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Dementia
Diagnostic Pathway Statistics

(Q1, Q2, Q3 & Q4 2022/23)

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National Picture

The publication includes the rate of dementia diagnosis. As not everyone with dementia has a formal diagnosis, this statistic compares the number of people thought to have dementia with the number of people diagnosed with dementia, aged 65 and over. Where current monthly data for a GP practice is unavailable, the most recent data available are used (up to a maximum of 6 months).

Prior to October 2022, dementia data were collected via the dementia data core contract service and published as the "Recorded Dementia Diagnoses" series.

The "Primary Care Dementia Data" publication series supersedes the "Recorded Dementia Diagnoses" series. Data for the period April 2022 – October 2022 were collected under both services, but the data are not comparable. This is due to the retrospective application of codes to patient records and changes in patient registration, as well as differences in coverage and the specification of several the counts.

Name	March'23 Number of patients with dementia, ages 65+ Recorded	Estimated	Diagnosis rate (%)	March'22 Number of patients with dementia, ages 65+ Recorded	Estimated	Diagnosis rate (%)	March '21 Number of patients with dementia, ages 65+ Recorded	Estimated	Diagnosis rate (%)	March '20 Number of patients with dementia, ages 65+ Recorded	Estimated	Diagnosis rate (%)
ENGLAND	432,753	686,652.1	63.0	429,052	692,374.5	62.0	415,778	675,189.6	61.6	454,599	674,912.2	67.4
NHS MID AND SOUTH ESSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD	9,599	15,489.2	62.0									
Mid Essex	2,942	5,320.1	55.3	2,874	5,274.5	54.5	2,800	5,104.6	54.9	2,985	5,093.1	58.6
Thurrock	1,005	1,551.5	64.8	1,035	1,531.6	67.6	967	1,502.4	64.4	1,080	1,511.3	71.5
Basildon & Brentwood	1,762	3,258.8	54.1	1,844	3,327.4	55.4	1828	3283.2	55.7	2160	3315.3	65.2
Castle Point & Rochford	1,992	2,943.3	67.7	1,870	2,909.2	64.3	1708	2822.5	60.5	1845	2833.9	65.1
Southend	1,898	2,415.6	78.6	1,691	2,381.1	71.0	1689	2342.3	72.1	1924	2406.9	79.9
North East Essex	3,470	5,344.9	64.9	3,407	5,313.2	64.1	3,261	5,174.7	63.0	3,473	5,191.4	66.9
West Essex	2,596	3,714.4	69.9	2,559	3,840.8	66.6	2,521	3,740.8	67.4	2,668	3,760.2	71.0

District Level

Name	March'23			March'22			March '21			March '20		
	Number of patients with dementia, ages 65+		Diagnosis rate (%)	Number of patients with dementia, ages 65+		Diagnosis rate (%)	Number of patients with dementia, ages 65+		Diagnosis rate (%)	Number of patients with dementia, ages 65+		Diagnosis rate (%)
	Recorded	Estimated		Recorded	Estimated		Recorded	Estimated		Recorded	Estimated	
DISTRICTS												
BASILDON	1,101	2,131.7	51.6	1,172	2,223.3	52.7	1,161	2,187.9	53.1	1,411	2,210.6	63.8
BRAINTREE	1,139	1,904.6	59.8	1,047	1,854.7	56.5	1,015	1,792.4	56.6	1,166	1,810.8	64.4
BRENTWOOD	661	1,127.0	58.6	672	1,104.1	60.9	667	1,095.4	60.9	749	1,104.7	67.8
CASTLE POINT	1,029	1,410.1	73.0	794	1,371.0	57.9	751	1,335.9	56.2	783	1,290.4	60.7
CHELMSFORD	1,313	2,546.8	51.6	1,314	2,489.4	52.8	1,337	2,422.6	55.2	1,363	2,406.5	56.6
COLCHESTER	1,554	2,379.8	65.3	1,515	2,331.5	65.0	1,439	2,262.0	63.6	1,496	2,250.9	66.5
EPPING FOREST	1,262	1,565.8	80.6	1,195	1,526.0	78.3	1,176	1,480.5	79.4	1,221	1,509.3	80.9
HARLOW	442	801.9	55.1	494	945.3	52.3	555	938.5	59.1	588	947.8	62.0
MALDON	490	868.6	56.4	513	930.4	55.1	448	889.6	50.4	456	875.8	52.1
ROCHFORD	963	1,533.2	62.8	1,076	1,538.2	70.0	957	1,486.5	64.4	1,062	1,543.5	68.8
TENDRING	1,916	2,965.2	64.6	1,892	2,981.7	63.5	1,822	2,912.7	62.6	1,977	2,940.5	67.2
UTTLESFORD	760	1,217.6	62.4	758	1,243.6	61.0	698	1,198.7	58.2	748	1,174.9	63.7

