



Reducing Pressure Ulcers in the Extended Primary Care Service

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Background

- Pressure ulcers can cause serious harm and severe pain to patients
- Particular challenge for community services compared to inpatient services
- Between Feb 2014 and Jan 2015 there were 174 grade 2-4 pressure ulcers acquired in the Trust's care. This equates to a minimum cost of **£1.4 million** to the NHS.

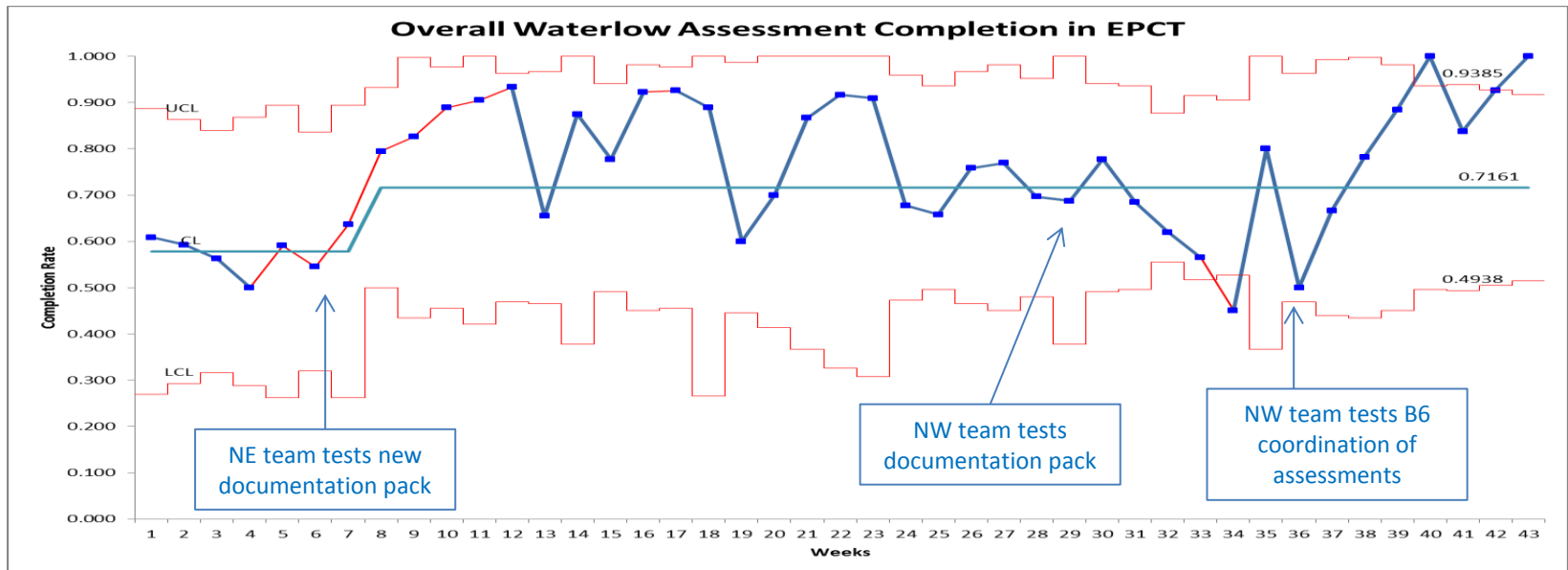
AIM:

To reduce grade 3-4 pressure ulcers acquired and attributable in the EPCS by 25% by December 2015

To reduce grade 2 pressure ulcer acquired and attributable in the EPCS by 25% by December 2015

