding is converted to a capitated grant, for every enrolled patient.
- Any savings from reductions in inpatient care can be reinvested in program enhancements.
- Encourages health services to avoid wasteful and unnecessary care and focus on delivering services that make a difference to patient outcomes.



- Health services can develop their own interventions and determine which patient cohort to focus on.

HealthLinks funding incentive



Source: adapted from Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health

The journey so far

- Currently four health services participating in HealthLinks – flexibility to design interventions and target specific patient groups
- Over 40,000 patients have been enrolled in HealthLinks across the four sites
- Average enrolment period of 2 years
- Common care elements emerging:
 - Regular telephone coaching/telehealth monitoring of patients at home
 - Follow-up support post discharge to arrange appointments, connect patients with general practitioner and other service providers.
 - Facilitated and direct access into existing hospital and community health and social services
 - ‘Other support’ - transport, heating, cleaning etc.
- Clinical Collaborative Group to share best practice approaches and resources to managing complexity– 10 health services participating
- Independent evaluations and system level evaluation underway

Early successes

Better outcomes

Reductions in presentations to emergency departments and inpatient admissions



Improved patient experience

“We have been allowed to think outside the box and implement things outside the box, rather than being confined to how we’ve always done it”



Reduced expenditure on inpatient care by 15 to 28 per cent across the cohort.

“They listen to me, understand me and give me so much support now 10/10 for everything”



Lower costs

Improved clinician experience

Challenges in implementing value-based care models - for system managers

- Designing funding models that incentivise delivering value
- Understanding what patients value and the interventions that work
- Measuring value - currently geared towards measuring throughput, not quality or value of care from the perspective of a patient
- Changing health service behaviours – accepting possible reductions in revenue over time
- Building a system of care that can deliver value across different providers
- Determining value in a shared funding environment
- Timeframes for results - changing consumer behaviour can take longer than the time allowed for evaluating impact
- Consumer perceptions and trust as changes in care are implemented
- Changing workforce configurations and building different types of skills – planning for the future workforce

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Barwon Health Victoria



The primary catchment for Barwon Health has a population of 253,000. Some tertiary services extend to the South Australian boarder extending the serviced population to 500,000. Rapid urban growth, predicted to be 28% by 2036 and an aging population pose challenges

Barwon have a full spectrum of services, emergency, acute, mental heath, primary care, community health, community nursing, aged care and rehabilitation.

There are 1033 beds and service delivery takes place across 22 sites



OUR VALUES / RESPECT / COMPASSION / COMMITMENT / ACCOUNTABILITY / INNOVATION

Capability to provide specialty services resulting in 90% self sufficiency

Geographically the only public hospital

Preventing hospital admission through services such as HITH, Community Nursing , HARP, enhanced Pall@home, GEM@home programs and *HealthLinks*.



What is Home Monitoring 2016



Provide advice or
recommendations for action

Refer patient to appropriate
health service

Seek further advice from
on-call consultant



Remote Patient Monitoring



- Main Menu**
- Monitoring Dashboard
- Messages
- Find Patients
- Tasks
- Manage Treatment Teams
- Profile Settings
- New Enrolment
- Pending Enrolments

? — All Treatment Teams — Filtered by: Need Review (20), Active Tasks (14)

Acknowledge Selected Stable Patients Acknowledge All Stable Patients Override Lock

	Severity	Patient	UR Number	Vitals	Questions	Status	Last Received	Expected	Team
	●	Downes, baby	000 089 8989	13	High (271)	Needs Review (657) Active Tasks (10)	Dec 05 2019 10:53	Dec 06 2019 08:00	Test Treatment
	●	Ray , Sting	000 066 6666	4	High (102)	Needs Review (781) Active Tasks (13)	Nov 27 2019 15:52	Nov 28 2019 07:00	Corio team
	●	Kelly, Frank	000 090 8769	5	High (54)	Needs Review (538) Active Tasks (3)	Oct 22 2019 12:13	Oct 22 2019 16:00	Test Treatment
	●	Test, Christina	123 410 0101	25	High (13)	Needs Review (214) Active Tasks (4)	Sep 05 2019 09:57	Sep 06 2019 08:00	Test Treatment
	●	Bunny, Fluffy	008 888 8888	8	High (6)	Needs Review (1051) Active Tasks (3)	Sep 12 2019 13:11	Sep 13 2019 07:00	
	●	Copd, Palliative	000 101 2132	5	Low	Needs Review (2)	Feb 26 2019 14:40	None	Corio team
	●	scotch, hop	000 011 1111	3	Low	Needs Review (1)	Feb 26 2019 14:27	None	Corio team
	●	Test, Tunstall	111 268 7812	2	Low	Needs Review (227)	Jun 17 2019 12:55	Jun 18 2019 09:00	Test Treatment