Essex Population Growth

	2020	2025		2030		2035		2040	
0-17	317,100	325,800	3%	323,200	2%	319,300	1%	323,900	2%
18-64	869,800	883,300	2%	892,400	3%	900,300	4%	909,600	5%
65-69	79,100	85,600	8%	98,000	25%	101,600	30%	95,900	23%
70-74	86,000	75,100	-12%	81,800	-5%	93,900	10%	97,800	15%
75-79	60,500	77,100	28%	68,200	13%	74,900	24%	86,500	44%
80-84	43,300	49,600	14%	63,500	46%	57,000	32%	63,400	46%
85-89	26,900	29,500	10%	34,500	28%	44,500	65%	41,000	53%
90 and over	15,500	16,900	7%	19,000	20%	22,700	44%	29,300	86%
Total 65+	311,300	333,800	7%	365,000	17%	394,600	27%	413,900	34%

The Growing Population of Essex

2020
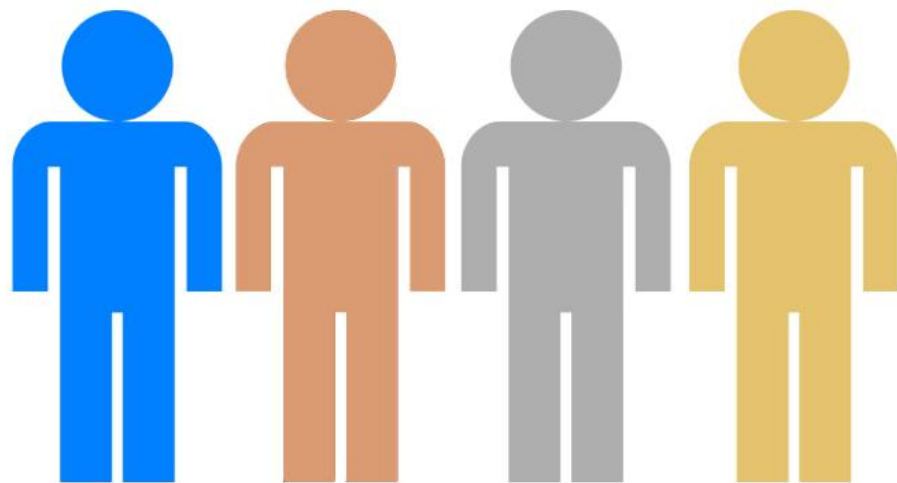
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2040

