



Non Medical Prescribing

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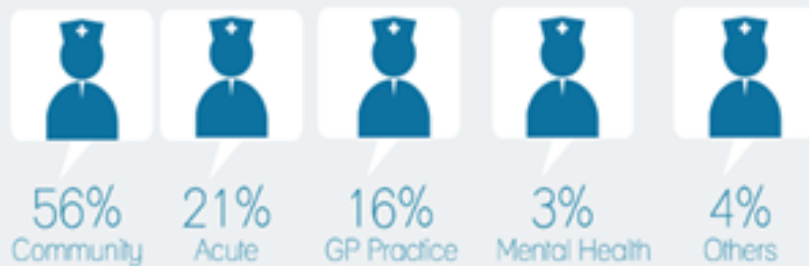
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**Provide a data based report on the economic effects
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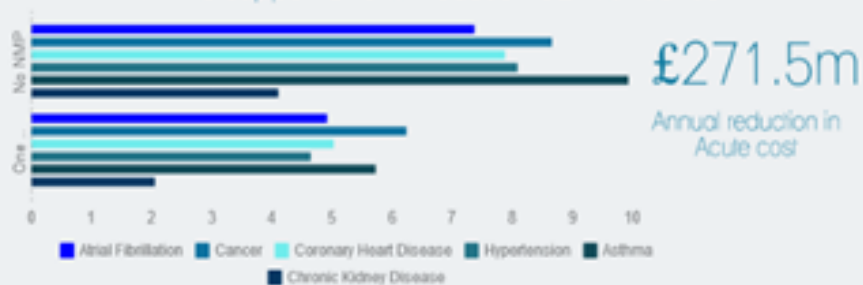
Non-Medical Prescribing

Settings



Opportunity

NMP to support GPs will reduce A&E Attendance



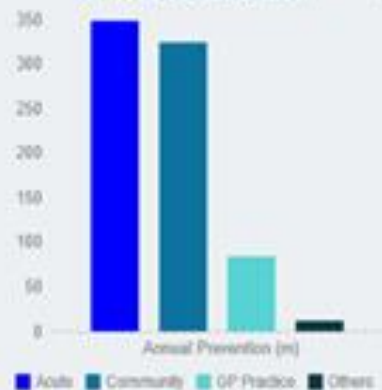
Economic impact

£777.2m

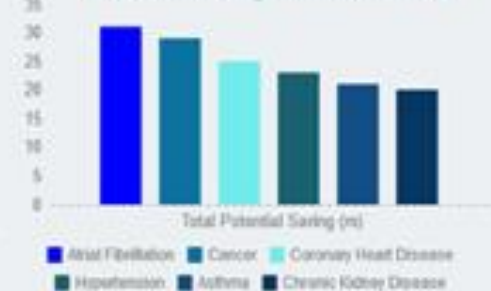
Annual Cost Prevention

44,629

Practitioners



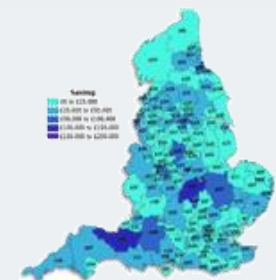
Impact on Long Term Conditions



HEALTH ECONOMY

£1m

Changes in Service Provision per CCG in England



CREDENTIALIALS

“More and better research into NMP is needed...”

“Available literature is too scarce and too unreliable to make an impact within health services...”

“Evidence base for NMP needs to increase...”

The next step for independent nurse prescribers

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ENABLERS

- ✓ **FASTER ACCESS**
- ✓ **APPOINTMENT PREVENTION**
- ✓ **REDUCE NUMBER OF CLINICIANS INVOLVED**
- ✓ **REDUCE LENGTH OF STAY**
- ✓ **REDUCE EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS**
- ✓ **IMPROVE SERVICE EFFICIENCY**
- ✓ **IMPROVE PATIENT SAFETY**
- ✓ **AVOID COMPLICATIONS**
- ✓ **IMPROVE DRUG ADHERENCE**
- ✓ **REDUCE DRUG WASTAGE**
- ✓ **REDUCE SIDE EFFECTS**
- ✓ **REDUCE ABSENTEEISM**