Individualised Care

- Monitoring plan that can be modified to meet the patients individual needs
- Health coaching approach fortnightly via video conferencing facilitated by scheduled and opportunistic expert nurse intervention
- Support for patients in the use of the system



Research Findings for RPM

Broader paper published in 2017

Economic Evaluation submitted for publishing 2020



Statistically Significant

- Reduction in LOS by 3.9 days
- Improvements In Health Literacy scores
- Improvements In Quality of Life scores
- Reduction in Anxiety and Depression scores

Suggested reductions in Hospital presentations and
Emergency Presentations

Economic evaluation cost neutral model

Qualitative review of the patient experience identified
improved health literacy and a sense of safety

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UCrA36LF5s>



HARP Review

Pathways developed for referrals with priority access to Community Health and Rehabilitation services

Intake model designed and tested

Barriers to care identified

Reporting and identification

Secondary screening questions at bed side



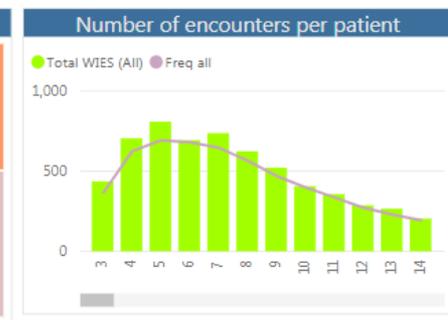
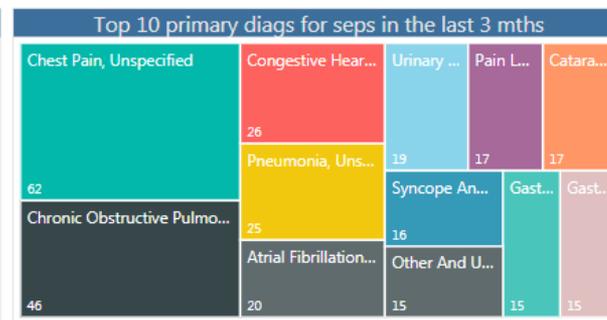
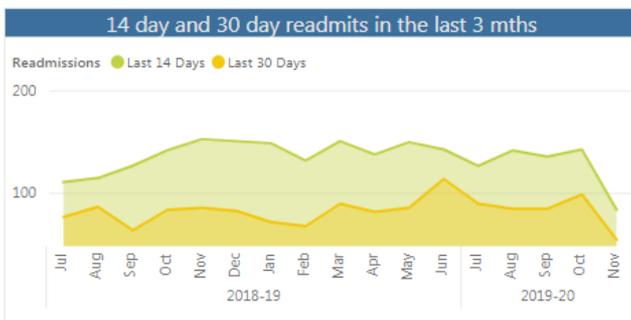
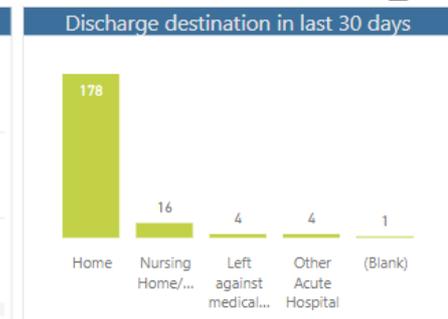
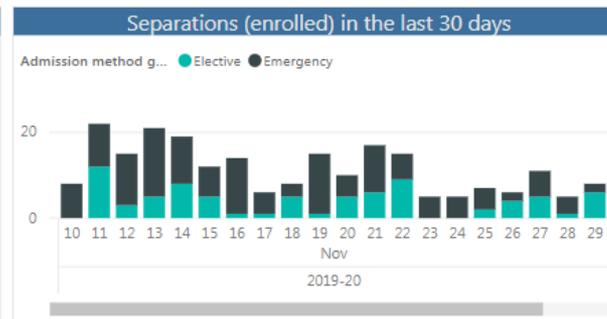
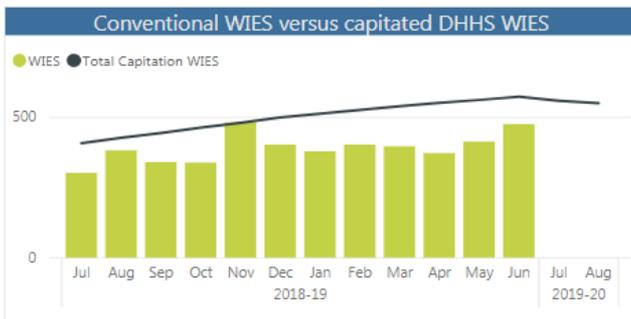
HealthLinks Identification and Reporting 2018/19

