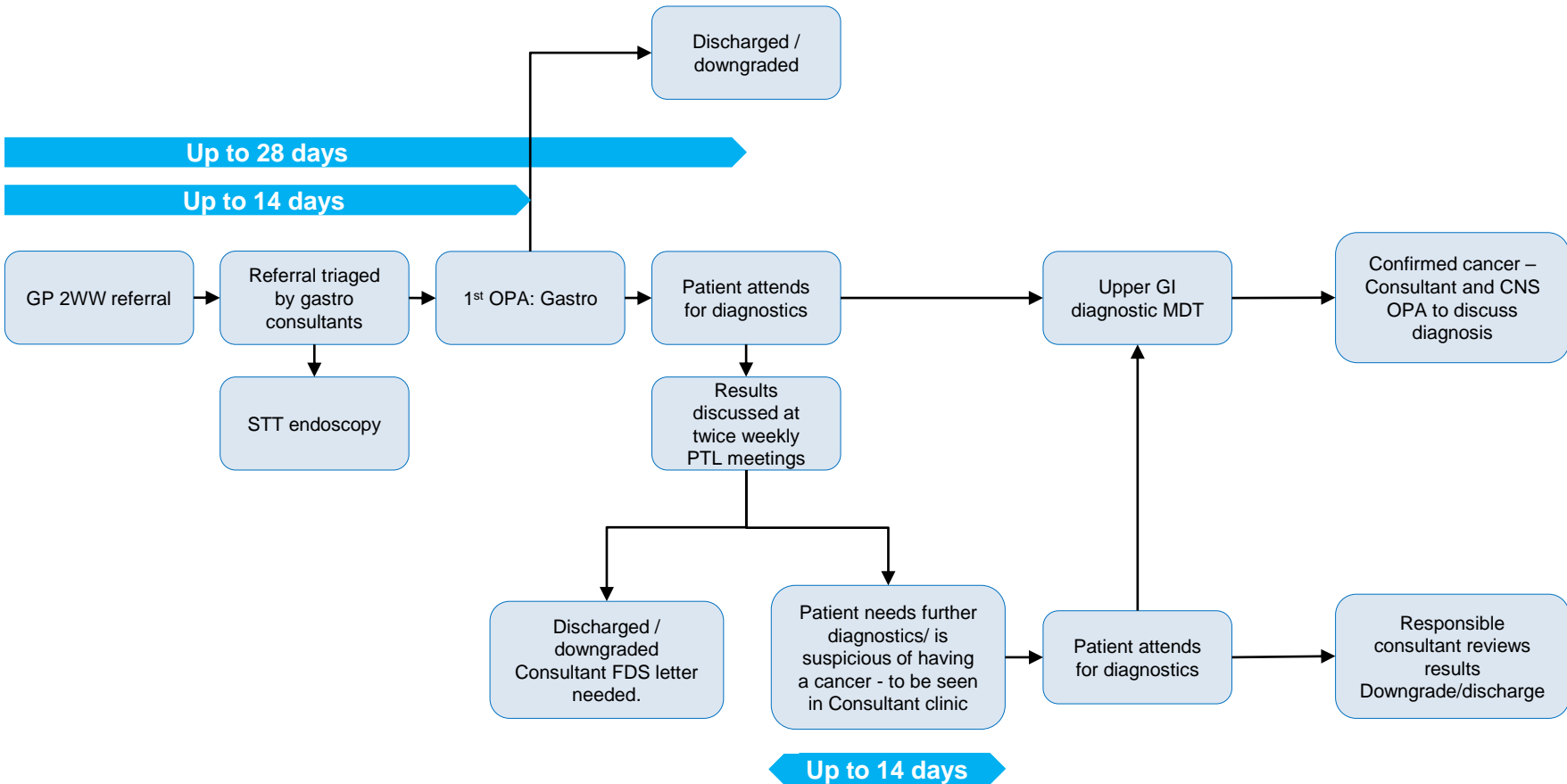


Barnet & Chase Farm Upper GI Straight to Test (STT) 2WW Pathway

