



**Addressing the elective recovery/waiting well and fuel poverty challenges for vulnerable groups**

**YHAHSN – Population Health Management roundtable**

## Copeland Clinical Ai (C2-AI) principles:

- Primary objective to reduce avoidable harm & variation and improve outcomes for patients
- Identify best practice, problem areas, root cause and above all, propose actionable solutions
- Deliver quality-based savings
- Made by clinicians for clinicians: not a policing system, guarantees clinical engagement in improvement efforts

This presentation is based on pilot trials and deployments now ongoing across multiple trusts and regions.

Figures are internal NHS findings except C2-Ai company information or as indicated.



## Introducing Artificial Intelligence Technology to Risk Stratify Elective Waiting Lists across Cheshire & Merseyside

*Update on project progress and next steps*

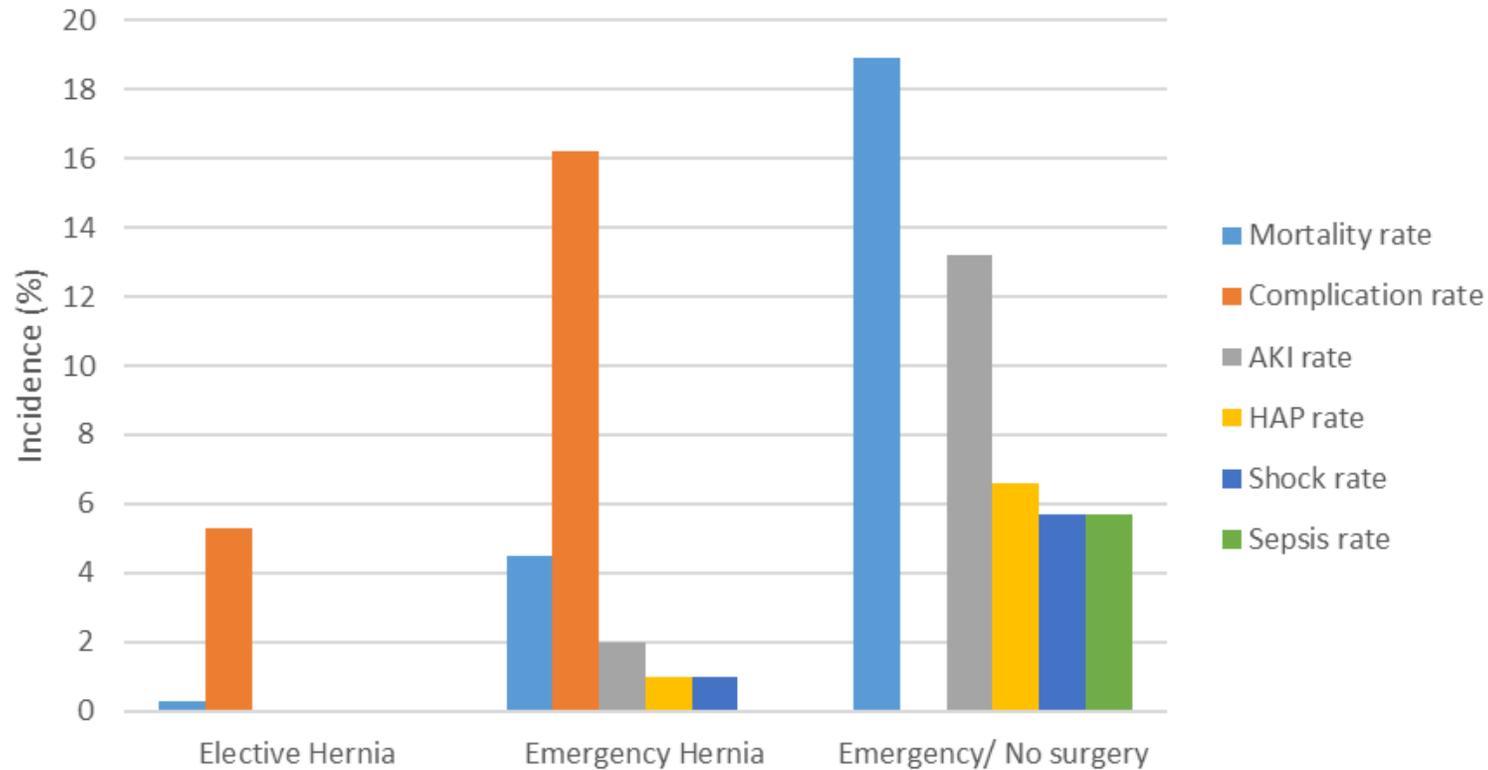
*Prof Rowan Pritchard Jones*

*Helping put the right patient, in the right environment, with the right team, at the right time.*

NHS England and NHS Improvement



Patients waiting longer are more frail, have worsening comorbidities and pathophysiology (example - observed differences for hernia repair)



Example – Here is one group of patients you could treat electively if you triage effectively. If you don't do this, 16% will remain in hospital with complications, blocking beds, increasing mortality and delaying clearing the backlog.

# Data requirements from the Trust and system outputs

## Patient co-morbidity/diagnosis data

- Some trusts collate co-morbidity data routinely based on previous admission coding
- In the absence of this, the co-morbidity data for waiting list patients can be extracted from a minimum of one year download of all coded data (HES data)
- If a patient has no preceding admission, an assumption will be made that there are no significant co-morbidities

## Procedure data

- All patients are given an intended procedure code
- This can usually be completed by the coding department within 8 hours usually the closest likely codes



## System outputs

- Patient identifier (hospital number)
- Patient identifier (NHS number)
- Date of birth
- Date first listed
- Current length of time on the waiting list
- Intended procedure
- Intended procedure code
- Surgeon supplied priority
- Procedure specific priority "P" code
- Overall risk of death
- Overall risk of complication
- List of specific complications with a risk over 2.5% highlighted
- Change in mortality risk if surgery delayed (magnitude of change)
- Change in overall complication risk if surgery delayed (magnitude of change)
- Change in complication profile if surgery delayed (magnitude of change)

# Automated risk-based prioritisation with zero integration

Largest patient dataset –  
+300M from 46 countries

**Military grade encryption** and information  
governance within HSCN network  
NHSx DTAC & DCB0129 compliant



### Hospital coded data

- No integration
- 1 day IT time
- Flat CSV file template

**+25 years research**  
**+300 publications** -  
optimising POSSUM-  
based risk adjustment  
algorithms

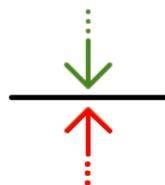
### PTL risk based prioritisation and scheduling