HealthLinks dashboard

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Last Refresh

Total eligible - Total ...	Avg LOS - Enrolled (e...	Open interventions	% enrd pts curr admt...	% enrd pts w invn - ...	WIES fin year to date ...	Avg WIES - A...
5,364	6.5	621	2.3%	1%	1,111.39 ✓ Goal: 0.00	1.0 Last 3 Months
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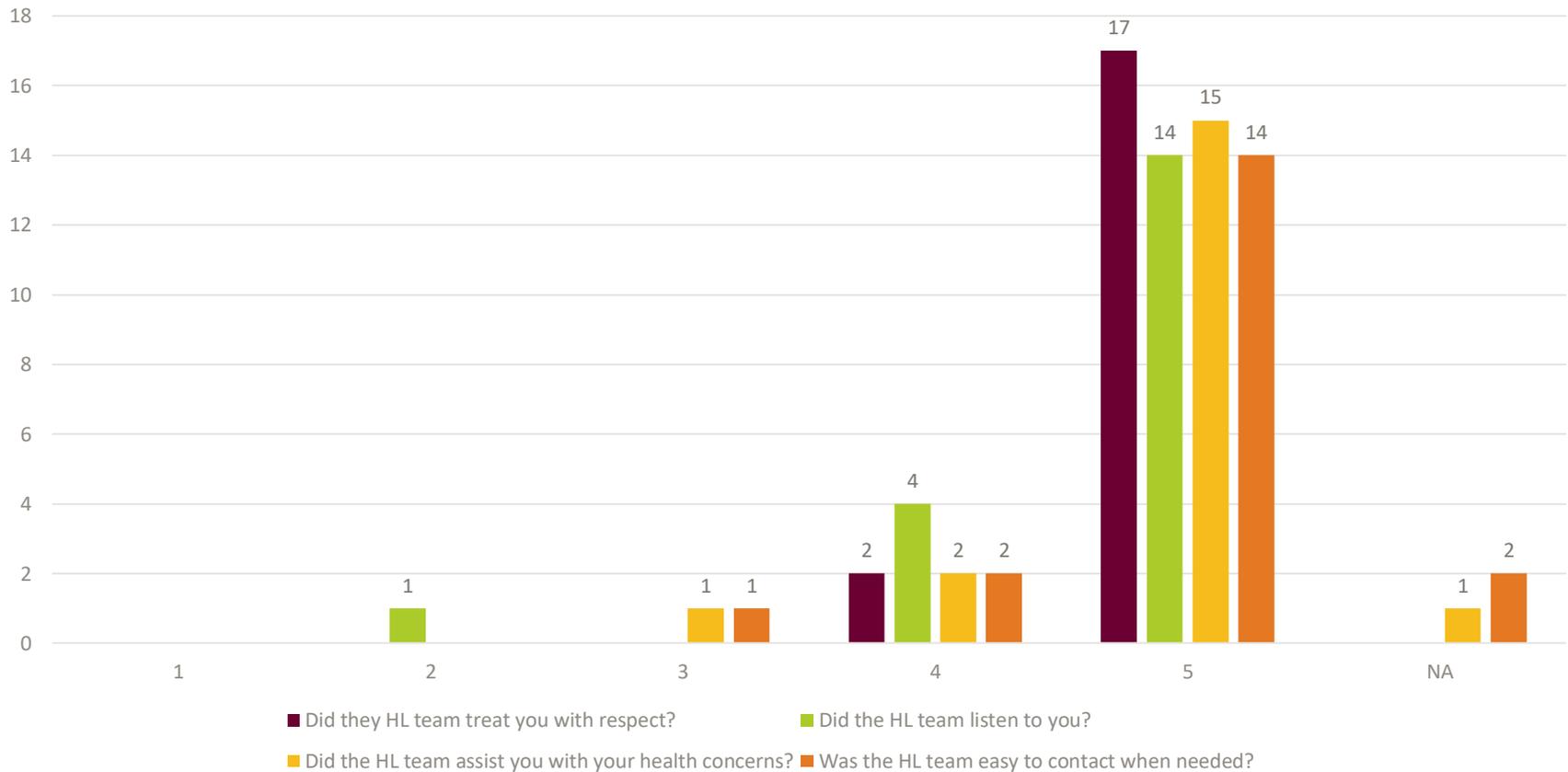


- New service commencement January 2020
 - Follow up post discharge within 48 hrs
 - Extension of current Barwon HARP model
 - CHF patient
 - Bed side intake, risk stratification
 - Monitoring RPM and step down phone support
 - Care escalation to CNC and NP, HITH and Cardiology
 - Liaise with GP

