

Clinical Assessment and Treatment Units

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Rationale

- To avoid emergency admissions to acute trusts
- To provide early assessment and treatment in a Community Hospital for patients who meet specific admission criteria

History

Bridgwater

- Established 2006
- Nurse led
- 24/7
- 7 beds
- Enhanced rehab/social care

Dene Barton

- Established 2008
- Medically led
- Mon-Fri 9 -5
- 4 beds
- Enhanced rehab/social care

Admission Criteria

- Acute mobility requiring assessment
- Respiratory Infections/UTI
- Exacerbation of chronic condition
- Dehydration
- Simple fall
- Head injury requiring 24hr observation
- Cellulitis

Metrics

- Total number of referrals
- Number of admissions declined
- Number of patients admitted
- Number discharged home within 72 hours
- Number transferred to an acute hospital
- Number admitted to general ward bed

Challenges

- Medical input into nurse led unit
- Retention of Medical Nurse Practitioners
- Access to X-ray
- Late arrivals
- Data
- Slow start

Progress

- Excellent SPL transfer rate
- Engagement of local GP's and Community matrons
- Acute care GP/MAU transfers
- Reduced LOS at Dene Barton

Learning

- Not all good ideas work operationally
- Support for the Medical Nurse Practitioner
- Understanding the concerns of both doctors and medical nurse practitioners