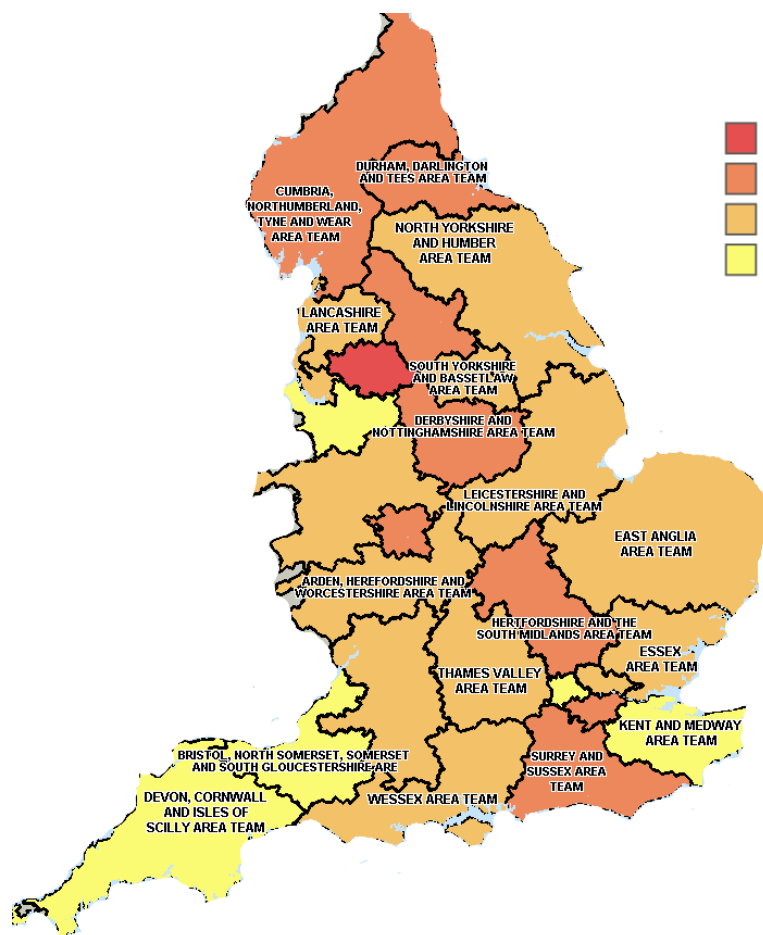


BARRIERS

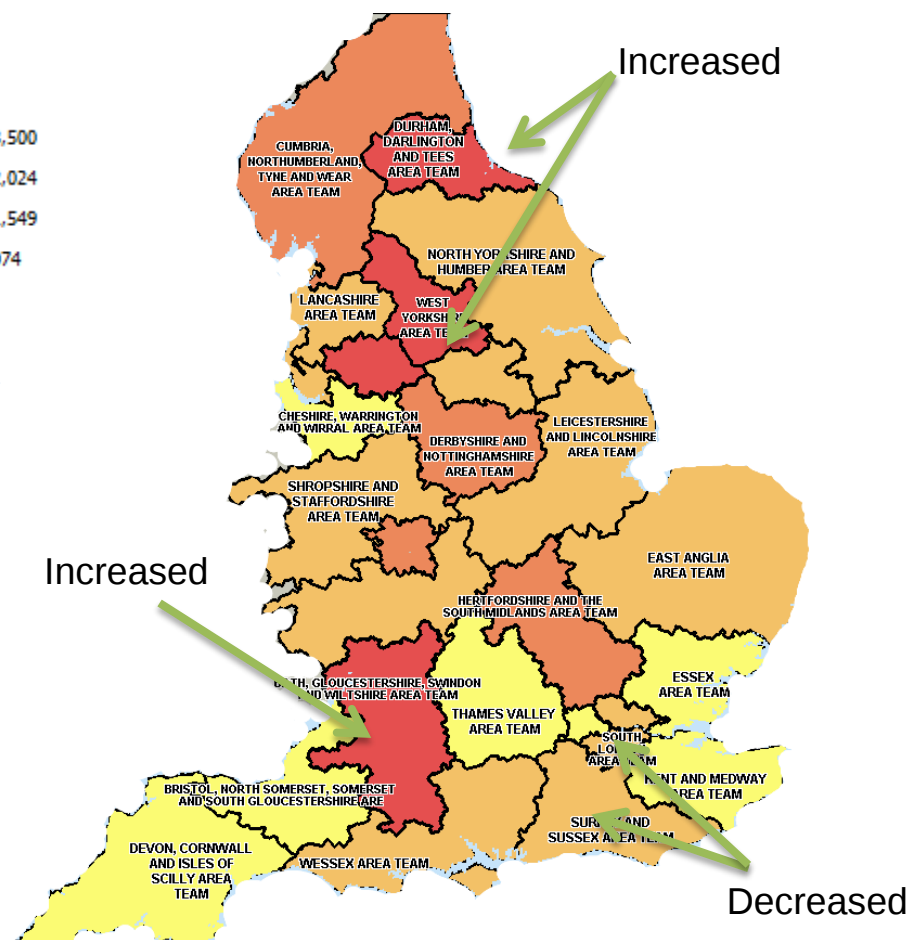
- ✓ **CONFIDENCE**
- ✓ **CONCERN OVER SAFETY**
- ✓ **EDUCATION**
- ✓ **COLLABORATION**
- ✓ **DOCTORS AND MANAGERS**



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WORK OF OTHERS

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**PERSONAL AND
GROUP INTERVIEWS**



ROUTE 3:
**DATA ANALYSIS
MODELLING**

ROUTE 1- WORK OF OTHERS

Evaluation of nurse and pharmacist independent prescribing

Department of Health Policy Research Programme

Breaking down the barriers to nurse prescribing

James Blanchflower, Leah Greene, and Christine

The next step for independent nurse prescribers

1.1 Summary of Key Points

- Between 2% and 3% of both the nursing and pharmacist workforce are independent prescribers.
- 93% of nurse prescribers and 80% of pharmacist prescribers are qualified.
- 86% of the nurses and 71% of the pharmacists are prescribing predominantly in secondary care settings.
- Study results indicate that overall, nurse and pharmacist prescribers are prescribing appropriately.
- The study findings indicate that current educational programmes for prescribing are operating largely satisfactorily, and provide evidence suggests that non-medical prescribing has been limited and has been used to increase the quality of existing services.
- Only about half of Trusts reported a strategy or written plan for prescribing.
- Key clinical governance and risk management strategies for prescribing are in place.
- Acceptability of independent prescribing to patients is high, reporting that they were very satisfied with their visit to the prescriber.
- When comparing care provided by their nurse or pharmacist prescriber, most patients in this study did not report a strong preference for either.
- Results indicate that non-medical prescribing was generally used appropriately.
- Nurse and pharmacist independent prescribing in England means of managing a patient's condition and giving him/her the best possible care.
- Key issues for further expansion of non-medical prescribing to prescribe across conditions for patients with co-morbidities.

Abstract

There are many obstacles to implementing nurse prescribing after nurses have undergone the initial training required in order to prescribe. This article examines some of these obstacles and makes suggestions about how they may be overcome.

Non-medical prescribing (NMP) refers to prescribing of medicinal products for patients by members of the health care professions who are not 'medically' qualified. This concept has developed greatly since 1994, when district nurses, midwives and health visitors were first allowed to prescribe from a limited formulary. Since then, further developments, following the Crown report, led to amendments to the legislation allowing nurses and pharmacists to train to become independent prescribers from April 2003 (Department of Health (DH), 1999). This was closely followed in 2006 by legislative changes that extended supplementary prescribing to the podiatry, physiotherapy, and radiography professions, and allowed nurses and pharmacists to train to become independent prescribers. More recently, in 2012, an amendment came into force allowing independent nurse prescribers to prescribe controlled drugs listed in schedules 2 to 5 of the 2001 regulations. As a result of these changes, the number of independent nurse prescribers in England has continued to rise. Despite this progress, there are still concerns about the success of nurse prescribing, particularly in the implementation of prescribing after

training has taken place (Stenner et al, 2010). It is the aim of this article to examine the barriers to prescribing, and to suggest potential ways to overcome them.

Method

Ovid Medline was searched between 1994 and 2012; relevant journals were also hand searched. Keywords such as 'non-medical prescriber', 'supplementary prescriber', and 'patient group directions' were used to identify relevant articles. Articles which related to prescribing in the UK, barriers to prescribing, and which focused on patient benefits were selected.

Discussion

Barriers to nurse prescribing
The impediments to undertaking training to become a nurse prescriber can be examined under two general headings: those that are internal to the potential prescriber and those that are external.

Internal factors

These are the factors arising from the individual themselves, including issues such as confidence and motivation.

Confidence

Confidence in the ability of the nurse to prescribe safely is an important issue for all stakeholders involved in the process. It is important that nurses should feel that they have had sufficient training and achieved sufficient understanding to manage medicines and prescribe safely and effectively. Other healthcare workers also

need to be satisfied that this is a task that is equally important that patients prescribed for should be able to select the best for them and to successfully continuing treatment.

