

Managing harm from opioids

The secondary care pharmacy view

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Challenges

- Consistent Patient Education
- Consistent Workforce Education (Primary and secondary care)
- TTA Pack sizes
- *Consistent of Transfer of Care – including information transfer and follow up in community*

Other challenges

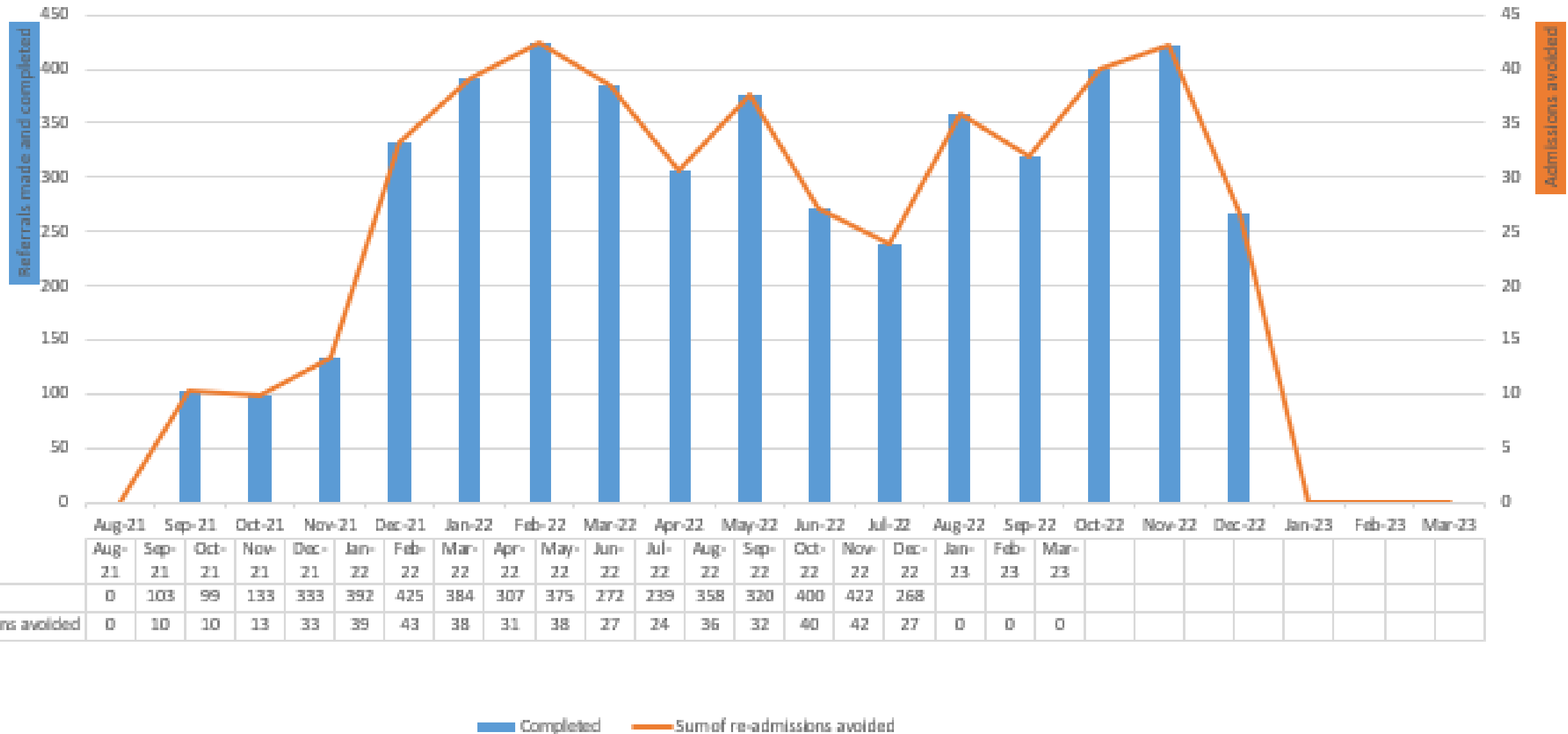
- Reduction in supra-therapeutic doses
- Polypharmacy
- Workforce pressures – Time to care & effectively educating patients
- Current 'cultural practices' around prescribing and patient expectations
- Limitations with integrated care records

Current steps in secondary care

- **Targeting the initiation of Opioids**
 - Limit the duration of treatment post operatively – Hard stops
 - Educate patients – Supplement with written information
- **Discharge information**
 - Clear communication to GP and Community Pharmacy
 - Utilise Community and PCN / GP pharmacists

Discharge information to pharmacy

Discharge Med Service by Pharmacy Team



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Key questions?

- Are the teams (in primary and secondary care) equipped?
- How do we skill the workforce and maintain this skill with churn?
- What 'safety netting' interventions could enhance current processes?
- How can 'hard stops' be implemented safely?