Procedure	Weeks on waiting list	Trust Priority Code	ICD-10 Code	Mortality Risk (%)	Overall Complication Risk(%)	Dominant Complication (%)	Change to Mortality Risk if Delayed (%)	Change to Complication Risk if Delayed (%)	Ranked Priority (out of 5,429)
Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy (Patient C)	65	P4	P3/A	9.3	50.7	Chest Infection 24	+20.9	+22.9	9
Dilatation Of Uterus	51	P4	P4	0.4	6.1	Haemorrhage 2.5	+0.1	+0.9	3,104
Hysteroscopy No Curettage	25	P3	P3/A	0.4	5.8	Haemorrhage 5.3	+0	+0.9	+3,221
Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy (Patient B)	18	P4	P3/B	0.1	6.9	Chest Infection 3.1	+0.9	+7.4	+2,211
Laser Lithotripsy	22	P2	P2/3	29.5	78.2	Chest Infection 32	+11.5	+6.3	17
Uterine Intra Uterine Mesh	55	P3	P4	8.5	33.6	Chest Infection 21	+11.1	+13.9	+139
Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy (Patient A)	2	P2	P3/A	0.3	6.5	Chest Infection 4.1	+0.6	+7.4	3,122
Laparoscopic Nephrectomy	53	P4	P2	0.9	10.7	Chest Infection 4.1	+0.7	+4.7	+529
Mastectomy	3	P2	P2	1.1	10.4	Wound Dehiscence 2.7	+0	+0	1,529



Previously unattainable  
insights on risk of  
deterioration and  
opportunities for  
prehabilitation



**SDoH** - Prospective  
analytics of equality of  
care and clinical outcomes



**OBSERVATORY** - System wide horizon  
scanning to identify and eliminate  
patterns & trends in avoidable harm  
and variation



**BENCHMARKING** - Hospital  
level performance analytics

# The weighted scoring system combines information to calculate a matrix priority score for each patient

Built in pivot table functionality and CSV download of full Patient Tracking List (example below)



Trust Inputs

Subset viewed within pivot table

Priority Points Score (0-100)

Patient	Gender	DoB	Procedure	List Date	Wait (weeks)	Priority	Code 1/2	Mortal Risk Change (%)	Complication Risk Change (%)	Speciality	Points
1000002	M	1939-05-27	M093 Laser Lithotripsy	2020-10-21	20	P3	2 / 3	0.9	7.1	101	56
1000003	F	1945-10-18	C794 Intravitreal Injection La	2021-02-05	4	P2	3 / 4	0.0	0.0	130	37
1000005	F	1953-02-16	J183 Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy	2020-10-26	19	P3	3 / 4	2.8	15.7	106	50
1000006	F	1943-02-01	W373 Hip-Arthroplasty,Revision,Total,Cemented	2020-07-21	33	P2	3 / N	0.0	0.0	110	56
1000008	F	1941-06-24	T209 Inguinal Hernia Repair	2020-02-20	54	P4	4 / N	0.7	5.3	100	38
1000009	F	1960-07-19	W379 Hip replacement	2021-02-15	3	P2	3 / N	0.0	0.0	110	42
1000010	F	1938-09-02	W371 Hip - Arthroplasty, Primary,Cemented	2020-12-14	12	P4	4 / N	0.0	0.0	110	8
1000011	F	1957-12-02	T744 Finger Injection	2021-02-15	3	P4	4 / N	0.0	0.0	110	4
1000012	M	1949-01-31	M434 Botox Injection Into The Bladder	2020-10-12	21	P2	2 / 3	0.0	0.0	101	56
1000014	M	1959-11-05	W401 Knee - Nexgen Total Knee Replacement	2020-02-25	54	P4	4 / N	0.0	0.0	110	23
1000015	M	1939-05-14	W401 Knee - Nexgen Total Knee Replacement	2020-07-15	34	P3	4 / N	0.0	0.0	110	32
1000016	F	1943-09-29	E148 Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery	2020-10-27	19	P4	4 / N	0.0	0.0	120	13
1000017	F	1959-01-20	F443 Parotidectomy	2020-06-17	38	P2	3 / N	0.0	0.0	120	56
1000018	F	1940-01-30	T872 Excision Neck Node	2021-02-06	4	P2	2 / 3	0.0	0.0	120	47
1000019	M	1949-10-26	C751 Cataract Extraction - Right	2020-12-10	12	P3	3 / 4	0.0	0.0	130	26
1000020	F	1947-07-08	C751 Cataract Extraction - Right	2020-03-20	50	P4	3 / 4	0.0	0.0	130	22
1000024	M	1972-08-29	T723 Hand - Finger Trigger, Release	2020-09-09	26	P3	4 / N	0.0	0.0	110	27
1000025	F	1944-12-16	C751 Cataract Extraction - Right	2020-02-11	56	P4	3 / 4	0.0	0.0	130	27
1000026	M	1938-09-28	W371 Hip - Arthroplasty, Primary,Cemented	2019-10-29	71	P3	4 / N	0.0	0.0	110	37