According to the study by Jones et al (2009), patients were more confident in nurse prescribers than in general practitioners, and more patient confidence in non-medical prescribers. In nurse prescribers may reflect confidence in their clinical competence in the abilities reflects their reputation for knowledgeable about drug

Although some patients' concerns about nurse prescribers were generally for nurse specific (Cooper et al, 2006), it would be likely to be a situation where medicines were prescribed. Moreover, confidence in prescribing does not appear to patients that have already hand experience of the prescribers have been found an equal quality of care as a doctor actually generate a higher satisfaction rating from patients. (Jones et al, 2009)

Nurse prescribers consider in their ability to prescribe is an important factor (Green Howver, Courtney and G found that most nurse prescribers had sufficient confidence in their ability medicines. This confidence: a belief that extra training in order to make such prescribers safe (Elsom et al, 2008).

Dangers

It would be reasonable to expect concerns over safety could be factor in NMP. These concerns

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ROUTE 2- PERSONAL AND GROUP INTERVIEWS



KEY QUESTIONS (1)

- ❖ What is the cost of NMP?
- ❖ How many GP visits did NMP prevent?
- ❖ How many hospital bed days did NMP save?
- ❖ How many consultant visits did NMP save?
- ❖ Does NMP show faster access to care?

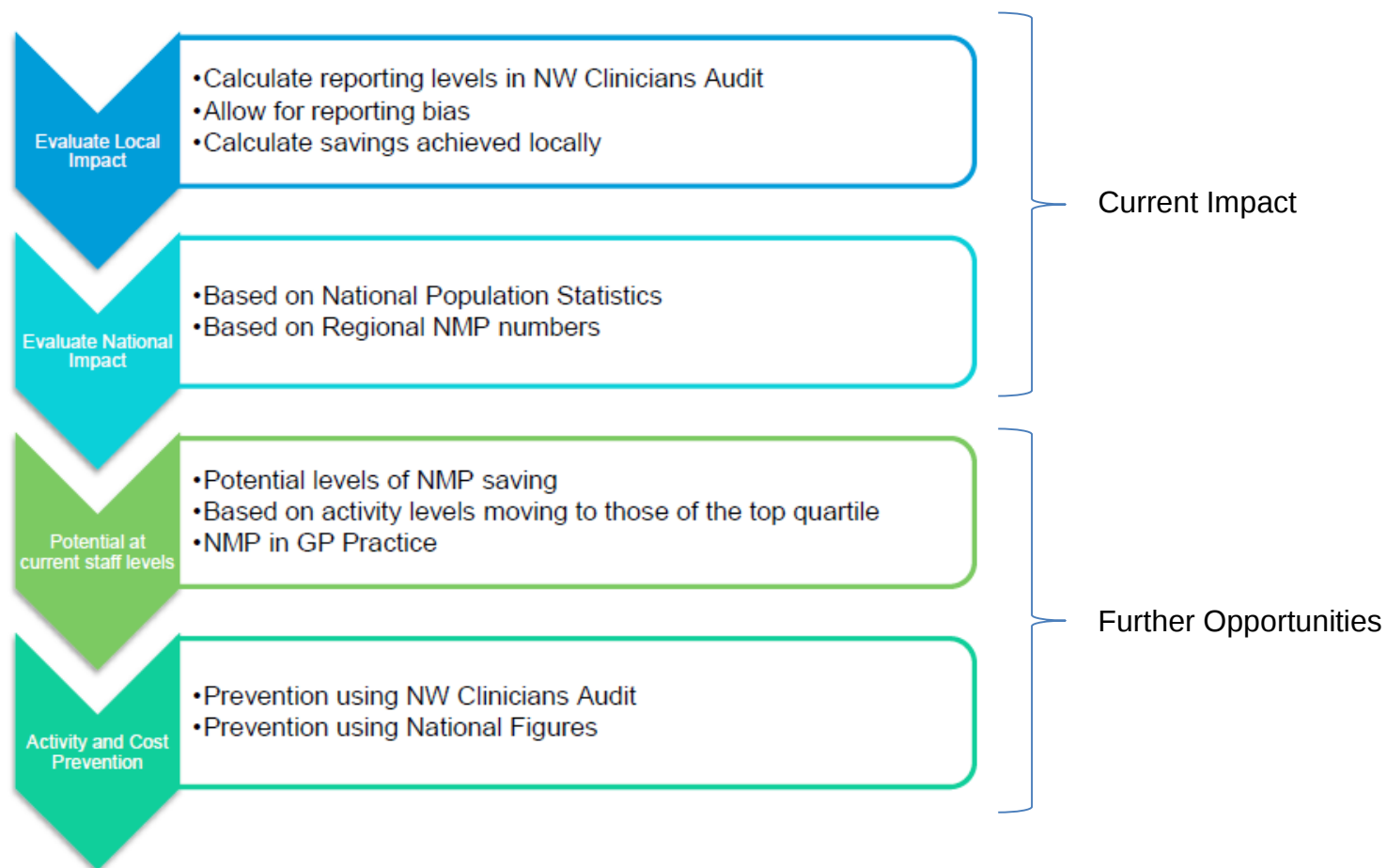
KEY QUESTIONS (2)

- ❖ Does NMP show faster access to care?
- ❖ Do NMPs improve access to care?
- ❖ Do care professionals prescribe after qualification?
- ❖ Do NMPs improve medication regimes?
- ❖ Do NMPs improve concordance/adherence?
- ❖ Do NMPs identify side effects?
- ❖ Do NMPs follow recommended prescribing patterns?
- ❖ Do NMPs follow recommended consultation procedures?

KEY QUESTIONS (3)

- ❖ Where NMP is in use could it be extended, eg increasing referrals, and what results would that achieve (cost, time, satisfaction)?
- ❖ How many NMPs currently active and localities?
- ❖ Level of NMP activity for NMPs?
- ❖ Do GPs report an improvement in their practice from use of NMPs?
- ❖ Do NMPs improve access to care for groups that have trouble/are not accessing healthcare?
- ❖ Does access to NMP training improve skill levels of health professionals?
- ❖ NMPs reduce the number of GP home visits required?
- ❖ Can efficiency of NMP be increased?