0-17   18-64   65-79   80+

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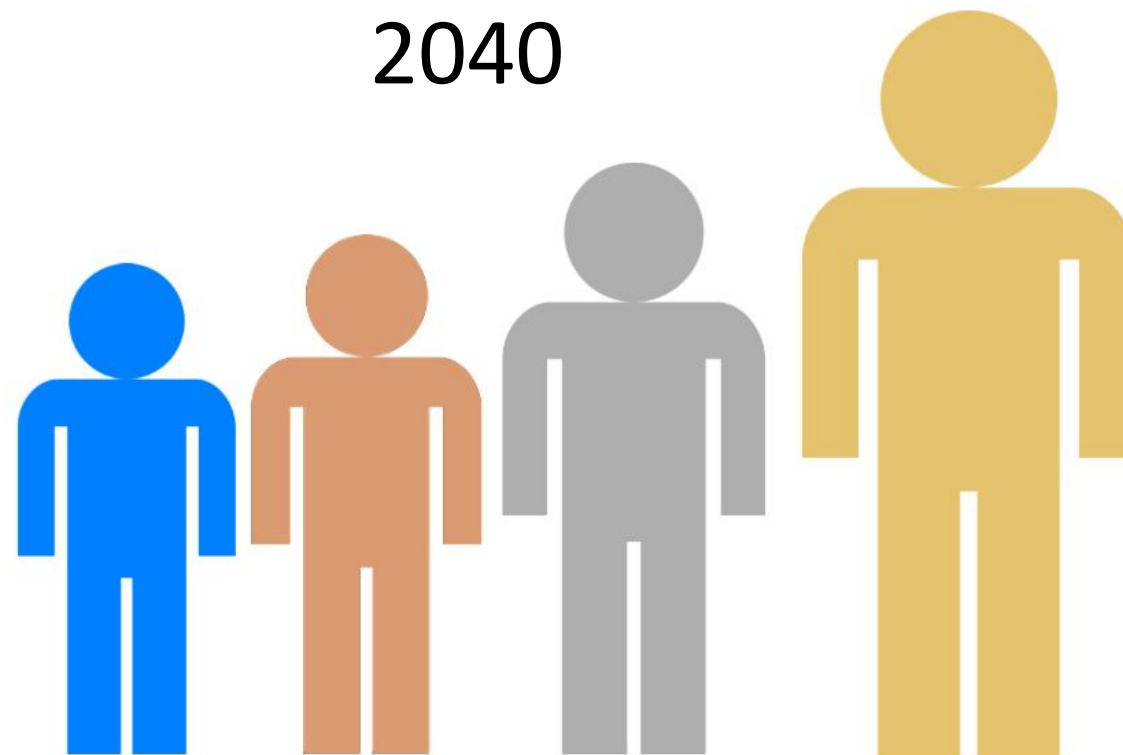
Growth of Dementia Prevalence in Essex

	2020	2025		2030		2035		2040	
65-69	1,310	1,417	8%	1,623	24%	1,683	28%	1,588	21%
70-74	2,617	2,288	-13%	2,493	-5%	2,861	9%	2,980	14%
75-79	3,628	4,635	28%	4,093	13%	4,488	24%	5,186	43%
80-84	4,787	5,491	15%	7,033	47%	6,311	32%	7,013	47%
85-89	4,873	5,357	10%	6,224	28%	8,035	65%	7,395	52%
90 +	4,916	5,269	7%	5,893	20%	7,012	43%	9,039	84%
Total Dementia	22,131	24,457	11%	27,360	24%	30,391	37%	33,202	50%

Increase in Dementia – Essex 2020-2040
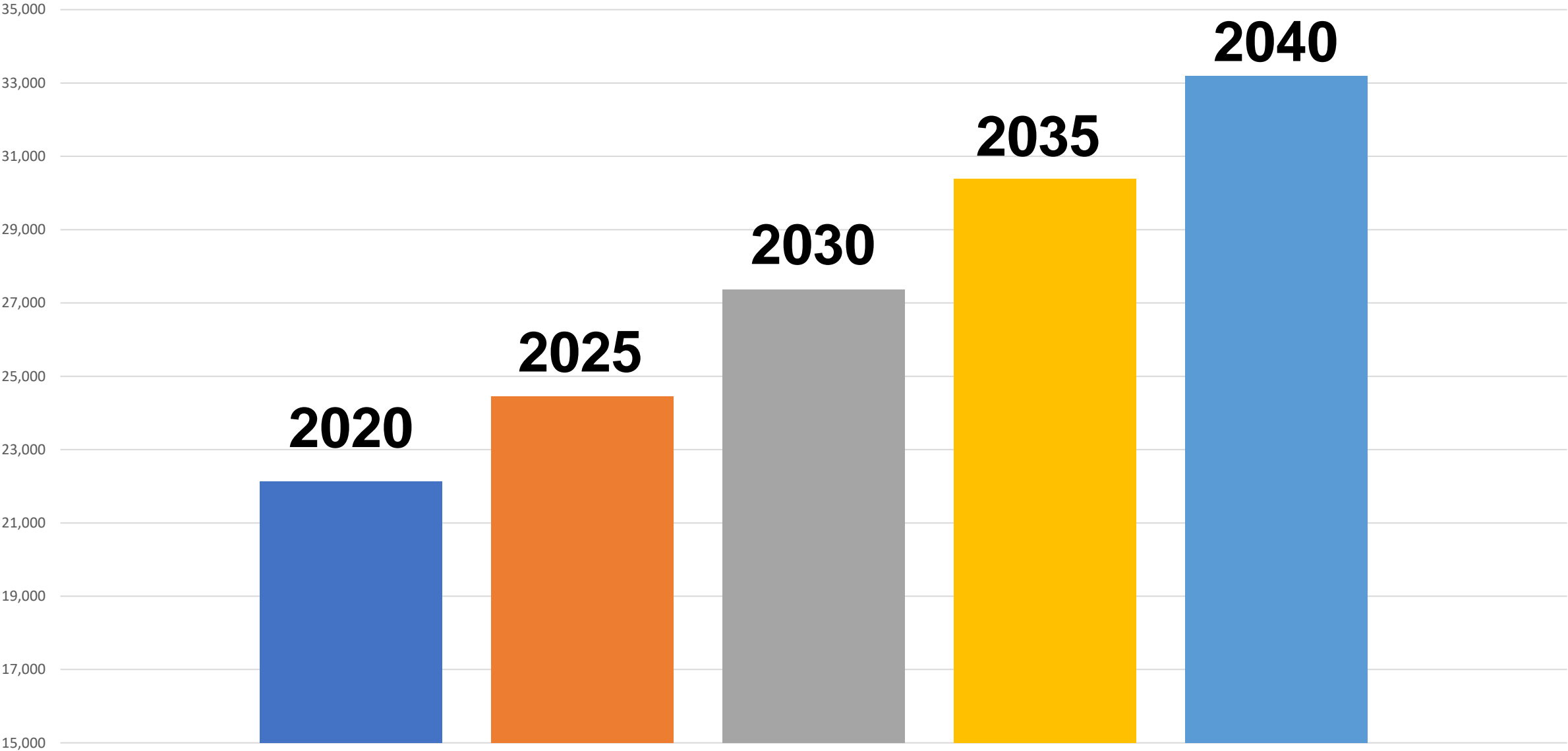
ICB Diagnostic Referral Statistics