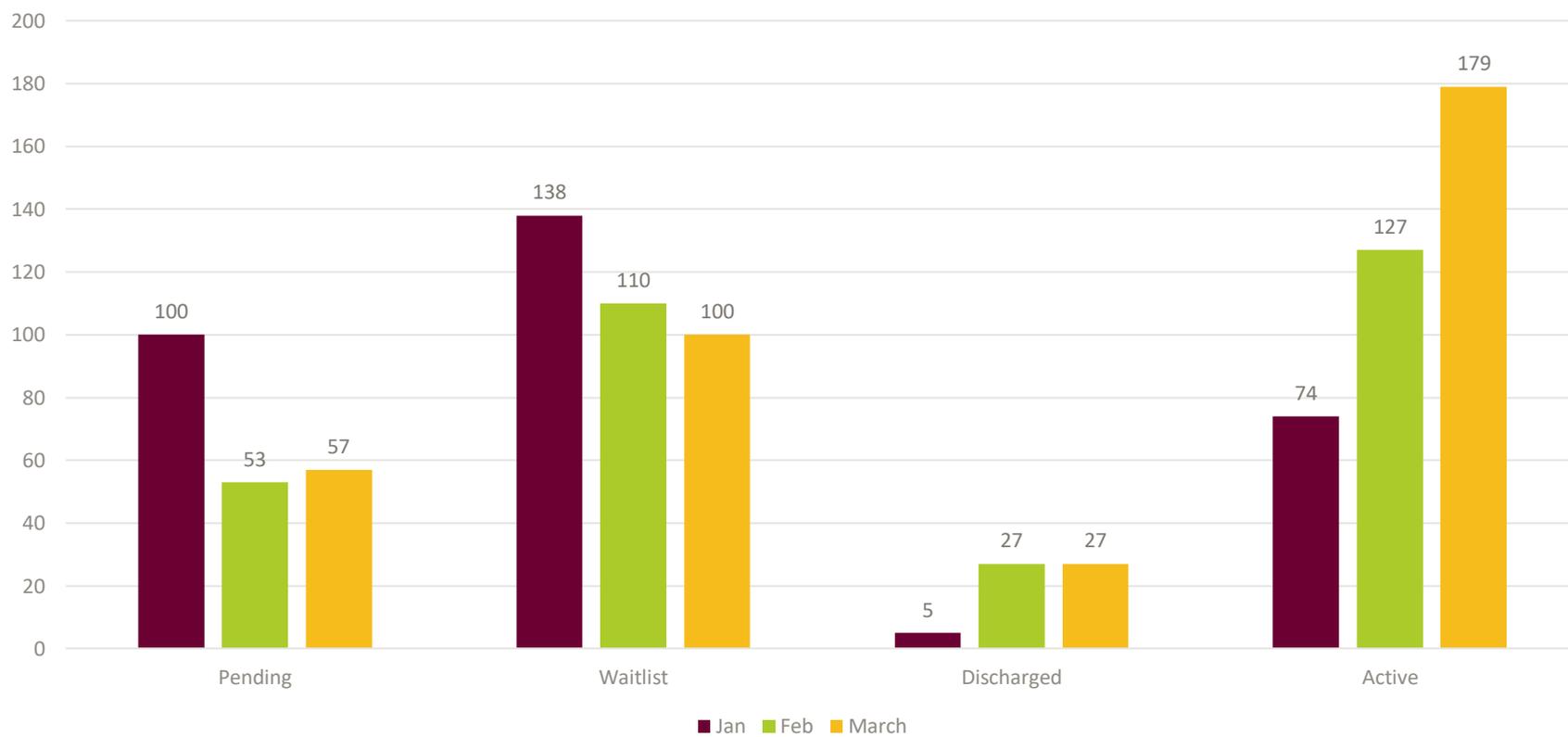


Patient Survey

On scale of 1-5 , with 5 being very good