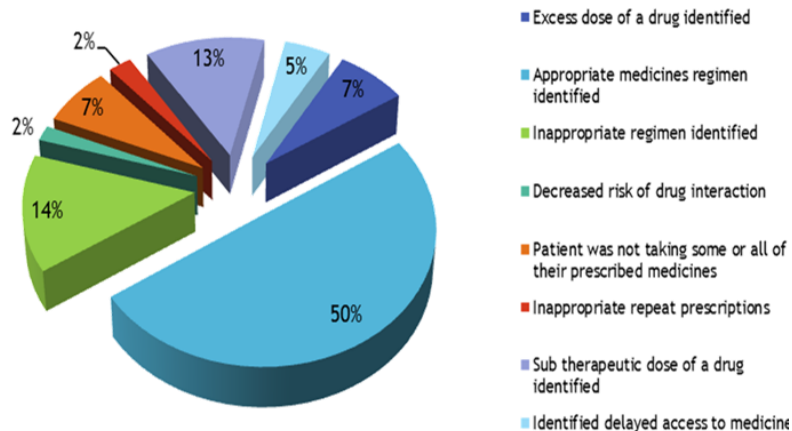
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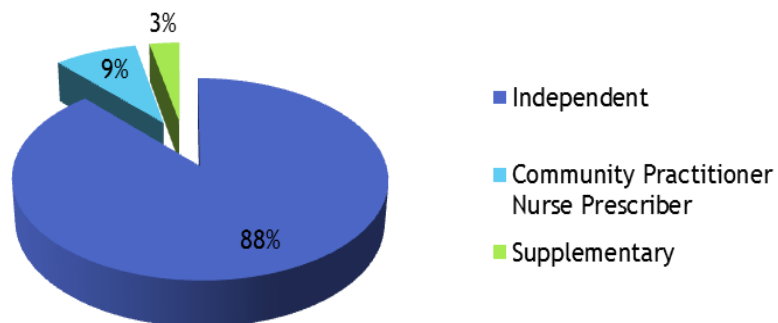
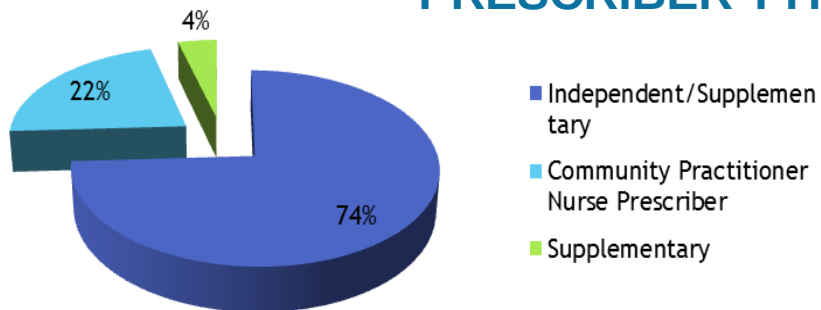
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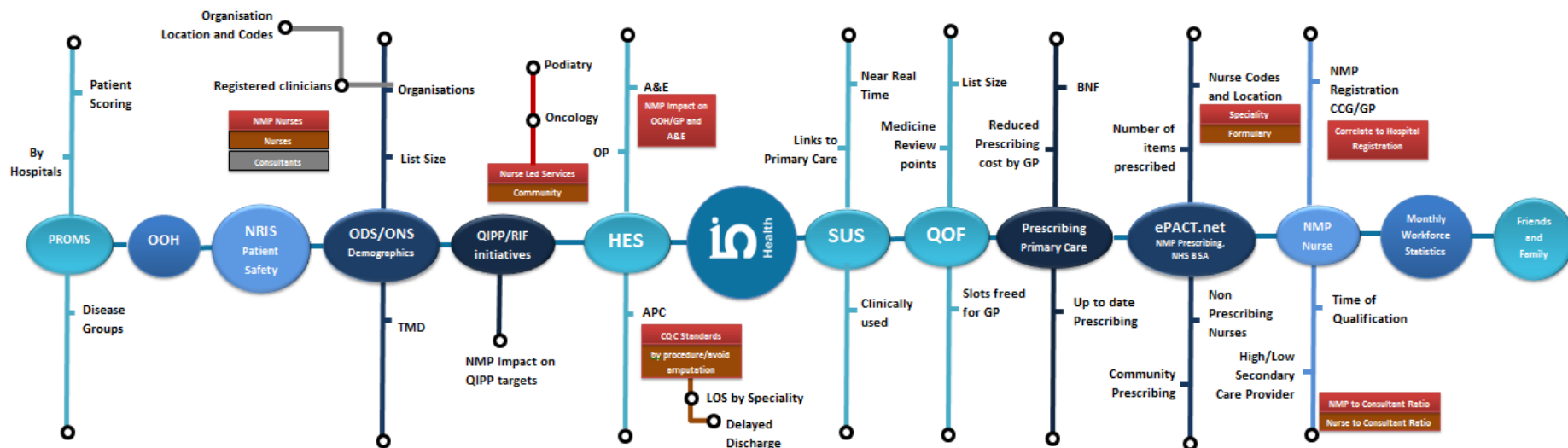
MEDICATION REVIEWS