C2-Ai OUTPUTS

**FULL OUTPUT LIST**

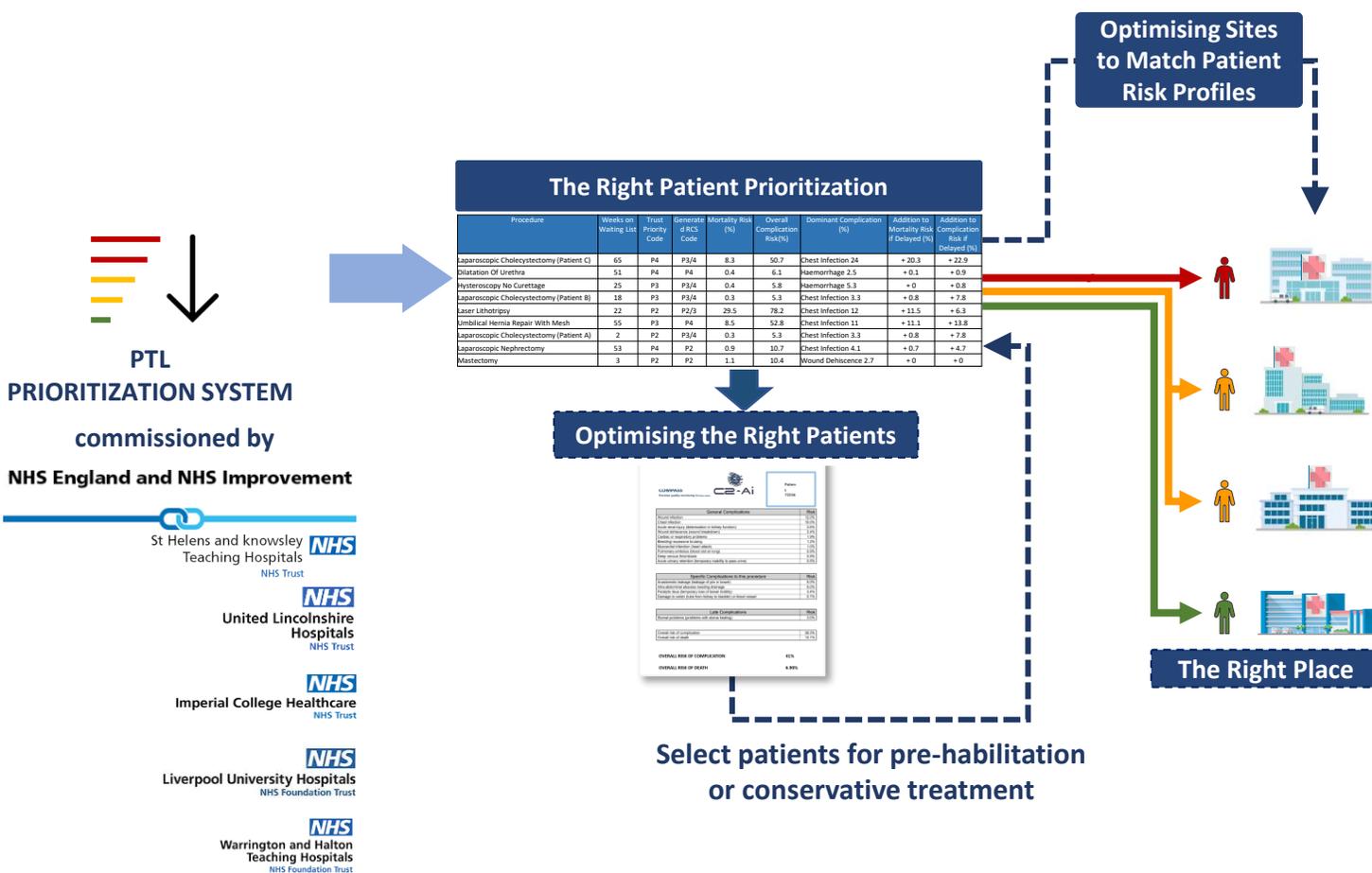
- Priority score from the weighted matrix
- RCS procedure priority (code 1/2)
- Overall risk of death
- Overall risk of complication
- List of complications with a risk over X%
- Incremental change in mortality risk if surgery delayed
- Incremental change in overall complication risk if surgery delayed
- Change in complication profile if surgery delayed
- Complete PTL (as CSV file)

# Risk-assessment and prioritization of the missed case list for elective procedures

“The right patient in the right place at the right time”



## Risk-adjustment for mortality, complications, deterioration at patient level



## IMPROVEMENT SAVINGS

**+5 mins saved** of clinician time per patient per prioritization

**8% reduction** in A&E admissions

**125 bed-days saved** per 1000 patients on PTL

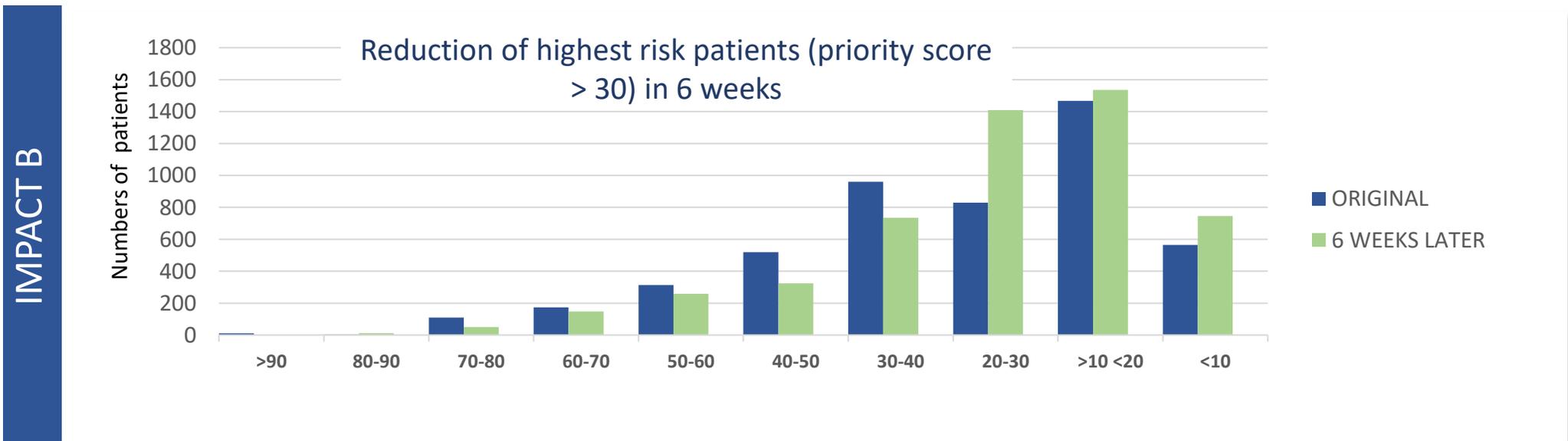
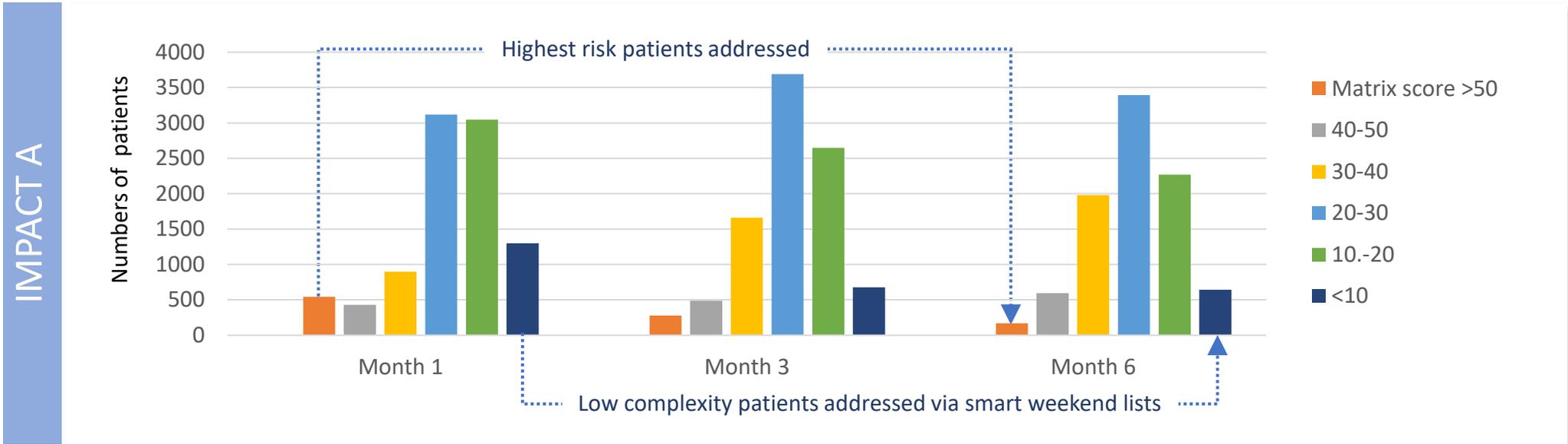
## SYSTEM IS TRUSTED