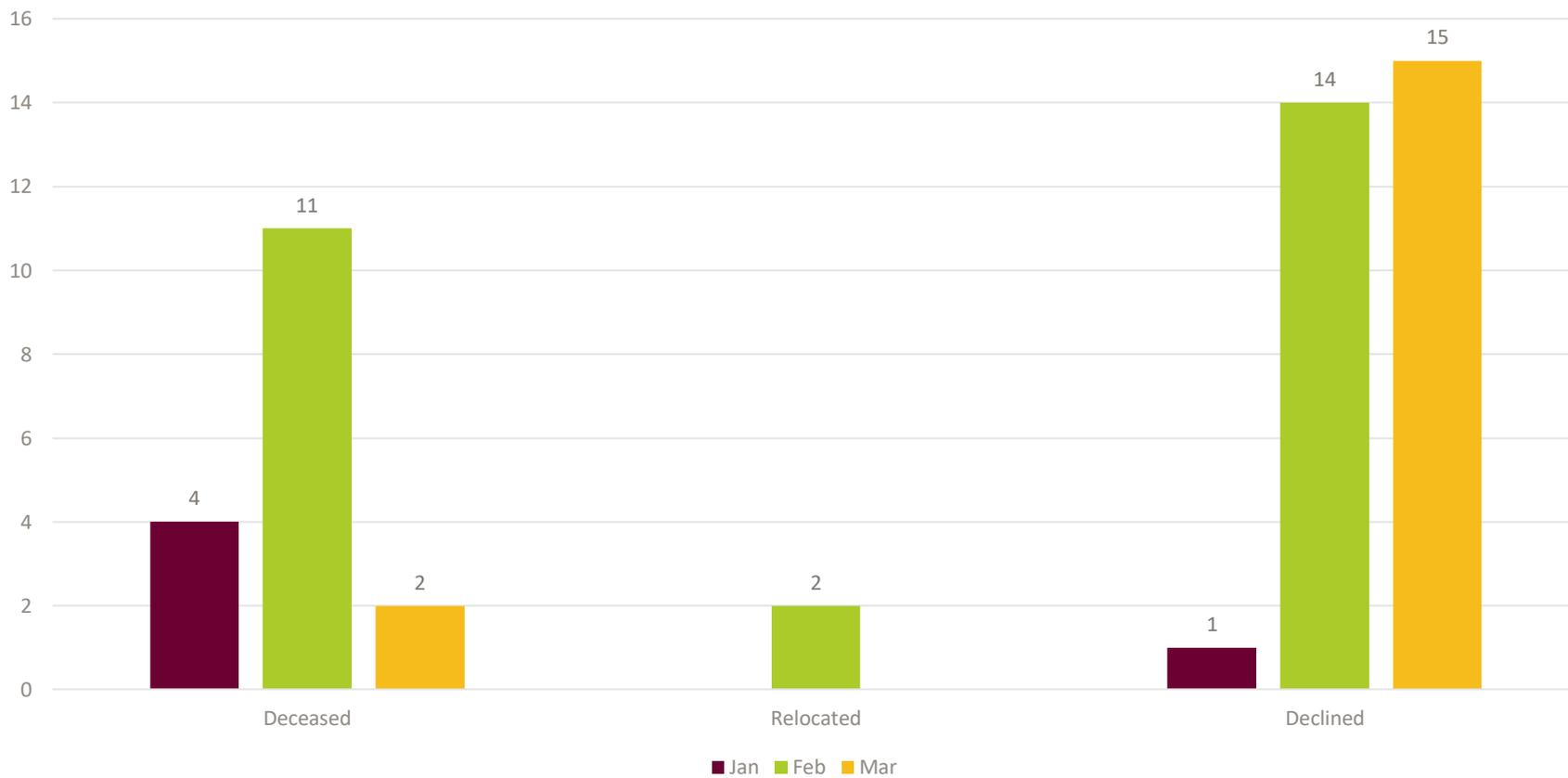


HealthLinks Enrolled Patients who are Pending, Waitlisted Discharged and Active by Month