PRESCRIBER TYPE



NHS DATABASES



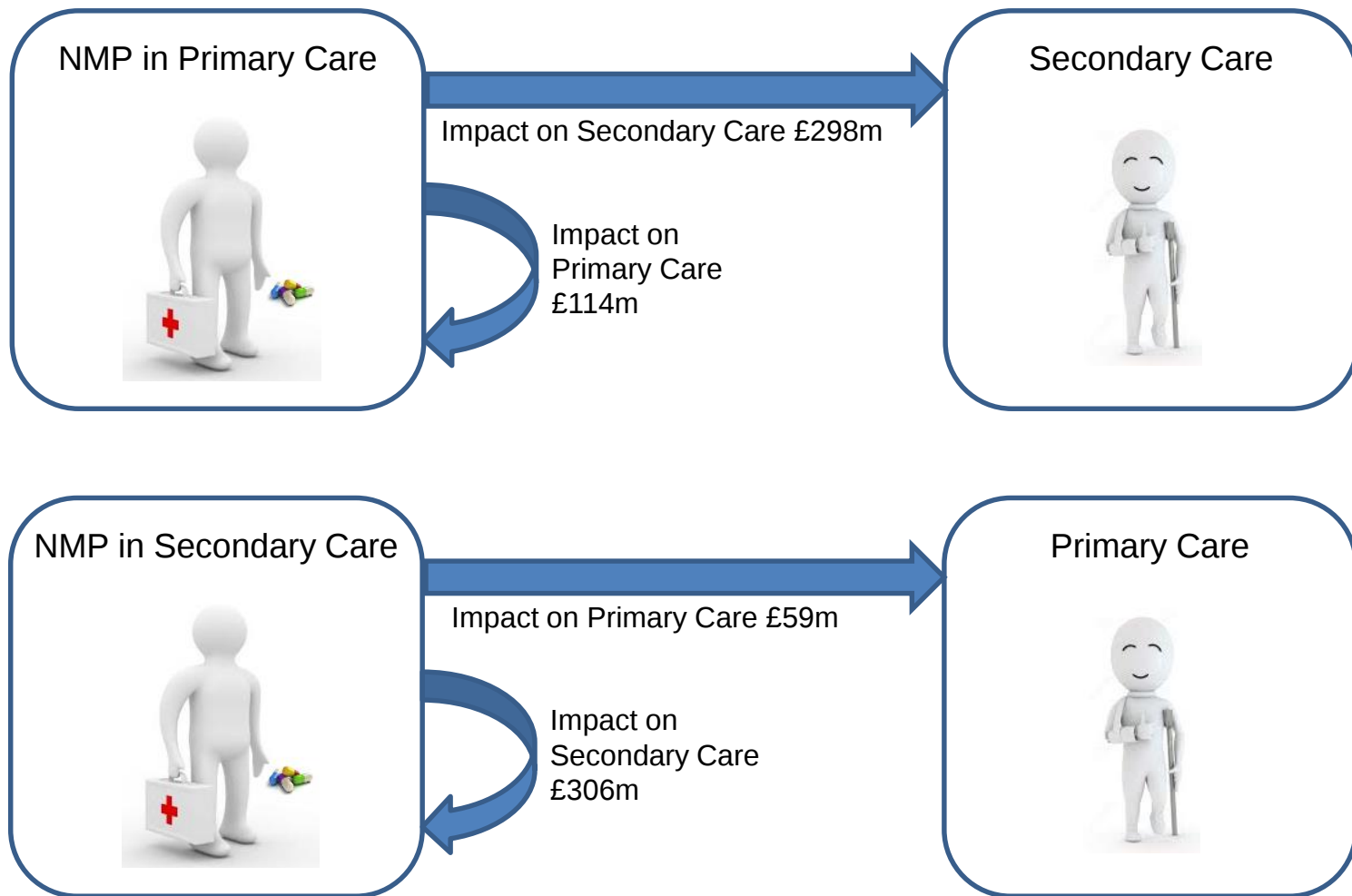
1,566 NMPs in secondary care the NW delivered over £32.8m of efficiencies in a year

Assuming the same activity profile, 44,629 NMPs in England deliver £777m in a year

NMP Type	Count*	Month's Value	Average
Pharmacists	58	£ 63,713	£ 1,099
Nursing	1,491	£ 2,531,725	£ 1,698
Health Visitor/ School Nurse	196	£ 40,072	£ 204
Physiotherapy	34	£ 35,964	£ 1,058
Podiatry	41	£ 34,899	£ 851
Midwifery	7	£ 8,289	£ 1,184
Radiography	3	£ 18,258	£ 6,086
1 Month Cost Prevention	1,830	£ 2,732,920	£ 1,493
12 Month Cost Prevention	1,830	£ 32,795,044	£ 17,921

* 1,830 includes double counting where participants hold multiple roles; 1,566 unique participants

NMP Setting	Count	Month's Value	Monthly Average
Acute	9,674	£29,288,818	£3,028
GP Practice	7,184	£6,812,286	£948
Community	25,394	£27,348,272	£1,077
Mental Health	1,347	£1,077,637	£800
Social Care	449	£103,280	£230
Hospice Care	380	£118,251	£311
Voluntary Sector	201	£19,787	£98
1 Month Cost Prevention	44,629	£64,768,331	£1,451
12 Month Cost Prevention	44,629	£777,219,972	£17,415





Research into
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QIPP/CIP



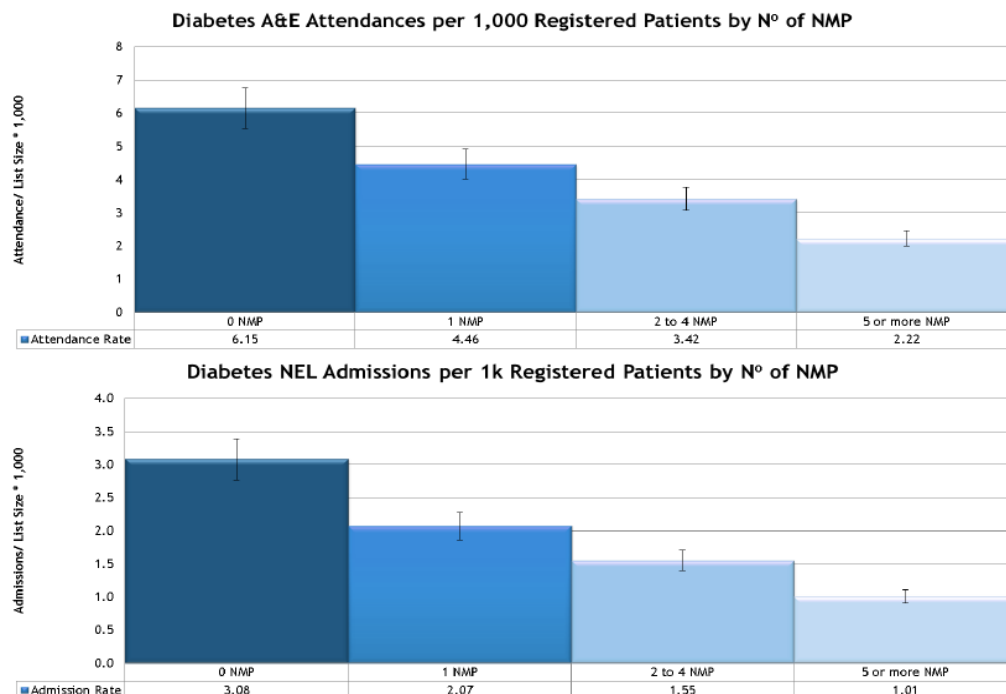
Identification of
suitable patient
cohorts



Impact modelling
of NMP related
initiatives

- Opportunities in Primary Care – Changes in Workforce
- Opportunities in the Health Economy e.g. further utilisation of NMP