**15%** of cases have a priority mismatch (system priority vs C2-Ai system)

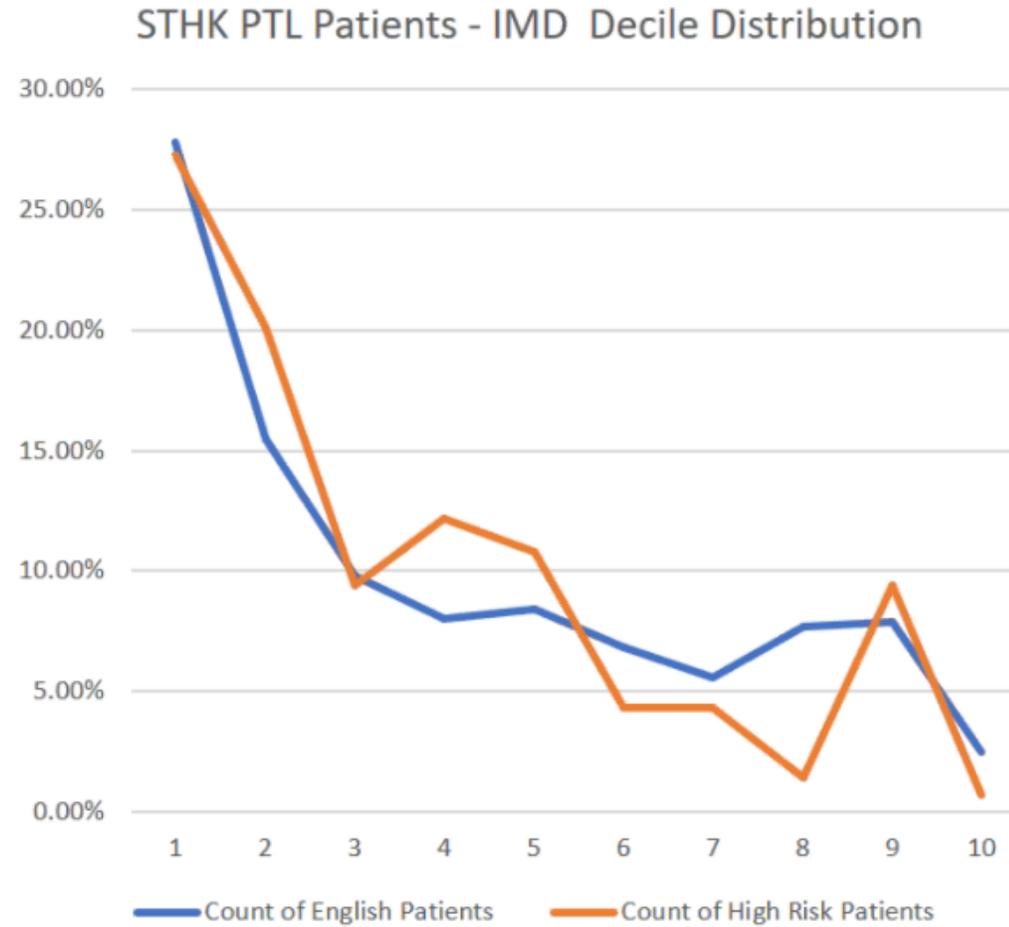
- **95%** Clinician concurred with C2-Ai reprioritisation
- **5%** unchanged due to qualitative factors captured in score matrix

**27%** reduction in >52 weeks waits and highest priority scoring patients

# The prioritisation approach using the C2-Ai matrix priority score is trusted and having an impact in multiple hospitals