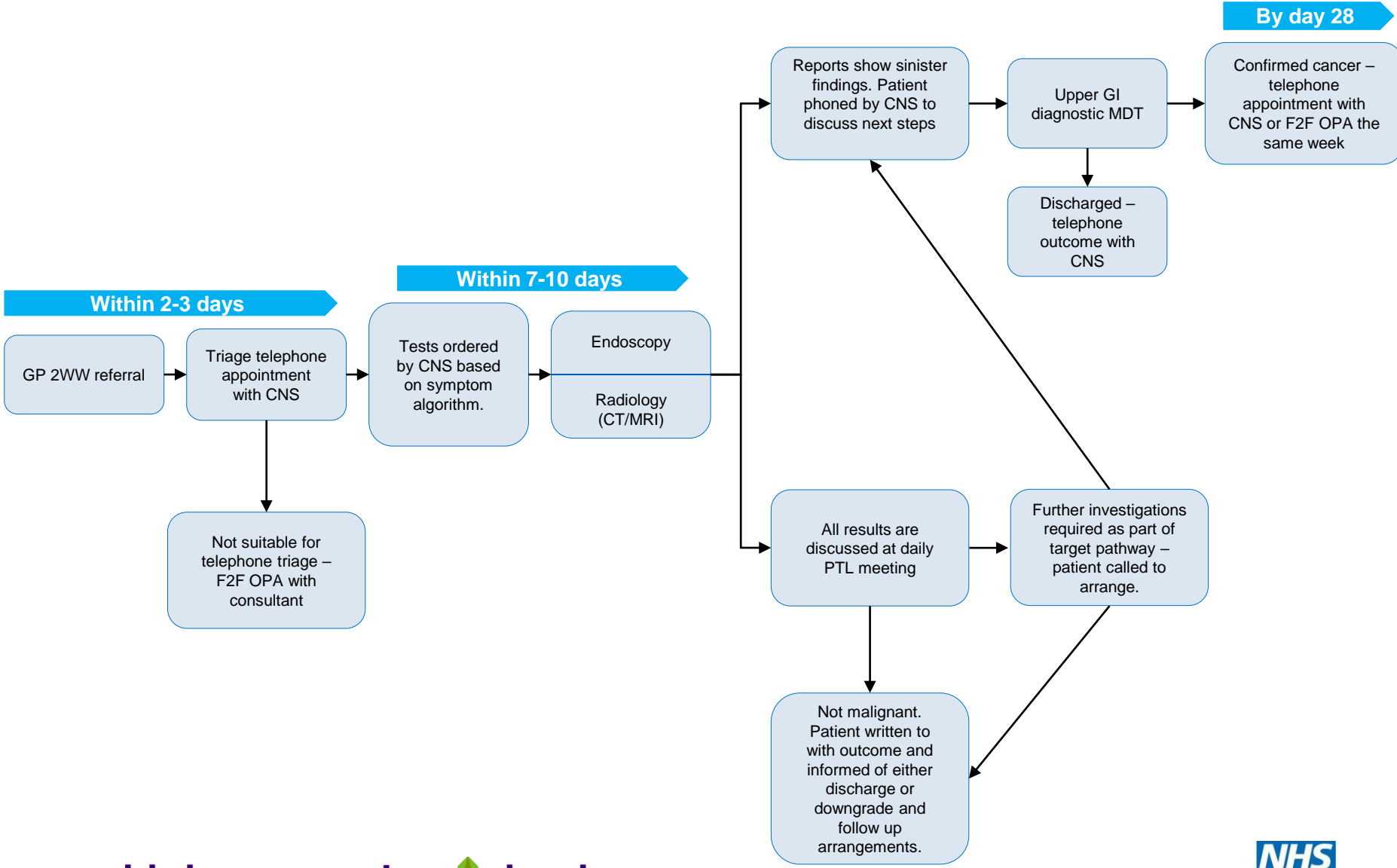
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Cancer referrals pathway pre January 2021