Reduction of Secondary Care Use - Diabetes



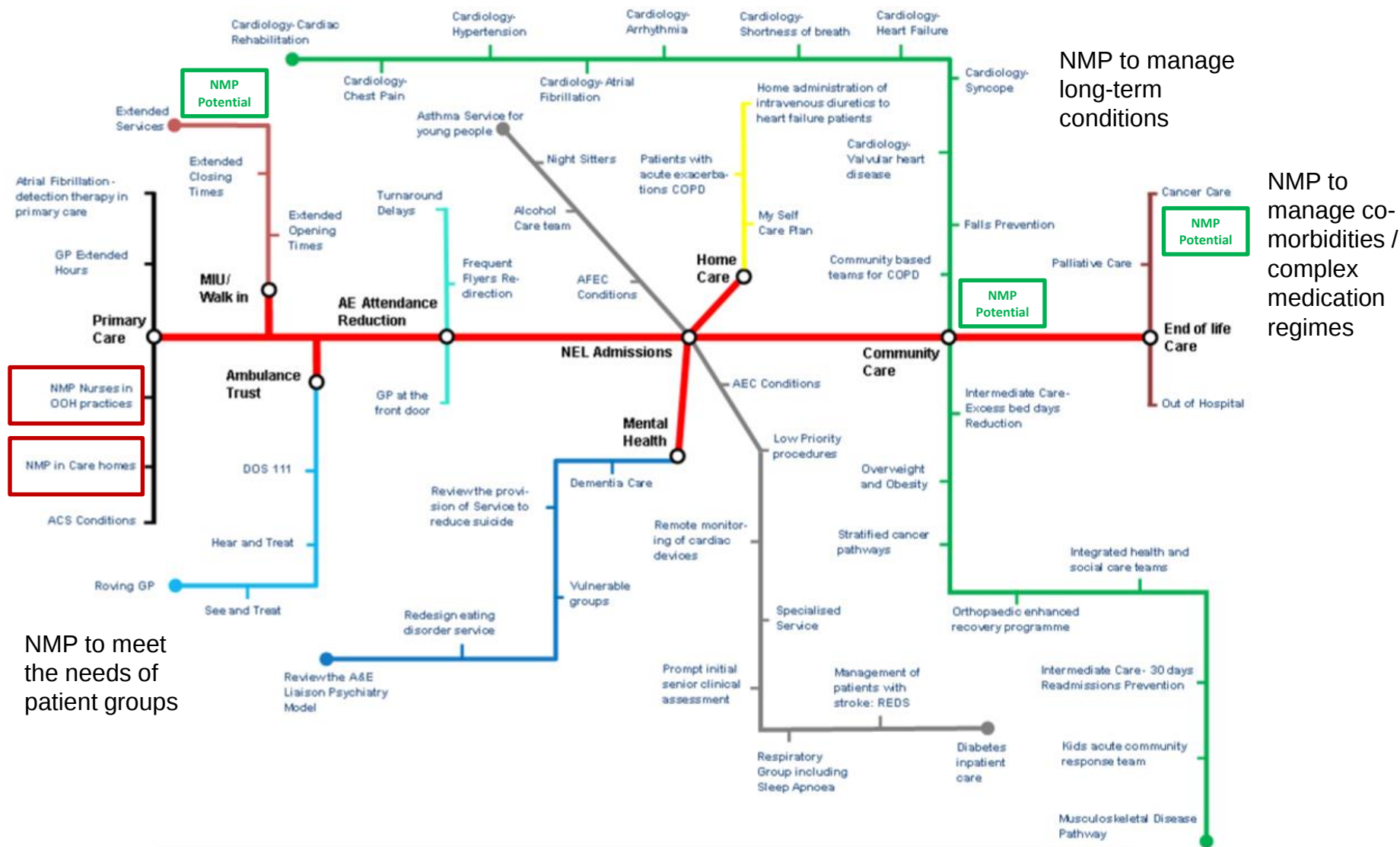
- The worst performing practices with no NMP have higher A&E, NEL and readmission rates than practices with NMPs.
- If practices in the upper quartile (25%) with no NMP could achieve activity rates of well performing practices with 1 NMP, efficiencies of over £15m could be achieved.

Diabetes LTC	A&E	NEL	Readmissions
Activity avoidance per 1,000 patients (2.15 - 1.13), (0.92 - 0.48), (0.51 - 0.32)	1.69	1.01	0.4
Patients in Upper quartile (25% of 0 NMP 1,026 practices)	8,655,375	5,284,389	5,284,389
Annualised number of patients activities avoided	14,628	5,337	2,114
Average cost of activity	£118.23	£1,710.26	£2,060.72
Annualised reduction in Cost	£1,729,395	£9,128,038	£4,355,865

Reduction of Secondary Care Use – All Major LTCs

LTC	AE Potential Saving	NEL Potential Saving	Readmission Potential Saving	Total Potential Saving
Atrial Fibrillation	£2,760,723	£19,692,569	£9,435,724	£31,889,016
Cancer	£2,993,974	£21,493,133	£5,161,619	£29,648,726
Coronary Heart Disease	£2,988,553	£14,752,637	£7,605,387	£25,346,577
Hypertension	£4,076,113	£14,151,351	£5,470,538	£23,698,002
Asthma	£4,762,567	£12,237,207	£4,043,122	£21,042,896
Chronic Kidney Disease	£2,366,762	£13,728,745	£4,771,906	£20,867,413
Stroke	£2,838,558	£11,952,897	£3,794,615	£18,586,070
Diabetes	£1,729,395	£9,128,038	£4,355,865	£15,213,298
Back Pain	£1,453,877	£7,373,126	£4,880,646	£13,707,649
Parkinson	£483,029	£10,644,046	£2,448,371	£13,575,446
Heart Failure	£1,248,018	£7,399,085	£4,250,785	£12,897,888
Dementia	£979,028	£7,668,429	£3,165,244	£11,812,701
Epilepsy	£1,468,083	£6,214,055	£2,441,180	£10,123,318
COPD	£1,546,221	£4,672,278	£2,348,616	£8,567,115
Rheumatoid Arthritis	£931,633	£6,022,665	£1,331,591	£8,285,889
Osteoarthritis	£425,557	£3,767,697	£2,103,178	£6,296,432
Total	£33,052,091	£170,897,958	£67,608,387	£271,558,436

- The model assumes that all practices with the highest attendance and admission rates with no NMP are moved into the upper quartile (25%) of the best performing practices.
- If this “best case scenario” can be achieved, primary care could see a saving of over £270m by upskilling approx. 3,000 nurses out of the 23,066 GP practice nurses (13%)
- More senior nurses may move from band 7 to band 8A at an extra monthly cost of £10k, totalling to £10m extra cost + £7m training
- The maximum annual net saving is approximately £233m per year not taking into account additional prescribing costs