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| ICB area	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2023	Comments
Mid					Quality work being done – data will be available for the meeting
West	232	243	227	257	Of the 959 referrals during 2022/23 118 were under 65
North East	307	326	323	376	Of the 1332 referrals during 2022/23 989 assessments were carried out
South East					Quality work being done – data will be available for the meeting
South West					Quality work being done – data will be available for the meeting

ICB Diagnostic Assessment Statistics

ICB area	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Mid				Quality work being done – data will be available for the meeting
West	321	362	282	272
North East	240	237	246	266
South East				Quality work being done – data will be available for the meeting
South West				Quality work being done – data will be available for the meeting

ICB Diagnostic Waiting Time Statistics (weeks)

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ICB area	Q1 2022		Q2 2022		Q3 2022		Q4 **2023**	
	Longest wait	Ave.	Longest wait	Ave.	Longest wait	Ave.	Longest wait	Ave.
Mid								
West	48	10	56	10	52	8	20	8
North East					37	9	15% waited over 18 weeks	9
South East								
South West								

Dementia Pathway Improvement Plan

Adults

West Essex

Dementia Diagnosis Rate   %
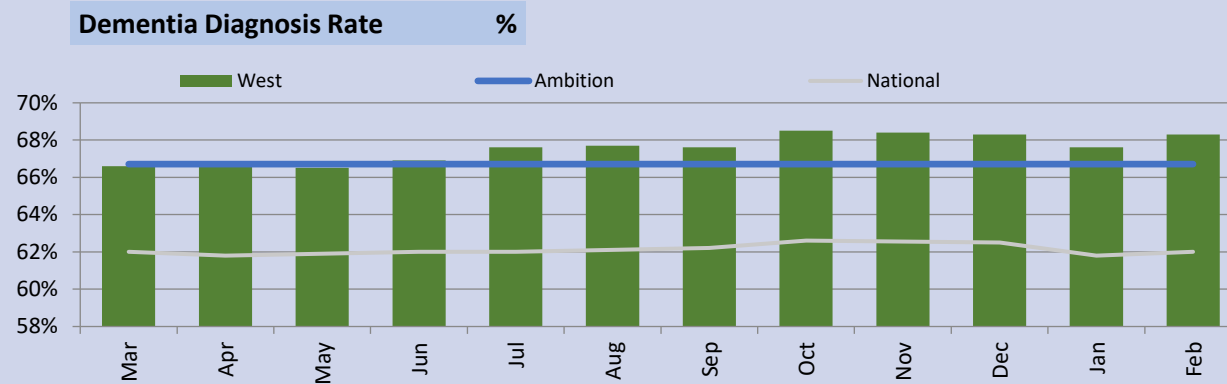

- West Essex remains above the national ambition.
- 40% increase in referrals to the service compared to pre covid figures. This increase has been sustained over last 3 years and is projected to rise by another 40% by 2026. the service has been reviewed to identify efficiencies by streamlining services.
- We are now delivering all services face to face unless patients request virtual.
- One area is doing same day assessment and diagnosis where clinically appropriate to increase capacity.
- OPA DNA rate is low.
- Medical staffing within the service has been impacted by the 4 month Jr Dr rotation model. We have a new consultant psychiatrist in post as well as a new locum which has improved capacity over the last few months which has helped to bring waiting times down.
- Launched the Diadem project as a pilot in 1 area which aims to increase diagnostic rates for people with undiagnosed severe dementia living in care homes. This is a nurse/ psychology led service.
- Have managed to regain the Dementia Diagnostic Rates to the national average.