Current Cancer STT Pathway:



By day 28

Within 2-3 days

Within 7-10 days

By day 28

Who is involved:

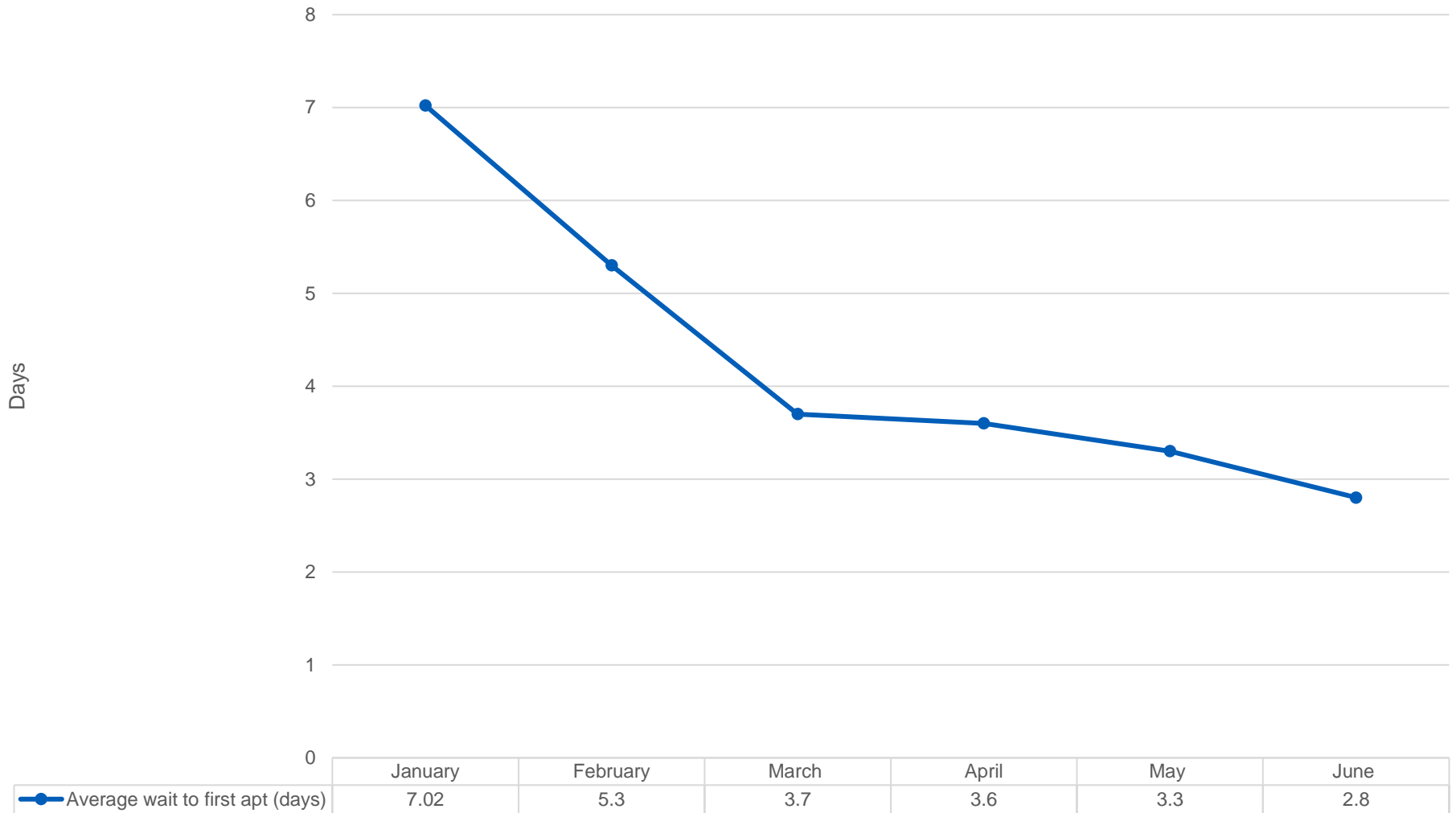
Position	WTE
Cancer Pathway Navigator	2
Cancer Pathway Manager	1
Service Manager	1
UGI STT CNS (band 7)	2.6
Lead UGI CNS	1
Consultants	9