Reduction of Secondary Care Use – Locally Delivered Initiatives

Commissioning Opportunity												
For: NHS HALTON CCG - Unplanned Care												
April 2012 to July 2014												
Commissioning Opportunity	Initiative	Outcomes	Assumption	Reference	Fin Year	Age	Current Spend		Avg Cost	Opportunity		Avg Savings
							Activity	Cost		Reduction	Saving	
NEL Admission Reduction	AEC-Stroke	NEL Admission Reduction	Patients with LOS 0 and 1 can avoid being admitted	http://tinyurl.com/mfduevu	2012/13		2	£3,155	£1,578	0	£0	0
					Total		2	£3,155	£1,578	0	£0	0
Primary Care Capacity	NMP Nurses In Out-of-Hour practices	Having 1 NMP will avoid 3 to 4 A&E attendance per day. Strengthening GP out-of-hours services.	Redirecting Non-Emergency patients with low acuity patients to OOH. Ability to book patient GP appointment.	http://tinyurl.com/o4tn525	2012/13		22,460	£700,427	£31	3,518	£315,694	£90
					2013/14		21,759	£1,159,708	£53	3,495	£309,039	£88
					2014/15		8,037	£635,249	£79	1,065	£96,291	£90
					Total		52,256	£2,495,384	£48	8,078	£721,024	£89
	GP Extended Hours	Opening a surgery till 8pm will avoid 3 to 4 A&E attendance per day.	Reduction in of out-of-hours A&E non-admitted patients with low acuity. Ability to book patient GP appointment.	http://tinyurl.com/m5og7ff	2012/13		18,169	£637,025	£35	2,986	£273,226	£92
					2013/14		18,281	£1,043,097	£57	3,021	£272,071	£90
					2014/15		6,501	£511,441	£79	919	£84,500	£92
					Total		42,951	£2,191,563	£51	6,926	£629,797	£91
	Use of NMP in Carehomes	1 MNP Nurse can avoid 3 to 4 A&E attendance per day. Support to care homes to avoid emergency referrals.	NMP visiting carehomes reduces A&E Attendance of patients with Low Acuity rate. Non-Emergency patients without GP followup	http://tinyurl.com/kyt5cy6	2012/13		2,632	£296,480	£113	557	£39,383	£71
					2013/14		2,630	£297,406	£113	431	£39,019	£91
					2014/15		803	£99,028	£123	48	£5,325	£111
					Total		6,065	£692,914	£114	1,036	£83,728	£81
	ACS-Ear, nose and throat Infections	NEL Admission Reduction	Patients with 0 LOS can avoid being admitted	http://tinyurl.com/n26xqy2 http://tinyurl.com/pmhcbrf	2012/13		390	£215,188	£552	224	£109,433	£489
					2013/14		400	£213,665	£534	229	£103,688	£453
					2014/15		129	£68,489	£531	58	£25,886	£446
					Total		919	£497,342	£541	511	£239,008	£468
ACS-Asthma	NEL Admission Reduction	Patients with 0 LOS can avoid being admitted	http://tinyurl.com/n26xqy2 http://tinyurl.com/pmhcbrf	2012/13		504	£424,411	£842	146	£107,830	£739	
				2013/14		425	£351,689	£828	120	£84,774	£706	
				2014/15		153	£132,055	£863	45	£38,002	£844	
				Total		1,082	£908,156	£839	311	£230,606	£741	
ACS-Convulsions and epilepsy	NEL Admission Reduction	Patients with 0 LOS can avoid being admitted	http://tinyurl.com/n26xqy2 http://tinyurl.com/pmhcbrf	2012/13		308	£265,267	£861	82	£71,804	£876	
				2013/14		281	£240,185	£855	74	£65,711	£888	
				2014/15		80	£65,521	£819	16	£14,189	£887	
				Total		669	£570,972	£853	172	£151,704	£882	
ACS-Hypertension	NEL Admission Reduction	Patients with 0 LOS can avoid being admitted	http://tinyurl.com/n26xqy2 http://tinyurl.com/pmhcbrf	2012/13		580	£517,023	£891	63	£43,038	£693	
				2013/14		507	£454,159	£896	65	£54,739	£842	
				2014/15		167	£153,144	£917	18	£13,328	£740	
				Total		1,254	£1,124,326	£897	146	£111,106	£761	

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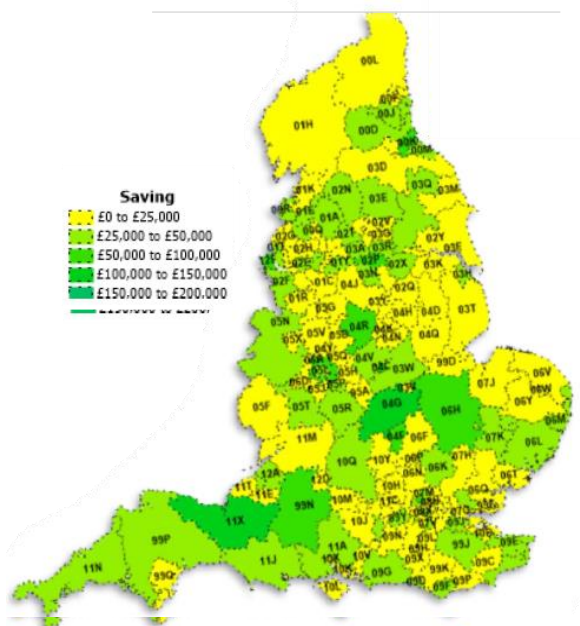
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Overall, six service areas were evaluated for the economic impact of introducing additional NMP practitioners:

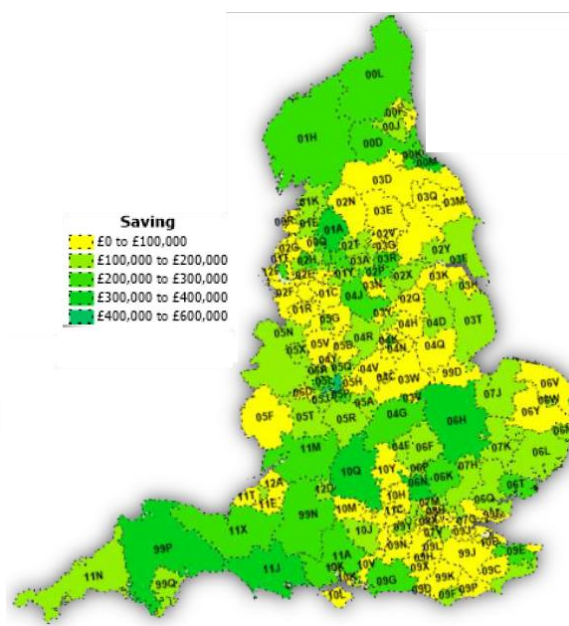
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NMP in Care Homes



