





Understanding Variation – Increasing Value

#### **This Session will Cover:**

**An** Overview of the NHS in England

What is the Problem with Variation?

Why is it Important to respond?

The Genesis of the RightCare Programme

**Good Data Delivers Change** 

**Case Studies** 

An Overview of the NHS in England



**Themes:** 

Reform(s)

**Market Principles** 

**Evolving Structures & Static Organisations** 

**5 Key Challenges** 

**Never Forget your Patients & Population** 



## When I Last Looked.....





#### The NHS faces **5 key challenges**:



- There is no new money Tightening Budgets
- An aging population and rising demand for healthcare
- Widespread variation in healthcare in terms of quality, activity and outcomes
- A service that is "dis-integrated" with patients floating between an archipelago of care providers
- Inequity

## What is the Problem with Variation?



The Curse of Variation

Who Decides the classification?

Is it really a Problem?

Is it just a Challenge for England?

**Responding to the Data** 

#### Is variation only the curse of the NHS in England?





We need to remember that not all variation is bad (Mulley 2009) .....if it were all bad it would be easier to resolve.

The view of variation as either being good or bad does not help.....we need to distinguish between that variation which is common cause or random and that which is unwarranted leading to a waste of resources, duplication of effort, poor quality and lower value health care. Many countries are facing the same challenge, to identify and reduce unwarranted variation in their health care system......





Variation is not a new phenomenon – it has been highlighted as an issue since the beginning of the NHS in 1948....

indeed it has been around since Glover's seminal paper in 1938.....

.....but it continues to puzzle policy makers, politicians, professional and our patients.





#### **Q:** Why is it important to explore variation?

# A: So that we can do the right thing for the right patient at the right time

When organisations use the <u>wrong data or don't explore variation</u> or recognise the different types of variation the resulting decisions often tend to increase costs, reduce quality and efficiency – or value.



"The data are wrong"	"The data are old"	"Some of the data are for PCTs"	"We've already fixed that area"
The data is "indicative", they do not need to be 100% robust to indicate that improvement is needed in an area, especially where more than one indicator (triangulation) suggests the same	The data are the most recent available. Have you done anything since to improve the pathway? If not, the opportunity remains and, if others have improved.	CCG data are used wherever they are available. If you think that your CCG population is different – determine where you should be on the comparator before concluding that you need not act.	Great news! Double-check that the reforms have worked and move on to the next priority area identified by the indicators.



The topic of variation and unwarranted variation requires better understanding and improved coordination through the application of technical, political and regulatory responses which are too important to leave to chance.

One such method of rising to that challenge is to explore and understand variation in health care and to reduce waste and duplication to increase value by eliminating unwarranted variation....only then can we begin to do the right thing for the right patient at the right time.....



#### An Introduction to the Right Care Initiative

- Building the Programme team
- The Development of the Programme
- Lessons from the Atlas of Variation
- Atlas of Variation Is it the only show in town?

#### **NHS RIGHT CARE:**

A Transformation Programme to Increase Value & Improve Outcomes



The Four Domains of Right Care Programme

## **Right Care: The Road Map**







## Phase One - Where to Look

## **The NHS Atlases of Variation**

Reducing unwarranted variation to increase value and improve quality

Awareness is the first step towards value.

If the existence of clinical and financial variation is unknown, the debate about whether it is unwarranted cannot take place.



#### **NHS Atlas of Variation in Healthcare 2010**

#### **Right Care**





## **Useful Tools to Help....**

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Awareness is the first important step in addressing unwarranted variation; if the existence of variation is unknown, the debate about whether it is unwarranted cannot take place. Reducing unwarranted variation

MY NOTES

MY DECISION

Re a decision that is right for you at this time





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COMPARE OPTIONS

Shared Decision Making: 36 PDAs







## 10 ways to use your CfV packs













## Where West Cheshire are now (and where Bradford could be)

Annex 1: Public Health spine charts England England England worst best KEY: CCG value Worst quintile in cluster Benchmark Primary care Worse outcome Better outcome Opportunity % patients with CHD whose last BP reading is 150/90 or less % patients with CHD whose cholesterol is 5mmol/l or less % CHD patients record of aspirin 80 people % CHD patients treated with a beta blocker 296 people % of patients with CHD who have had influenza immunsation 102 people % of MI patients treated with an ACE inhibitor 659 people % of patients with HF confirmed by an echocardiogram % of patients with HF due to LVD, treated with ACE inhibitor 72 people % of patients with HF due to LVD, treated with ACE + beta-blocker % of patients with stroke/TIA last BP is 150/90 or less % of patients with stroke/TIA record of cholesterol % of patients with stroke/TIA cholesterol is 5mmol/I or less % of patients with stroke/TIA had influenza immunisation 53 people % of stroke patients with a record an anti-platelet agent taken 27 people % of new stroke/TIA patients referred further investigation 78 people % of patients with hypertension record of BP 119 people % of patients with hypertension BP is 150/90 or less % AF patients stroke risk assessed using CHADS2 46 people AF & CHADS2 score of 1, % treated anti-coagulation drug therapy 66 people AF & CHADS2 score > 1, % treated anti-coagulation drug therapy 147 people

For data sources used, see slide 23

Annexes

### Where Bradford are now (and where West Cheshire were)...



# Annexes

## Heart disease pathway



CASE STUDY 1: Plan to Delivery

The data was showing.. as highlighted in the Indicative data (NHSE Commissioning for Value pack, October 2013) that <u>the</u> top opportunity for Hardwick CCG was Respiratory Care.

a predominately deprived area with a 102,000 population

a CCG with high prevalence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.... with many individuals un-diagnosed

A lower than average number of patients correctly diagnosed with COPD

AND the respiratory pathway was dependent upon hospital care with too many patients admitted for urgent and unplanned care leading to a longer length of stay and higher number of readmission rates



The indicative data revealed that if NHS Hardwick could deliver respiratory care that was 'at least equivalent to the national average' then circa £884,000 of resources could be released for investment in higher value health care.....



#### **DESCRIBE THE NEW MODEL HERE**





The Situation we found

- Patient as passive complier
- Focus on treatment
- Short term aim to improve quality
- Good care for known patients
- Hospital as the focus
- Plans driven by finance
- Challenges met by waiting for growth

 Citizen as co-producer of wellbeing

**RightCare Principles** 

- Focus on prevention, care & reducing harm
- Reduce unwarranted variation and increase value
- ✓ Equitable care for populations
- ✓ Focus on systems
- ✓ Driven by knowledge
- Challenges met by transformation, releasing resources to invest in higher value health care.



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#### CASE STUDY 1: Plan to Delivery in 7 months –

- Now implementing
  - Agreed and specified COPD pathway
  - Enhanced nebulisers service in primary care
  - Primary care COPD audit and support service to implement findings practice by practice
  - Improved promotion of self-management
  - Improved self-management support
  - Enhanced organisation of Breathe Easy Groups (with British Lung Foundation)
- Delivered (so far only just begun)
  - 30% reduction in emergency admissions