

# Introducing ICARE

## A Regional Approach to Frailty

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# Aim and Objectives

## Aim:

- Provide clarity about the ICS structure and Frailty ICARE; what works and what doesn't

## Objectives:

- Understand and describe Frailty ICARE in relation to the regional ICS
- Understand and describe Frailty ICARE in relation to Care Closer to Home  
*structure, approach, vision*
- Articulate early thoughts what it means to you  
*people, places, way of doing things*

# Structure: *ICS programme work streams*

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1. Communication & Engagement
  2. Digital 
  3. Demand Management
  4. Estates
  5. Workforce 
  6. Transport
  7. System Development
  8. Optimising Acute Services
  9. Care Closer to Home
  10. Prevention 
  11. Mental Health 
  12. Learning Disabilities
  13. Cancer
  14. Urgent & Emergency Care 
  15. CHC 

# Structure: *steering the right conversations*



# Frailty icare at a glance

[www.frailtyicare.org.uk](http://www.frailtyicare.org.uk)



Preventing frailty and supporting older people, carers, families and communities living with frailty

## INVOLVE

Enhance the voice of older people, carers and families to tackle the frailty challenge together at a community and individual level

## MAKING IT HAPPEN

(through local delivery and pathways)

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

WORKFORCE

DIGITAL

## CONSIDER

Groups with high frailty prevalence:

- People housebound, living in care homes, sheltered housing, assisted living units
- People known to community nurses or social care services
- People with dementia
- People on 10 medications
- People aged over 65 who have experienced frailty syndromes
- People aged 65 or above with 4 or more long term conditions
- People aged over 85.

(Toolkit for general practice in supporting older people living with frailty, NHS England; [www.england.nhs.uk](http://www.england.nhs.uk) – with modification)

Frailty screening Tools:

- Electronic Frailty Index
- Clinical Frailty Scale, Prisma 7, Gait speed, timed up and go test, Edmonton Frailty Scale

## CARE & SUPPORT PLANNING

Solution focused conversations with care professionals based on what matters to people



## ASSESS



## RESPOND

Healthy Ageing and Optimum Caring

Community connectivity

Specific, tailored support for Long Term Conditions

Specialist access for Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment and Case Management

Crisis response and recovery services

Frailty focused transport

Timely transfers of care

Frailty-based hospital care

## EVALUATE

Frailty assessment + category  
Recorded falls risk ,10 or more medications and dementia  
Written care plan  
Flu immunisation rate (65+ years).

Control over daily life, social contact and loneliness  
Social prescribing schemes referrals  
Patients on the MH registers  
Carer reported quality of life.

A&E attendance/conversion rates and hospital unplanned admission / readmission rates (65+)  
Stranded patient: LOS.

91 days after discharge into rehab  
Admission to care homes  
Death in usual place of residence.

Hospital activity in last year of life  
Composite hospital quality bundle.

# Approach: **involve**

1 2 Localities  
Care Homes  
Evaluation  
Housing  
Mental Health  
Metrics  
Public Health  
Social Care  
Transport  
Voluntary Sector  
Workforce  
Year of Care

INDIVIDUALS  
COMMUNITIES

*wellness and illness  
existing forums*

*families having difficult conversations  
those difficult to communicate with*

involve consider assess respond evaluate





Approach: **consider**



**Oh Anne!**

Approach: **consider**

# HEADLINES

10 days in a hospital bed leads to  
10 years' worth of lost muscle mass  
in people over age 80



# Approach: consider



Mean Age Rising  
Existing Problems

#EndPjparalysis

- The blood clotting in his veins
- The lime draining from his bones
- The scybola stacking up in his colon
- The flesh rotting from his seat
- The urine leaking from his distended bladder
- The spirit evaporating from his soul
- Teach us to live that we may dread unnecessary time in bed
- Get people up and we may save patients from an early grave