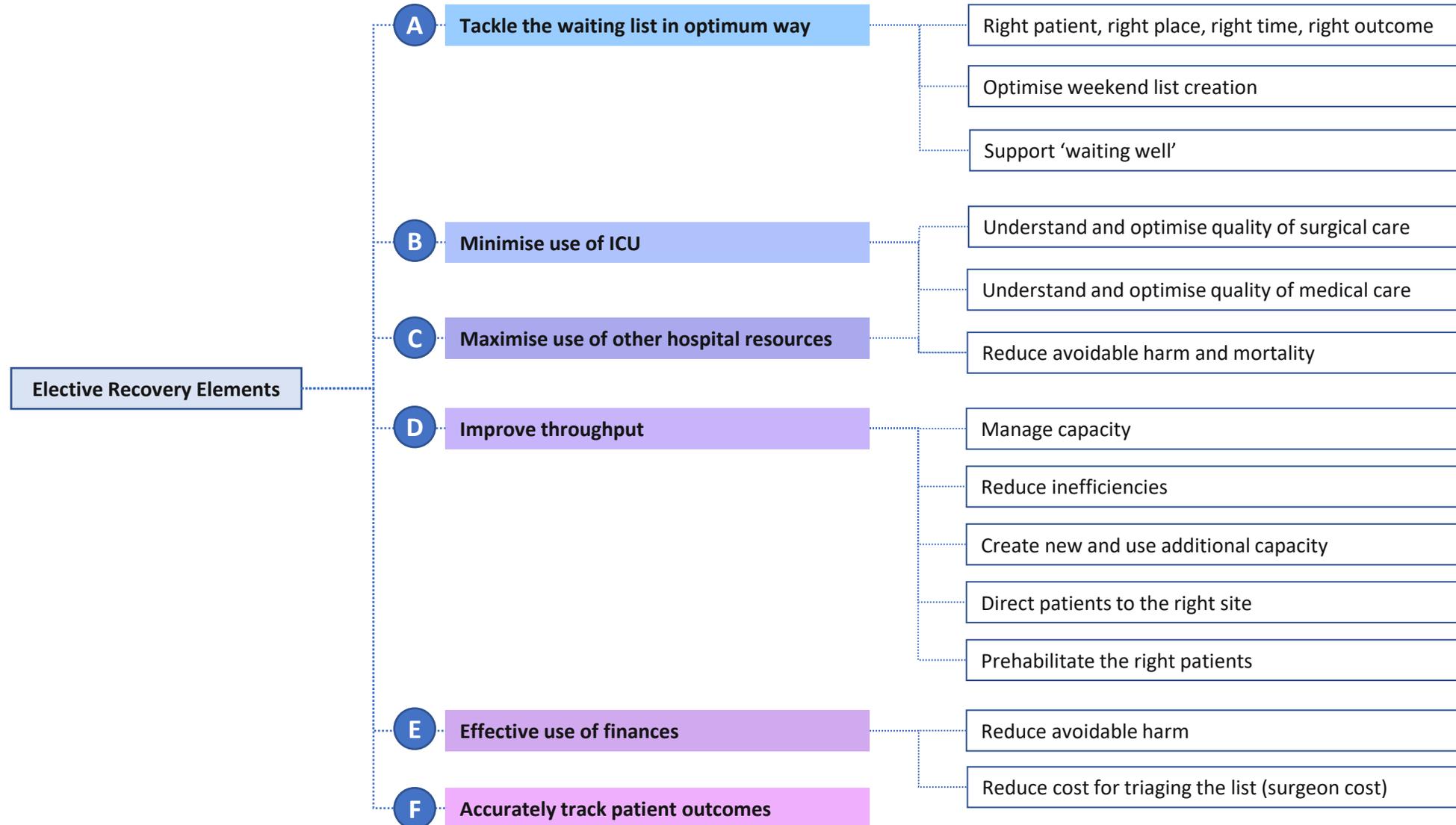


# SDoH elements are included in the risk stratification based on clinical need

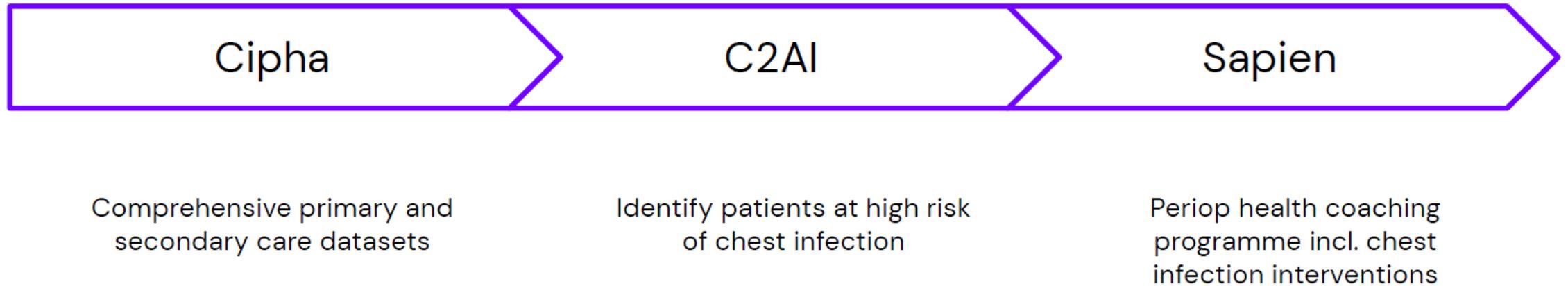


## 1. Comparison of co-morbidity coding between different areas

# Providing improvements and insights to drive elective recovery



# PHASE 1: Simplified pathway to accelerate roll-out



# C2-Ai uses smart triage to identify at risk patients



- Initial focus on post operative chest infection risk >10%

	Total Compass Patients	Total patients any specific risk >10%	Chest infection	Wound infection	Wound dehiscence	Hemorrhage
<b>St Helens</b>	5225	142	138	3	3	1
<b>Royal Liverpool</b>	10,529	399	370	33	3	-
<b>Warrington</b>	416	48	41	7	-	-
<b>Total</b>	16,170	589	549	43	6	1

# Having identified the higher risk chest infection patients we propose the following additional features



Incentive spirometer, video lessons on use & breathing exercise plan



Links to local services eg. The Cure Project for smoking cessation



Emphasis on physical activity, pain management, hydration and oral hygiene



Empowering patients to identify early signs of infection and signpost appropriately

## How do we measure success of this project...

### **Primary Outcome Metric**

Postoperative Pulmonary Complications (PPC)

### **Secondary Outcome Metrics**

Patient Activation Measure (baseline & post program)