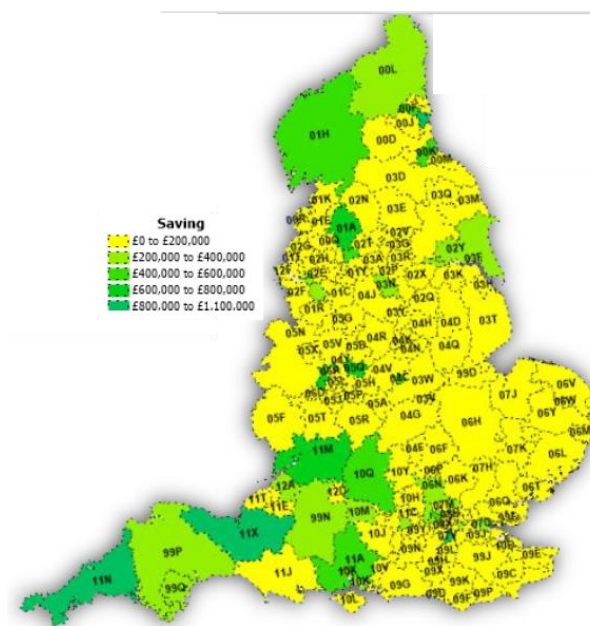
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NHS Birmingham Cross City CCG	757	£557,817
NHS East Lancashire CCG	460	£386,793
NHS South Tees CCG	442	£364,051
NHS Dorset CCG	422	£346,609
NHS Herts Valley CCG	374	£346,449
NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG	410	£339,712
NHS North, East, West Devon CCG	416	£338,226
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NMP in OOH Practices



Clinical Commissioning Group	Potential Reduction	Potential Saving
NHS Somerset CCG	17,734	£1,092,742
NHS Sunderland CCG	14,477	£868,503
NHS Kettering CCG	14,813	£860,104
NHS Croydon CCG	11,024	£800,671
NHS Gloucestershire CCG	13,308	£770,701
NHS East Lancashire CCG	12,432	£746,221
NHS South East Staffs and Selwyn Peninsular CCG	11,108	£743,113
NHS Leicester City CCG	12,266	£577,324
NHS Gateshead CCG	9,489	£569,319
NHS Ealing CCG	8,060	£563,388

NATIONAL

£777 Million

Currently achieved by 44k NMP Practitioners in various settings

PRIMARY CARE

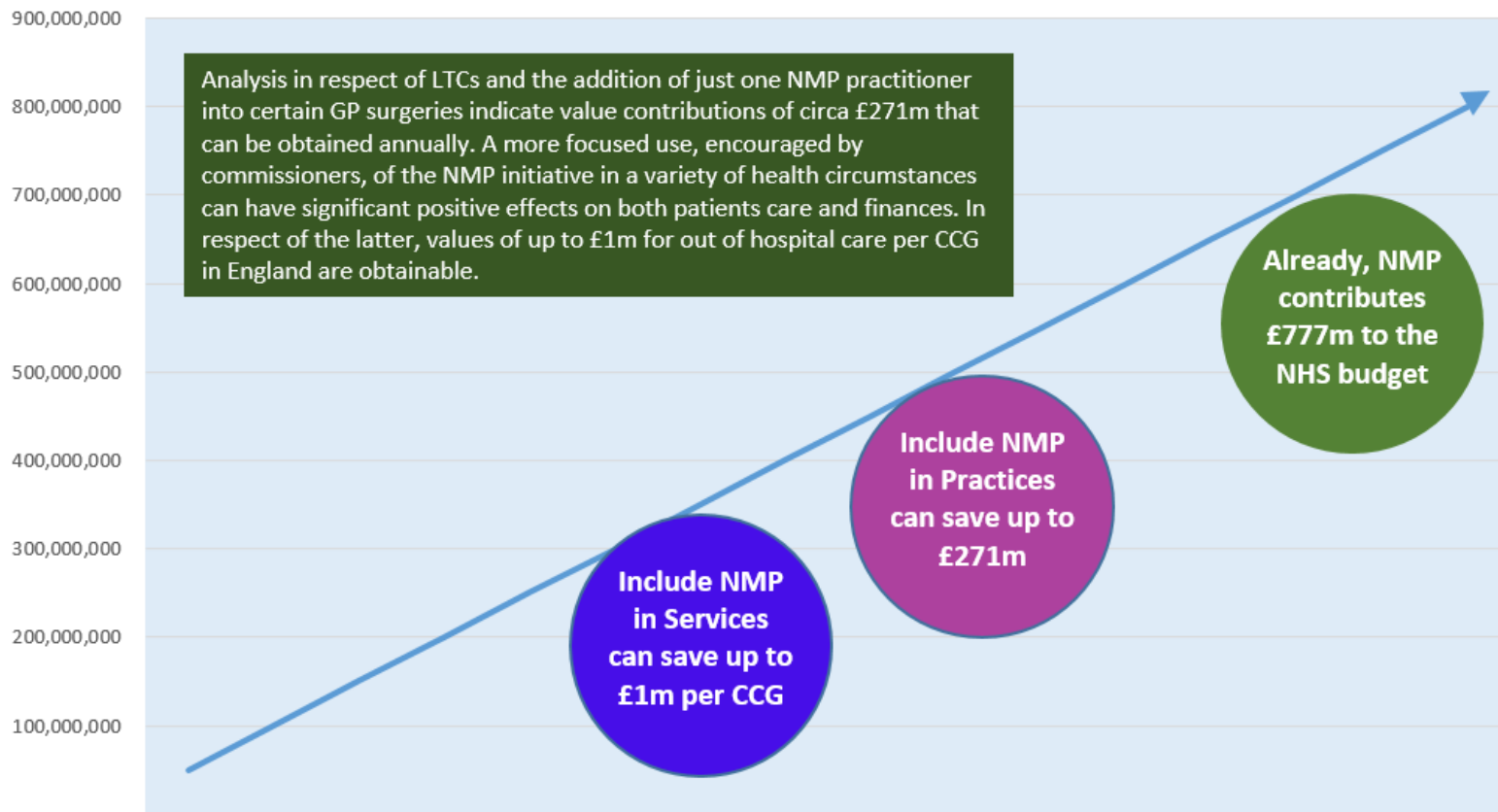
£271 Million

By adding one NMP Practitioner to key GP Practices

HEALTH ECONOMY

Up to £1m

Changes in Service Provision per CCG in England





The Challenge

Excellent material, results and forecasts **BUT** limited absorption by decision makers

The Answer

National campaign to embed NMP within multiple pathways and across wider areas of England

Scope of Promotion

The ultimate targets of the campaign are the decision makers/decision formers within and outside the NHS ranging from those in government, through pathway designers or managers in the NHS to practice managers

Targets



Media Routes



Conferences Route

Core group of speakers created and each allocated to specific conferences

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