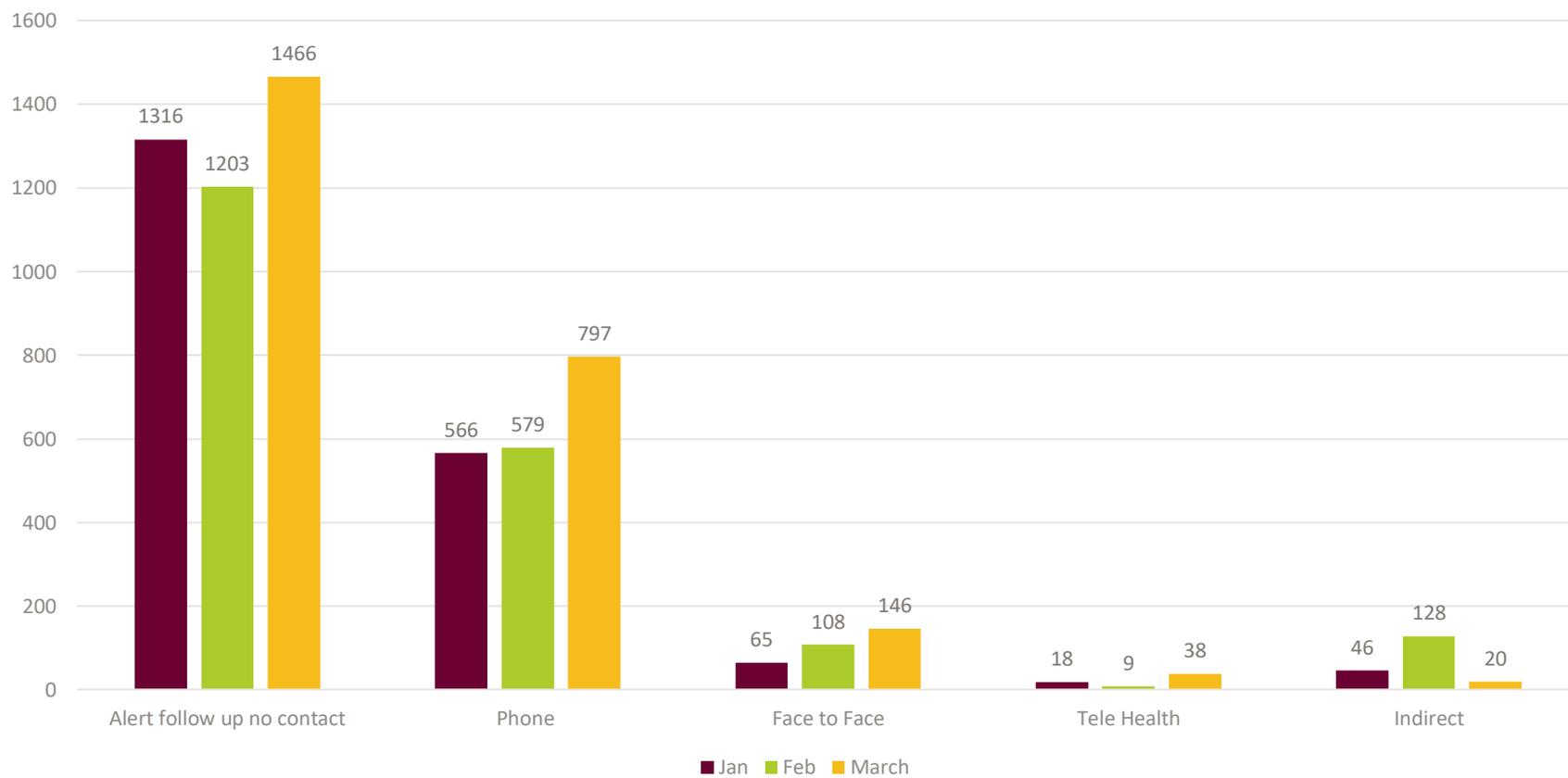


Discharge , Failure to Engage

Discharge, Failure to Engage Reason



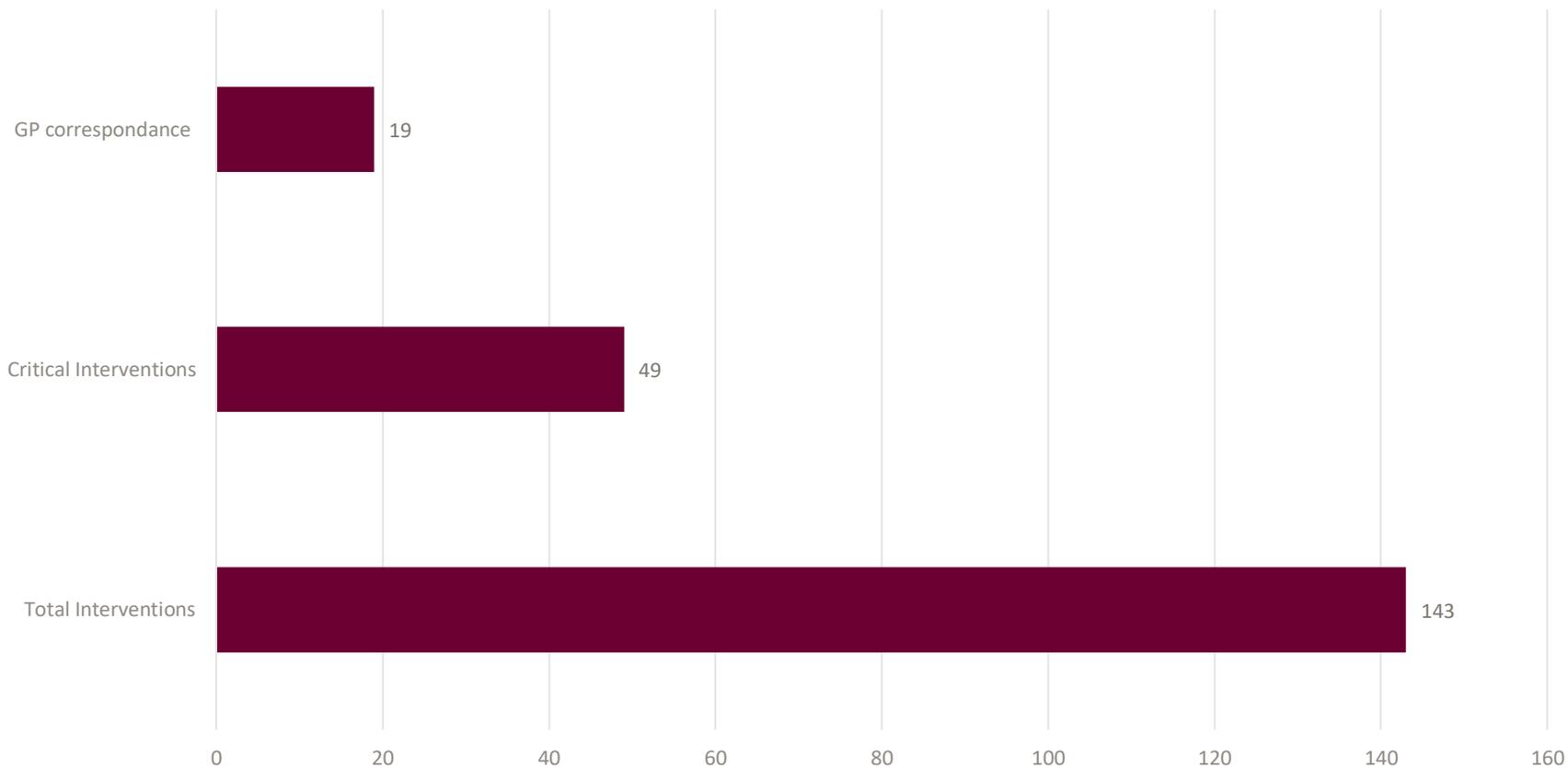