- MCI pathway project is currently running, this provides post diagnostic support by a 6 week face to face group, personalised care planning with individuals and earlier review. The pathway has been successful in identifying opportunities to improve health outcomes for patients as well as having picked up conversions to dementia earlier than would have been possible before the project.
- We have reviewed the cognitive stimulation therapy (CST) offer as part of the post diagnostic pathway to increase capacity due to the increase demand for the service. Currently running a hybrid model with virtual and face to face CST.
- Staffing is very challenging currently with high vacancy rates.
- Current challenge faced is increased demand as highlighted above and funding for the service going forward.

# Dementia Pathway Improvement Plan

North East Essex

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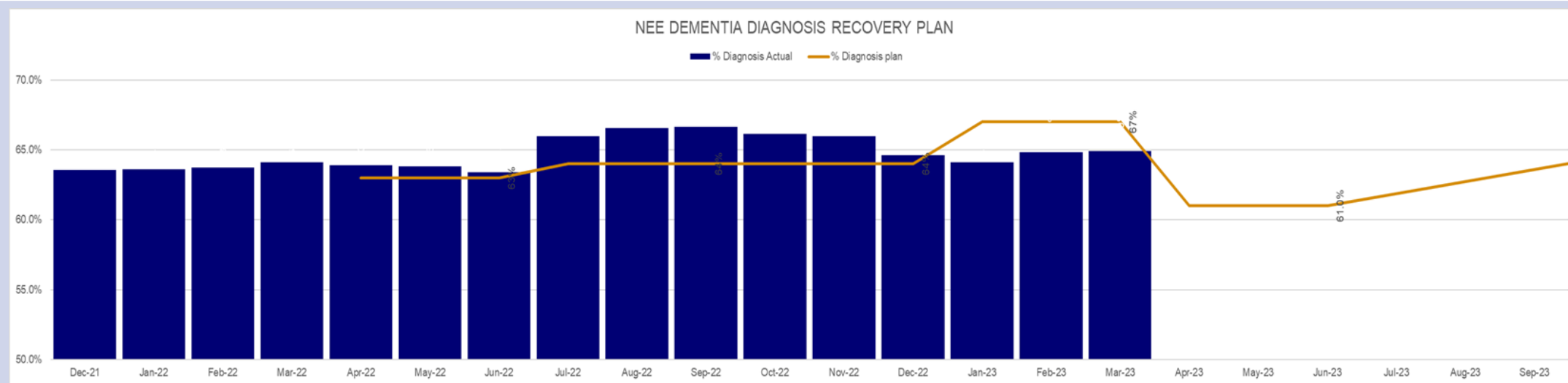
- North East Essex Memory Assessment Service have gained MSNAP Accreditation for the service
- In March 2023 38% have been waiting over 6 weeks for an initial assessment and 58% have been assessed and are waiting over 6 weeks for a diagnosis therefore work is being completed to ensure those waiting are "Waiting Well" and given appropriate support from Dementia Support Services
- Revised Scanning SLAs which has and will contribute to reduced time waiting for scans and being offered in local area. PET Scans take 9 days from referral compared to four weeks previously
- One area is doing same day assessment and diagnosis where clinically appropriate to increase capacity.
- Dementia Connect are supporting memory monitoring post diagnostic appointments increasing referrals to CST and other post diagnostic therapeutic support.
- Plans to move to SystmOne to improve referrals from PCN surgeries
- Created a Dementia Service Flowchart to support PCN, VCSE and third sector parties with accessing appropriate service at the right time
- Plans to introduce the Diadem project as a pilot in some GP surgeries where DDR is below 55% which aims to increase diagnostic rates for people with undiagnosed severe dementia living in care homes.
- Improving direct referral pathways into the memory assessment service from
- To stabilise and maintain staffing due to recent recruitment pressures and increased sickness levels
- Initial Demand and Capacity work completed to plan for the projected increased demand over the next five years to future proof the service.
- For Memory Monitoring and Physical Health to move to VCSE and PCN services to increase capacity for diagnostic assessments