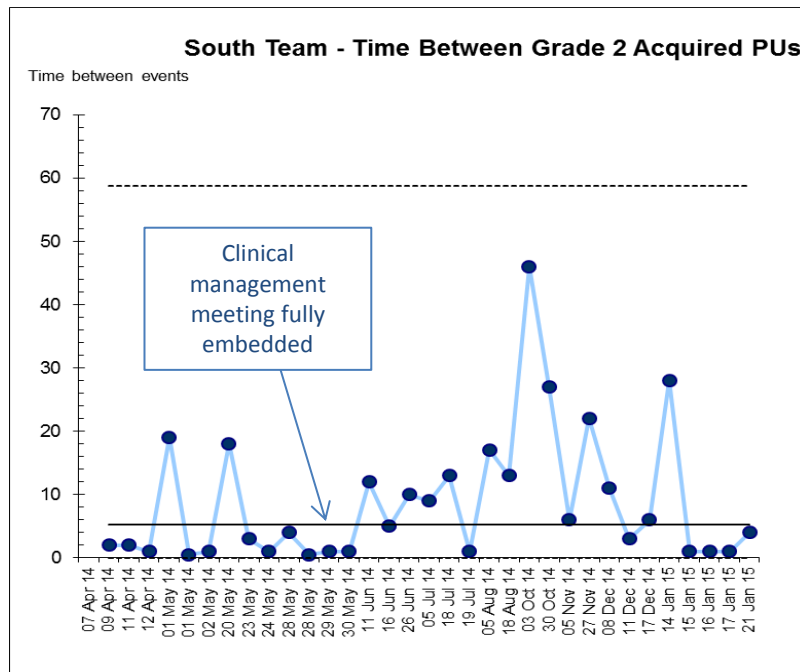
Waterlow Assessment

- Currently testing change ideas in two teams (NE and NW) to improve reliability of this process
- Mean reliability has increased from **57%** to **72%** for the entire EPCT
- Further improvements expected as new ideas spread to entire service



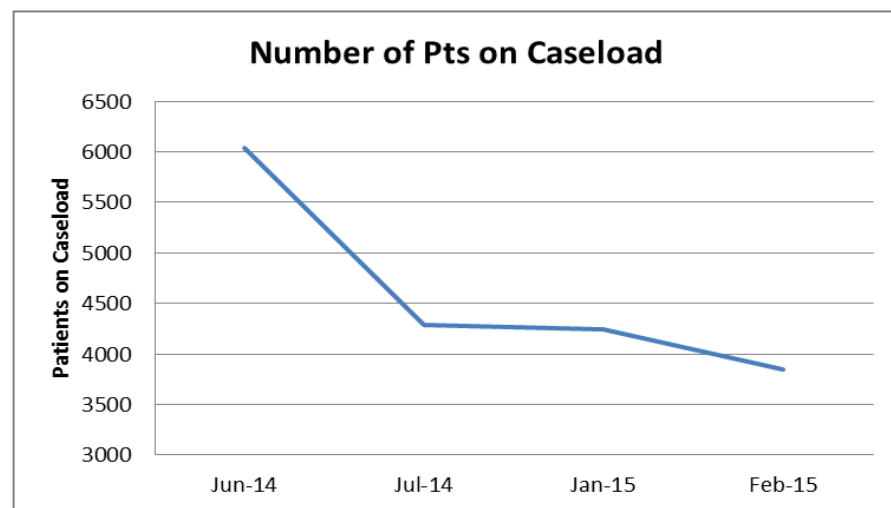
Clinical Management of Pressure Ulcers

- Testing RAG rating clinical management meeting as a way of improving management of those with pressure ulcers.
- Some signals that this may be having a beneficial effect.
- Currently testing this in other teams in the EPCS