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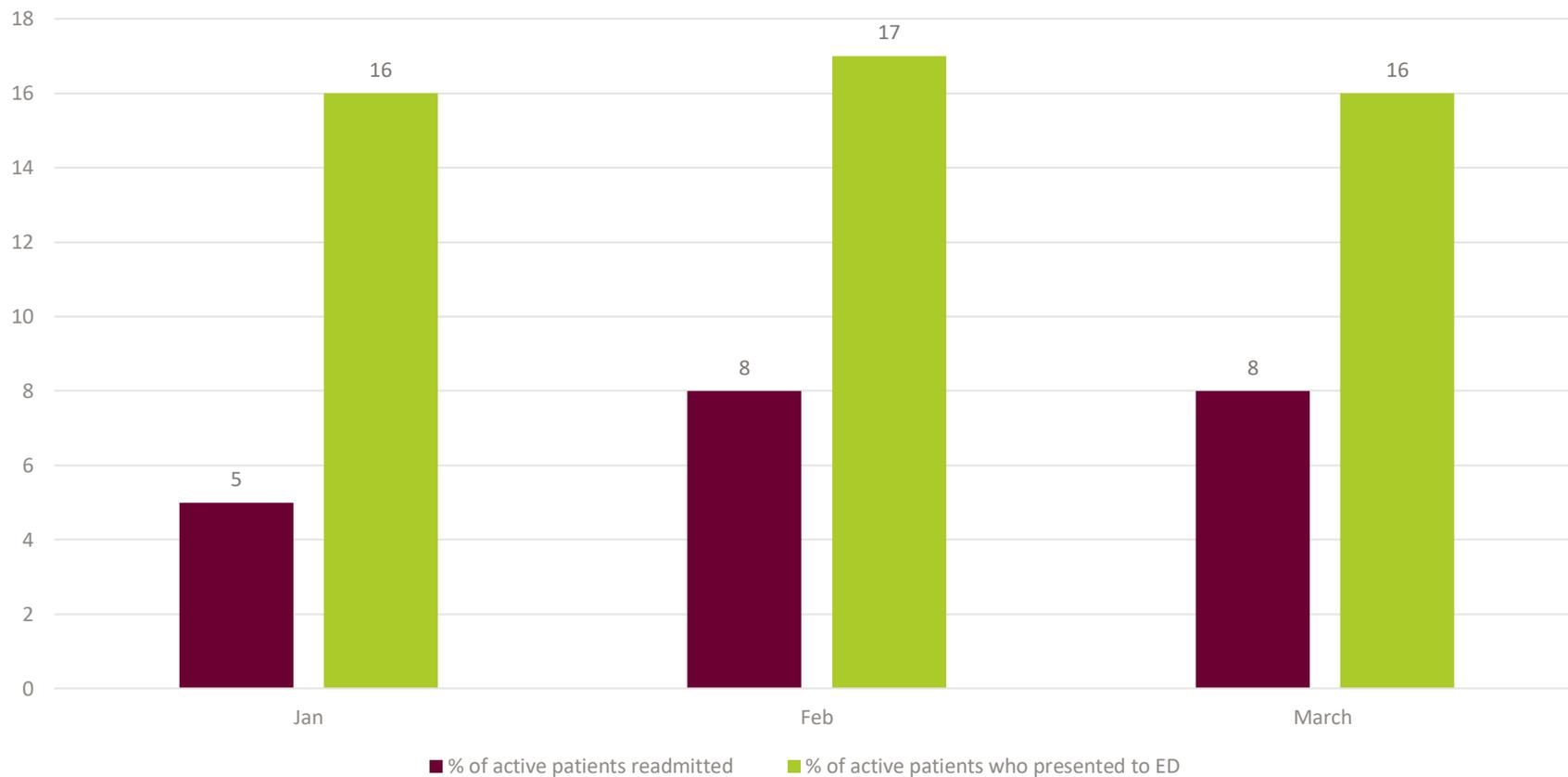
Pharmacy Interventions in 3 months