Dementia Pathway Improvement Plan

Mid & South Essex

Dementia Diagnosis Rate

Legend: MSE · National · Ambition
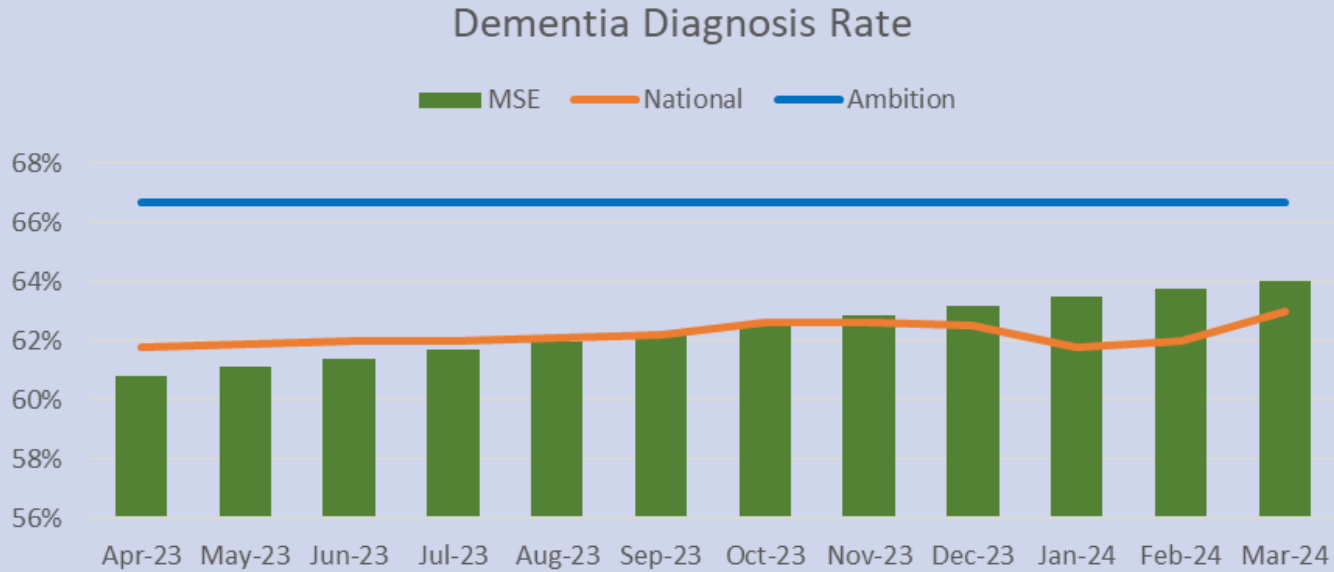
- Action plan in place to improve dementia diagnosis across MSE which is being led by MSE Mental Health Clinical Lead
- All sites on SystmOne now but further quality work to be done to look at continuity and learning.
- Successful meetings with MSEFT regarding scanning (referral, reporting, rescanning).
- Improved interim process across MSE, with commitment to one pathway for all areas as MSEFT aligns software across sites 3-6months.
- Quality work, with NHSE support, to examine the impact of longest waits and take learning back into service design.
- Workshops to be organised with system partners to improve understanding and communication regarding dementia diagnosis and continued care post diagnostically, with a view of a system held responsibility for a quality driven dementia pathway.
- The Alzheimer's society support patients at diagnostic appointments.
- Staffing is very challenging currently with high vacancy rates.
- Developed a Early On Set diagnosis pathway/service with people living with dementia and clinical leads across the MSE
- We have commissioned additional resources to support diagnosis within Primary Care including the VCSE to support people with dementia and their carers
- We will be supporting Alliances in developing there Dementia/Frailty plans to implement the pathways in local areas.
- All dementia teams are now using the WHIZAN boxes to ensure an holistic approach - every contact counts - thus enabling physical monitoring.