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# The Enhanced Health in Care Home Vanguards Primary Care

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# The Care Home Vanguards



## Why

- Care homes residents are a frail, vulnerable population with increasingly complex needs & dependency with variable access to NHS services
- Hospital-based interventions have limited effectiveness for this population

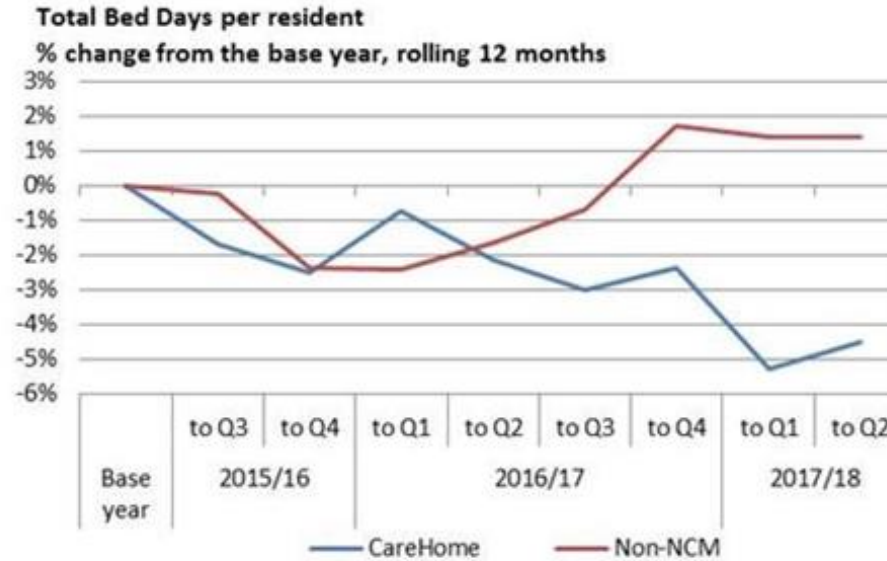
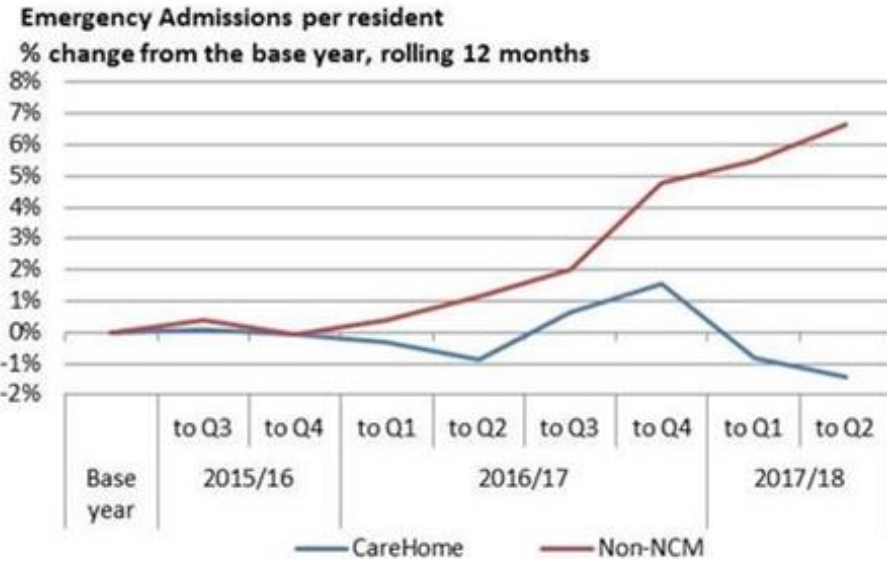
## What

- 6 exemplar sites across the country
- These 6 sites are providing joined-up primary, community and secondary, social care to residents of care/ nursing homes and Extra care Living Schemes

## How

- Co-production- top-bottom
- With not to
- Whole system, multiple changes, coordinated

# Performance from baseline



There has been a consistent and sustained trend in the performance of care home vanguards