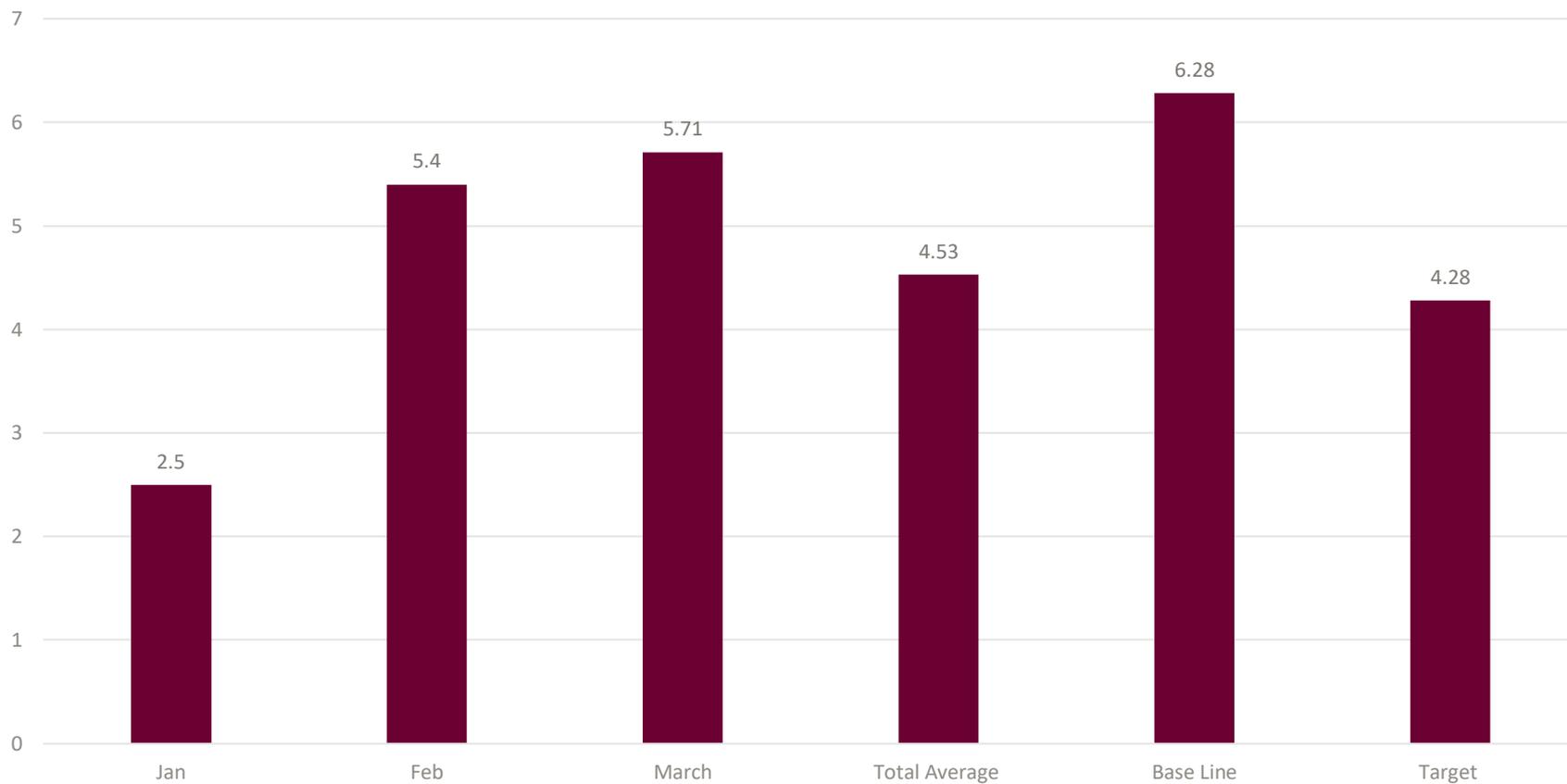
Pharmacy Activity



Percentage of Acute Patients who Presented to ED or were Admitted



Days Average LOS, Base Line LOS and Target LOS



Key learnings

- For system managers
 - Long term view required
 - Shared trust and common goals between policy makers and implementers
 - Data systems and consistent measures underpin value based care
- Implementers
 - Executive support is vital
 - Needs to be adequately resourced (e.g. funding systems, workforce, IT systems)
 - Partnerships with other providers key to holistic care

Achieving scale

Adopting value-based care models dependent on:



better data and digital systems to assist decision-making in care and clinical improvement



accountability frameworks that are based on outcomes rather than outputs, robust outcome data and digital analytics



Developing optimal models of care that we know are effective and involving consumers in the design of these models.



information sharing and collaboration across the system s



leadership at the system level and at the local level



Questions

Thank you

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