Cancellations

30-day Readmissions Rates

Average Length of Stay

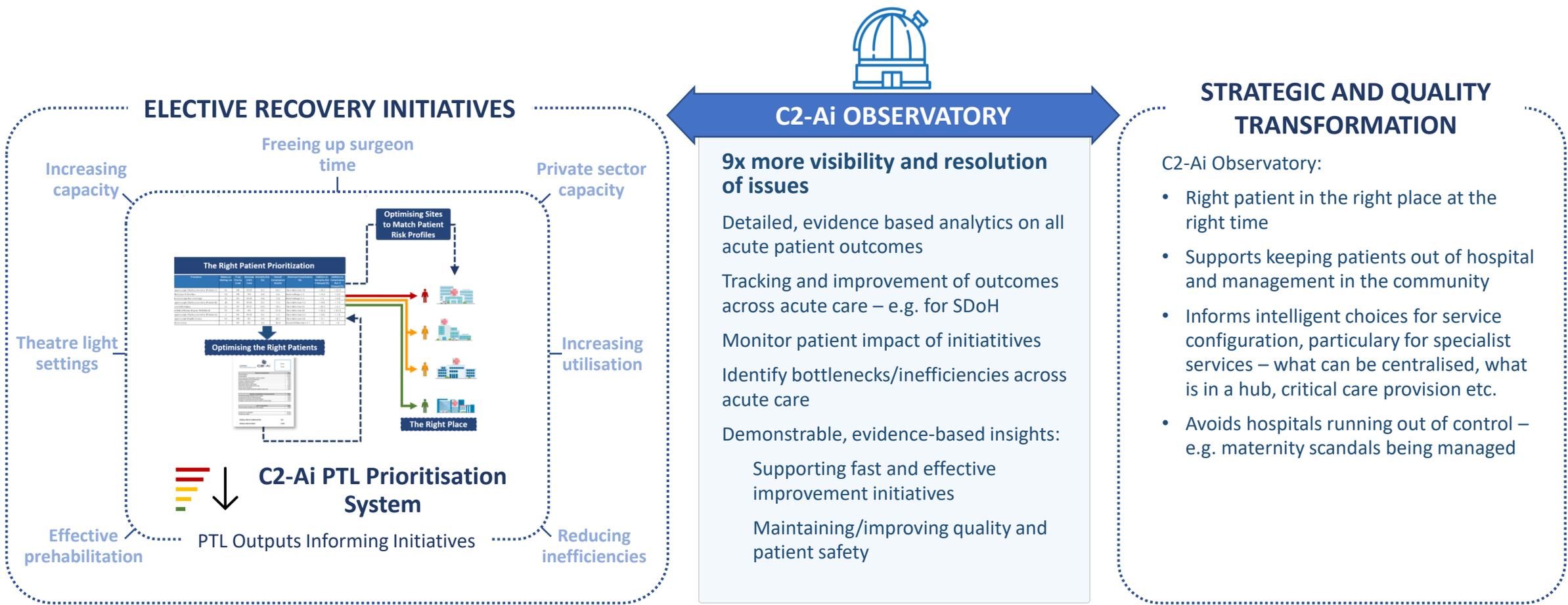
Self-rated behaviours (baseline & post program)



# Ensuring patient outcomes during elective recovery and inform transformation



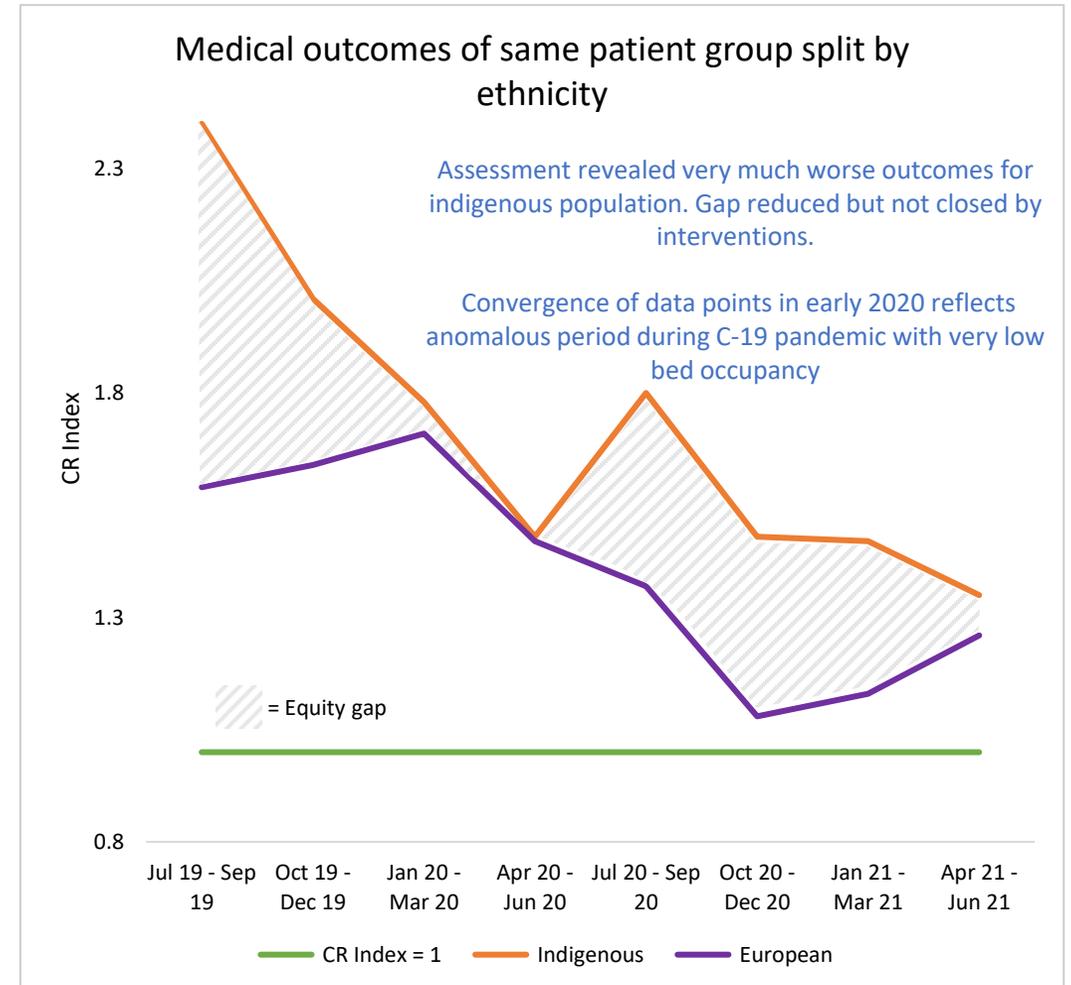
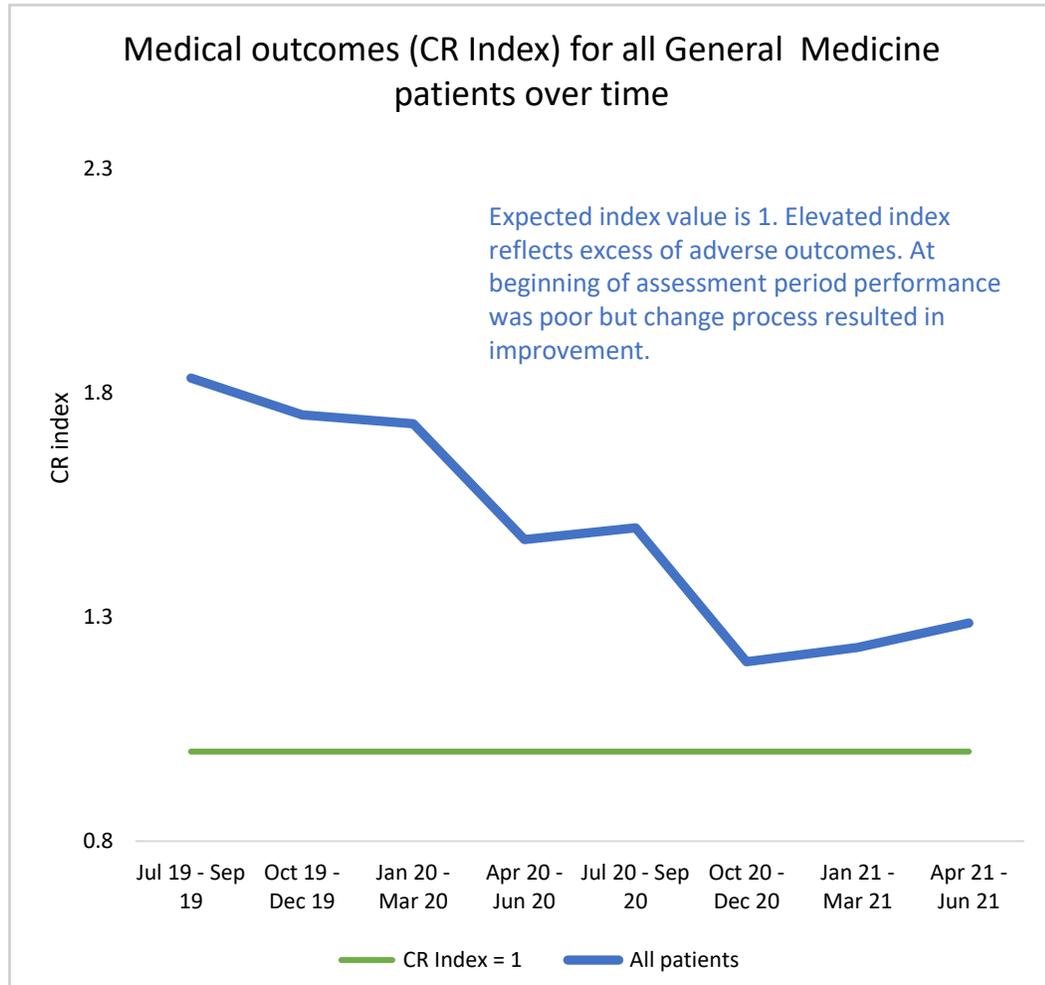
SOLUTION – Risk-adjusted tracking of patient outcomes