		Care Home Vanguards	Non-NCM
Change from baseline	Emergency Admissions	<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
	Bed Days	<b>-4.5%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>

**Average ROI- 52%**

# The Impact



Better relationships  
between commissioners  
and providers



Staff more  
engaged and  
enthused



Improved access to NHS  
services for care home  
residents



Financial savings

# What have we learned

- **Person centred** approach essential and focus on the **populations** health and needs
- Implementing **evidence based** care important
- Care homes **critical** partner in the work at all stages
- Not one change that makes a difference, requires a **coordinated approach** to improvement as isolated initiatives may create unwanted consequences
- Great work goes on all over the country, but it needs **building upon and coordinating**
- **Primary Care Networks** offer a real opportunity to embed great care for **specific populations**
- Relationships take **time** and **compromise**





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A background graphic featuring several stylized human figures in various colors (purple, orange, green, blue, red) arranged in a circular pattern, suggesting a community or network.

# ENHANCED HEALTH in CARE HOMES

## learning from the Vanguards: Newcastle Gateshead

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# The sharing: model and metrics

- Care home partnership
- Link practice
- Lead GP
- Ward round
- Nurse Specialists
- Virtual ward

	<b>OUR CCG</b>	<b>Vanguard 5 Care Homes</b>	<b>Non V Care Homes</b>
Emergency	-3.2%	-1.4%	6.7%
<b>SAVINGS</b>			
Reduction Emergency Admissions Bed Days			£8,942,731
Ir			£ 1897,268

*Andrew McCarthy, Joanne Gray,  
Health and Life Sciences,  
Northumbria University*

# The learning: real stuff

- Sustainable change takes time
- Know your population
- Use the evidence base
- Even with a proactive model reactive care is needed
- Developing the workforce is key
- Move with the times
- Specialists out of hospitals
- Ask questions of the data
- Don't shout too early
- Find your clinical engagement superstars

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# Herne Bay PCH Care Home Pilot

- Herne Bay Demographic
  - Population (PHE 2018/2019) : 40718
  - >75yr 11.7% (7.8%), >85yr 3.8%(2.3%)
  - Care Home Beds 514 = 1.3% : Nursing Home 1.0% (0.5%)
- Herne Bay Practices working together 10+ years
- Herne Bay Health Care Ltd (HBHC)
- Care Home Plan
  - EHCH Framework
  - CCG / East Kent Care Home Group : ‘can it work at PCH level?’
  - Winter Pressures & Development Scheme funds
  - Pilot : Herne Bay

# Care Home Pilot Detail

- Multidisciplinary / Multi-organisational Care Home support focussing on Advanced Care Planning
- Clinical Team
  - HBHC
    - 3 GP's, 2 Paramedic Practitioners, 1 Advanced Nurse Practitioner
    - Leadership for Project from 2 GP Frailty Leads
  - Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT)
    - Consultant HCOOP,
    - 1 Consultant Advanced Clinical Practitioners in Frailty
    - 1 Advanced Clinical Practitioners in Frailty
- 6 Care Homes
- Other stakeholders involved
  - Canterbury & Coastal CCG, South East Coast Ambulance (SECAmb), Kent County Council (KCC), CQC



# Results

- Pilot for 9 months
- Metric outcome : Hospital Attendance (vs Admissions)
- Non Elective Hospital Attendances from the 6 care homes reduced by 27% compared to previous year : significant reduction ( $p < 0.042$ )
- Qualitative Outcome : Care Home staff felt more confident to refer to Care Plans, and felt had other options than to call 999
- Some variance between care plan quality was identified

# Lessons

- Positives
  - Demonstrated the PCH/PCN footprint can deliver this service with good outcomes
  - Good collaborative working between GP's & KCHFT
  - Strong Commissioning
  - Linking with SECAMB + KCC
- Further Development
  - Understanding the different outcomes between care homes
  - Possible Differences in Care Plans : standardising
  - Roll out to wider Care Home population
  - Involving Care Homes more in the PCN?
  - Could the model be adapted beyond Care Homes?
  - Can we build on the relationships to expand wider collaborative work?



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