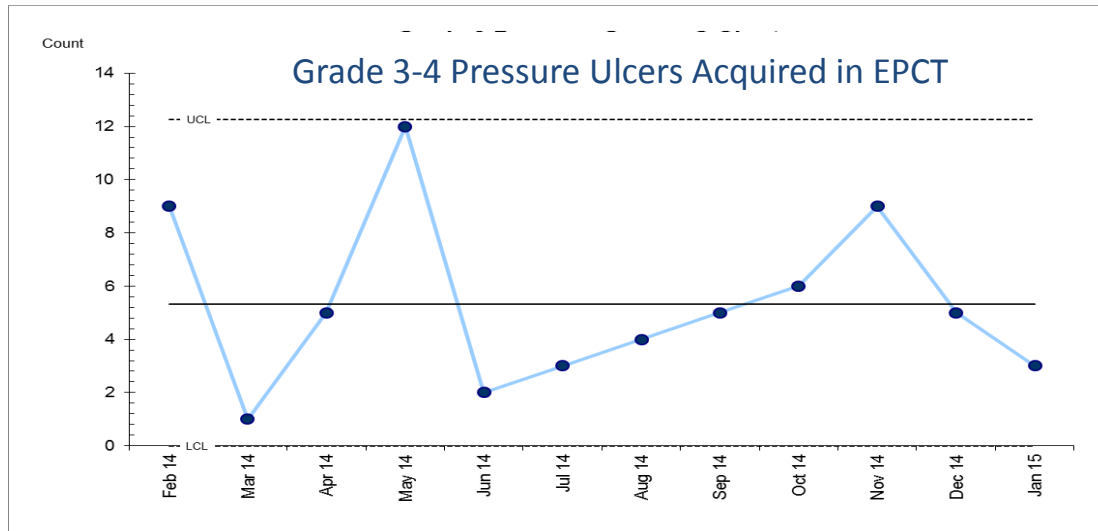


Caseload Management

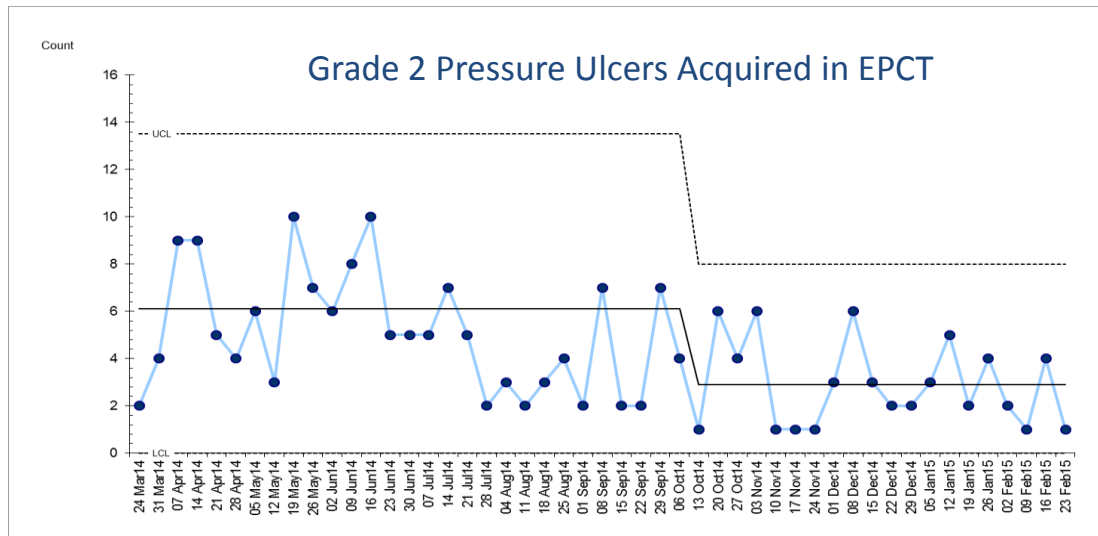
- Remains one of the largest underlying problems that may be impacting on pressure ulcers
- Wide body of work to cleanse caseload underway. Caseload has dropped from **6,037** open cases in June 2014 to **2,605** in January 2015
- Change ideas and tests now been developed to ensure caseload is better controlled



Our Progress



- No overall change in the mean number of grade 3-4 acquired pressure ulcers



- **50% reduction** in the mean number of grade 2 acquired pressure ulcers