UGI 2WW Cancer Pathway: Key Points

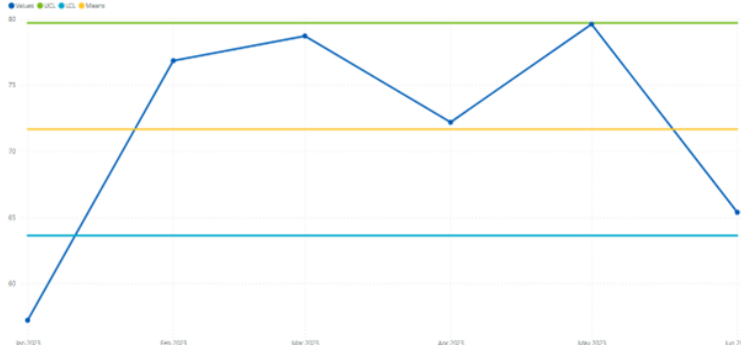
- HPB (liver, gallbladder and pancreas) and OG referrals
- Nurse led STT pathway established in Jan – 21 (2.6 STT CNS')
- Triage telephone appointment (target within 3 days of referral)
- Digital pathway
- Daily service led PTL meetings to clinically review all diagnostics completed (consultant, CNS, navigator)
- Weekly diagnosed PTL meeting & cancer reports
- Weekly diagnostic MDT
- Allocated time daily for FDS letters and ordering of further diagnostics
- Ad-hoc results clinic – breaking bad news

Mean days to first appointment 2023

Average wait to first apt (days)



28 Day FDS Performance

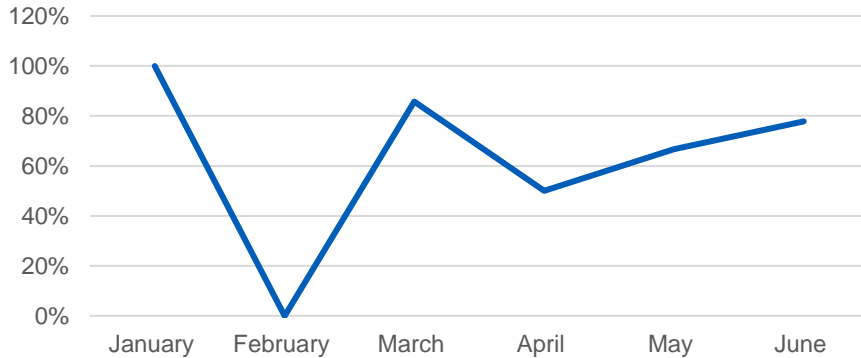


2022-23 Q4				2023/24 Q1			
Jan	Feb	Mar	Quarter	April	May	June	Quarter
57.2%	76.8%	78.7%	71.5%	72.2%	79.6%	65.4%	72.0%

Month	Breached Pathways	Compliant Pathways	Main driver to breached pathways
January	80	110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early maternity leave Patient delay of diagnostics
February	50	160	Compliant
March	53	181	Compliant
April	62	153	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strikes Endoscopy capacity
May	37	123	Compliant
June	75	126	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient delay of diagnostics Validation of breaches identified 10% of the 75 are compliant pathways Endoscopy capacity

