### Name of project: Reducing the length of the Thanet Neuro Rehabilitation Team multi-

disciplinary team meeting
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#### What was our aim?

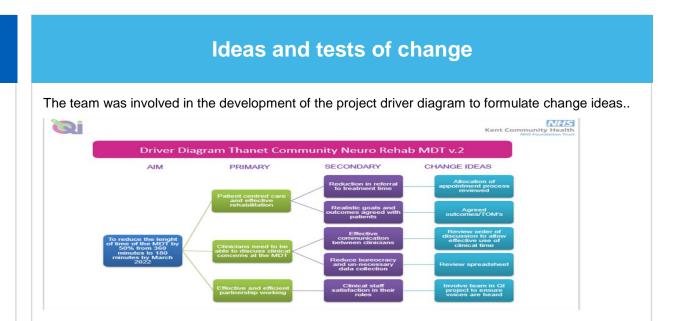
The Thanet Neuro Rehabilitation Team monthly multi-disciplinary team (MDT) was taking up to six hours. The use of a spreadsheet to collate information was to be superseded by the use of an electronic patient records system (EPRS) and the waiting times for new patients to be seen was exceeding the 18-week referral to treatment time (RTT) target.

### Why is it important to service users and carers?

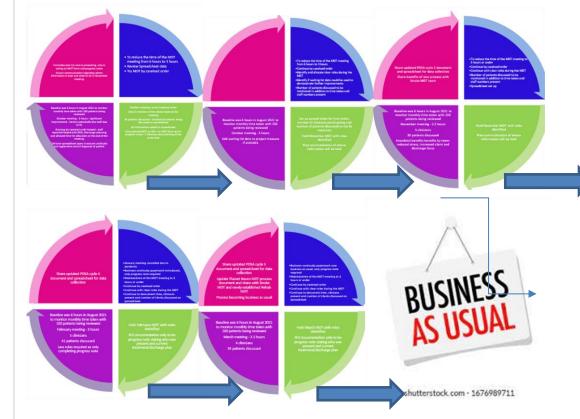
More efficient use of the time spent by clinicians at the monthly MDT would release clinical time to care for patients.

Making sure discussions are focused on current patients, current patient goals and estimated discharge dates (EDD), rather than on completion of the spreadsheet, would potentially reduce waiting time for patients and improve quality of care.

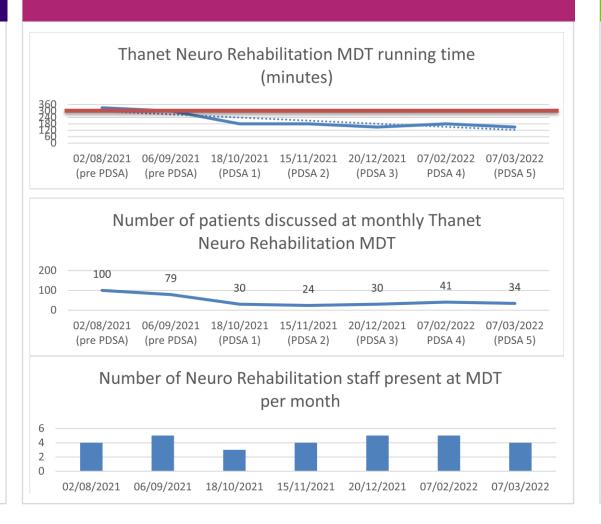
The project started in October 2021. The team is using the new MDT format and it is business as usual as of March 2022.



# The tools we used The project team used a driver diagram, brainstorming and PDSA cycles to progress the project.



### Results/How did we do/Anticipated outcome



## What we learned and what's next

We achieved our aim of reducing the time of the MDT to 180 minutes or below.

It did not matter how many professionals were at the MDTs once the process had been agreed with regard to discussing only current patients.

The number of patients discussed correlated with the time taken and the average time per patient has increased slightly to 4.4 minutes per patient. However, these are now effective clinical conversations and documented on the EPRS (RIO).

RTT for urgent neuro rehabilitation patients has reduced from 28 weeks in October 2021 to less than nine weeks in April 2022.

We are sharing our improvement in efficiency to help other clinical teams within the trust.