# C2-Ai in action – ‘Real World’ examples



Identifying poor outcomes and quantifying the equity gap in a hospital’s general medicine service



## C2-Ai in action – ‘Real World’ examples

Service wide assessment revealed significant gaps in equity of outcomes in some areas but not all  
 Priorities for attention easily identified

Diagnosis group	Indigenous population (Observed/expected adverse events)	Others (Observed/expected adverse events)	Equity Gap % greater adverse outcomes for indigenous population
General Medicine - Overall	1.48	1.26	17%
Diabetes	1.17	1.13	4%
COPD	1.32	1.16	14%
Myocardial Infarction	1.08	0.71	52%
Stroke	1.0	0.95	5%
Dialysis	1.03	0.97	6%

In the same hospital case mix adjusted outcomes in General Surgery were equitable but analysis showed Indigenous patients

- Were presenting later in their disease course reflecting poor access to hospital services
- Were suffering from a different mix of conditions, reflecting poor general health with more comorbidities

Detailed analysis leads to valuable insights for healthcare providers in the Community

# Problem Statement



**Millions of UK households live in colder homes** due to high inflation last 30 years



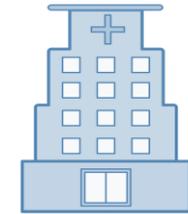
Fuel Poverty **Tripled** in a year



Not being able to warm their homes can exacerbate **Circulatory and Respiratory** systems



Anxiety and depression are **more prevalent in cold homes**



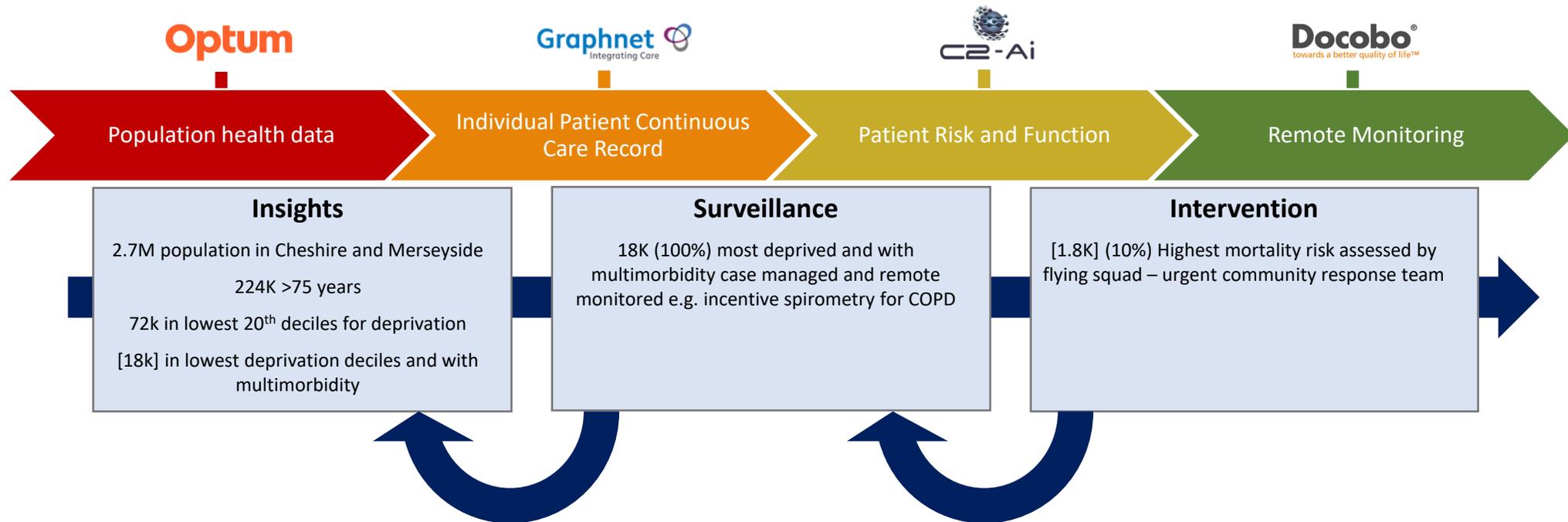
People living in fuel deprived areas are at **greater risk of admission to hospital**