62 Day Performance

62 day performance data



Month	Performance	Pathway allocations
January	100%	1 compliant
February	0%	0 treatments
March	85.71%	1 breach, 6 compliant
April	50%	2 breaches, 2 compliant
May	66.66%	1 breach, 2 compliant
June	77.77%	3 breaches, 6 compliant

Drivers Q4 and Q1

Delay:

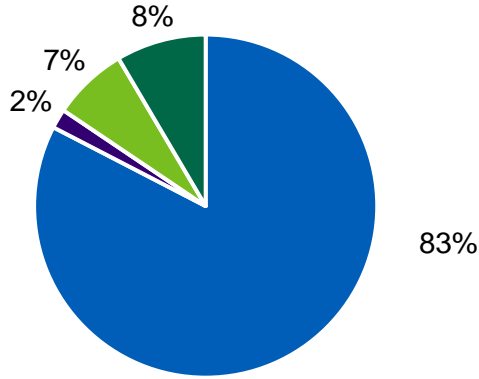
- PET CT capacity in May (2x patients waited > 1 month)
- Complex pathways involving multiple MDT discussions and diagnostics on various sites.
- Patient choice to delay chemo start dates
- PICC line insertion and chemo capacity (have to be within 1 week of each other)
- Complex endoscopy capacity at UCLH

Compliance:

- locally organised stents at CFH endoscopy and for HPB cancers at RFH

Referrals and Outcomes:

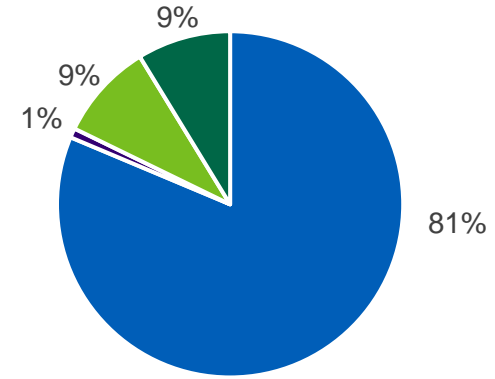
UGI 2WW 2021-2022



- Continue with STT
- Downgraded
- Face to Face Appt
- Refer back to GP

2021-2022	Total
Continue with STT	1889
Downgraded	42
Face to Face	162
Refer back to GP	194
Total	2287

UGI 2WW 2022-2023



- Continue with STT
- Downgraded
- Face to Face Appt
- Refer back to GP

2022-2023	Total
Continue with STT	1760
Downgraded	19
Face to Face	196
Refer back to GP	189
Total	2164

Outcomes & Benefits

Outcomes:

- >70% patients were found to have benign conditions and discharged back to the GPs.
- 20% patients were found to have benign conditions that needed further management

Benefits:

- Capacity for 1,190 target Consultant OPA slots per year however with the nurse led pathway only used 162 (2021-22) and 196 (2022-23). Capacity utilised for urgent patients improving routine waiting times and Consultant capacity to implement a clinical assessment service (CAS).
- Improved communication with patients
- Reduced endoscopy DNAs
- Improved patient experience – anecdotal
- Collaborative working between whole MDT
- Increased job satisfaction
- Improvement on national targets
- Implementation of nurse led IPMN surveillance clinic

Summary to Date

- The digitised best practice pathway went live at Barnet Hospital on 4 January 2021 to provide a nurse-led, straight to test pathway for patients with suspected upper GI cancer, with all patients being reviewed within 7 days
- Since go-live the team has refined the pathway and made further improvements to the digital system
- >95% of all referred patients have been on the new pathway
- 62 day and 28 day FDS targets have continuously improved

Next Steps

- Use available data to continuously improve the STT pathway
- Rationalising referrals
- Patient feedback
- Digitising the treatment end of the pathway
- Introducing TNE to CFH
- Focus on the treatment stages of the pathway, with a view to developing a standardised, best practice pathway to digitise in late 2021

Thank you

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