*Dr Richard Asher, 1942*

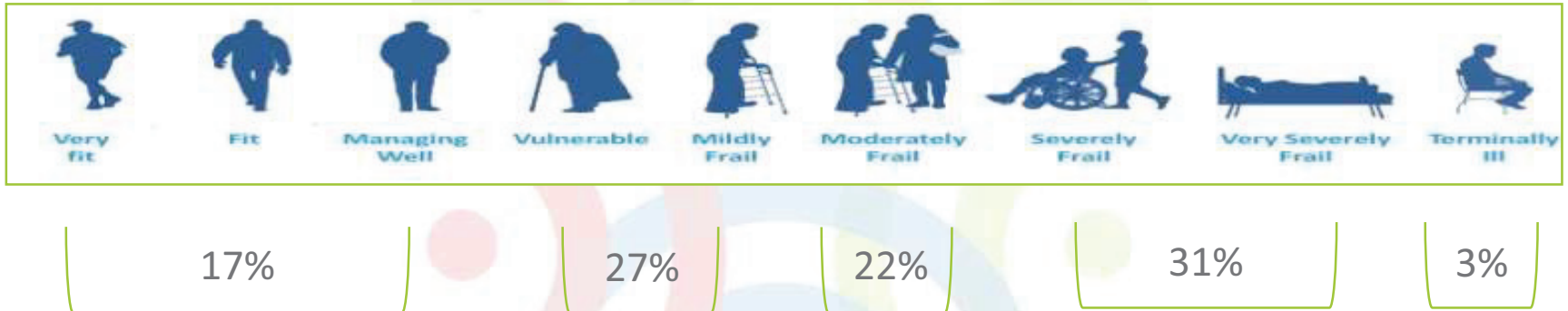
# Approach: **assess**

*many older people are admitted to hospital several times in their last year of life*



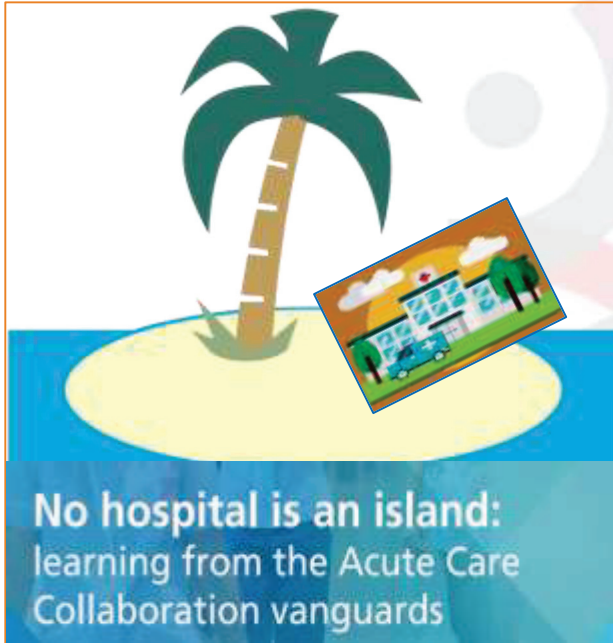
- One hospital
- One day
- 97.6% occupancy
- 451 patients
- 71.4% aged 65+
- 322 patients

Average  
Age 81.3



*older people can live with several health conditions and a gradual decline may be missed until a crisis occurs*

# Approach: **consider**



## TRIBES



### Evidence:

- CGA
- MDT
- Nutrition
- Hydration
- Exercise

# Approach: **assess**

*COTE Bangor introduces*

## **The First Law of Admission Avoidance**

The effort required to overcome the hospital's gravitational pull is inversely related to the distance the patient is from hospital when you assess them



**Hospitals are like black holes.**

- Acute Frailty Network
- Acute care interface teams
- Community support services

involve consider **assess** respond evaluate

[www.COTEBangor.org](http://www.COTEBangor.org)

# Approach: **respond**

## **The role of a Practice Frailty Nurse :**

- **Significant experience in the care of older people**
- **Highly skilled in comprehensive assessment, problem identification and care planning**
- **Order and act upon diagnostic tests**
- **Make and receive referrals**
- **Make decisions about admitting and discharging from hospital and intermediate care units**
- **Coordinate and chair multidisciplinary team meetings**
- **Case management**
- **Building of meaningful and caring relationships with patients and their families**

# Approach: **respond**

Cathy &  
Billy



Peter & Belle



Joan, Sonia,  
Alfie & Leah

- Lack of recognition that hospice and palliative care is appropriate
- Researching this vulnerable group is challenging but is essential
- Family carers are the backbone of the care system

***“it is much more powerful to tell the patient story with the data”***

*Karen Hayllar, Senior Analyst, NHSI*



# Approach: **respond**

**GWEN, 91, LEFT TO DIE IN AGONY.. IN CARE HOME**



**Scandal of neglected gran found bed-bound, underfed, dehydrated and covered in ulcers.. & nobody has been brought to book for it**

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

SAVINGS	
Reduction Emergency Admissions Bed Days	£8,942,731
Investment	£ 1897,268
<b>Net Savings</b>	<b>£7, 045, 463</b>

involve consider assess **respond** evaluate

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



# Approach: **evaluate**



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- Society generally holds a negative view of ageing
- Loss of functional abilities increases vulnerability
- Differences in manifestations of ageing reflect differences in genes and environment