**Fuel poverty** is defined as “the problem of someone on a “lower income [living] in a home which cannot be kept warm at reasonable cost” (Kwarteng, 2021)

# Anticipatory Action Plan for Vulnerable People living with Chronic Conditions To Address Impacts of Fuel Poverty and Winter Pressures

Insights from existing datasets to anticipate changing demand and prevention of hospital admissions:

- Inability to improve mortality rates and reduce demand on NHS from unplanned A&E attendances/ admissions as there is an inability to capture dynamic patient risk and root cause analysis
- Fuel poverty increase will most likely lead to increased demand and higher deaths this winter
- Utilise smart triage to **expand access and expedite NICE approved approaches** to 5 clinical areas of need starting with respiratory and cardiovascular

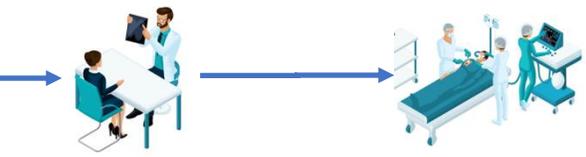


# PROSPECTIVE RISK ASSESSMENT AND PREVENTION

**PROBLEM** – Acute Trusts are at breaking point trying to manage TODAY's workload



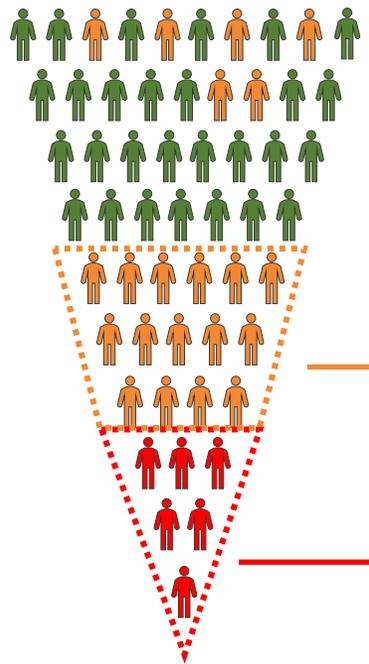
Increasing numbers of patients living with chronic illness are likely to decompensate at home due to **winter illness** and impacts of **fuel poverty**



Delays in outpatient appointments and lack of acute/ ICU beds due to winter pressures and staffing issues are exacerbating the situation

Increased numbers of **preventable deaths and bed blockages** due to uncontrolled acute bed and ICU admissions along with delays in discharges home are likely to more than treble this winter

**SOLUTION** – Anticipation of TOMORROW's demand in order to proactively prevent and minimise burden on NHS

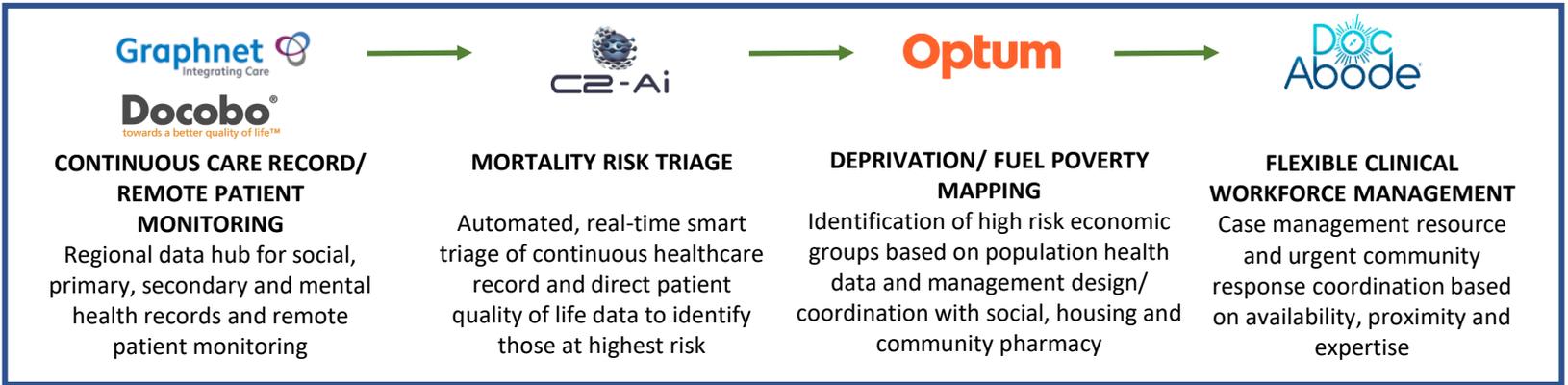


**AT RISK OF DETERIORATING INDIVIDUALS**

- **Increasing mortality risk trend identified**
- **Remote case management** coordinated by regional hub
- **Urgent community response Team** as required (incl. community pharmacy, social and housing agencies)
- **Medications review** and optimisation plan
- **Remote patient monitoring/ surveillance within acceptable threshold**

**HIGH MORTALITY RISK INDIVIDUALS**

- **Highest mortality risk individuals identified with lung and cardiovascular disease**
- **Score Matrix trigger/ red flag thresholds breached**
- **Urgent Community Response Team/ 'Flying Squad'** deployed (incl. community pharmacy, social and housing agencies)
- **Rescue medications review**
- **Remote patient monitoring/ surveillance beyond acceptable thresholds**
- **Planned ward attendance/ Virtual Wards** - if continued decompensation/ thresholds breached





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