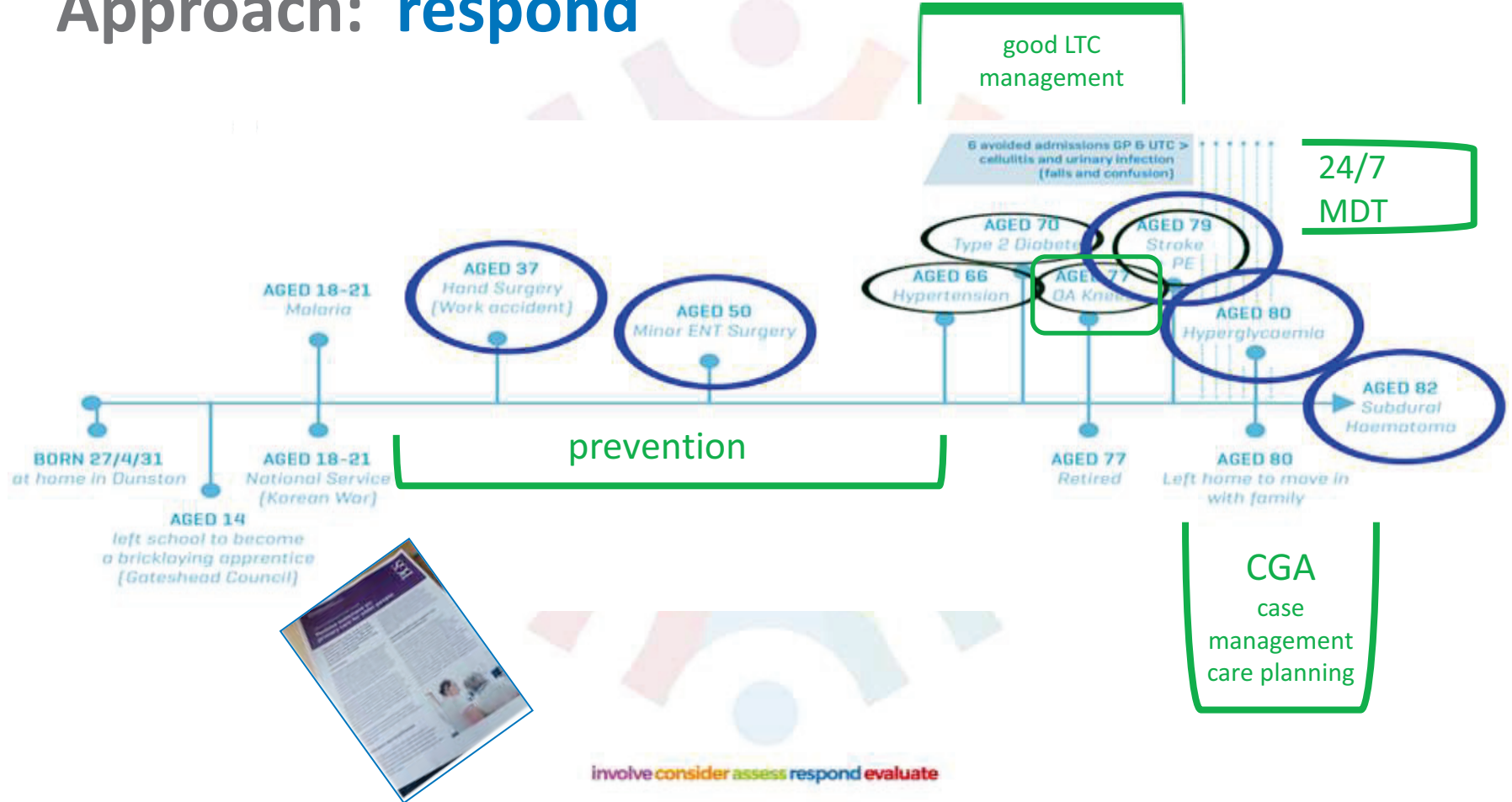
***Q: does the concept of frailty need to be distinguished from normal ageing?***

# Approach: **evaluate**

- Workforce
- Data
- Academia



# Approach: respond



Approach: **evaluate**



Challenge

Dichotomy

Ambivalence



# Leading Change Adding Value: *nurse ambassadors older people*



**#nodisclaimerneeded**

involve consider assess respond evaluate

#FutureNursing

# Vision: involve

## The Vision is simple:

- *work together [with everyone]*
- *improve out of hospital care and services*
- *region wide acceptance [what works]*
- *local system understanding [for delivery]*



# Vision: involve

- Find your engagement superstars
- Be serious about leadership
- Sign up and shape the system
- Fail fast through sharing
- Innovate and embed change [sustain]
- Grow the evidence base



involve consider assess respond evaluate