





Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission

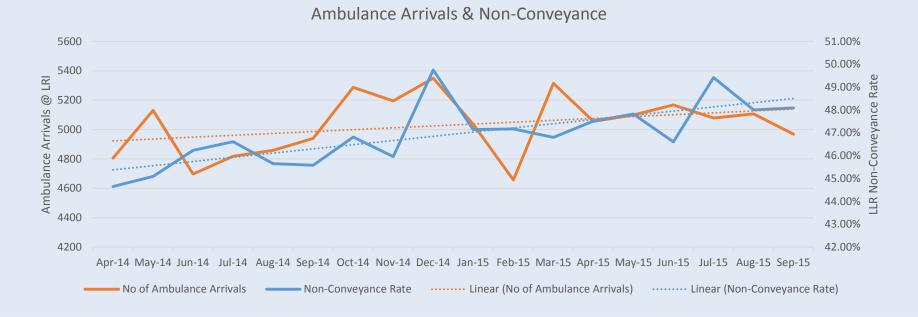






Setting the Scene

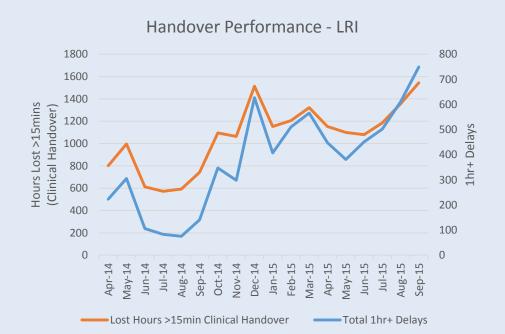
- Increasing demand across urgent and emergency care system
- Increase in both non-conveyance rate by EMAS and arrivals at hospital, nonconveyance rate assisting to stem increase in arrivals (managing extra demand through HAT / SAT activity)

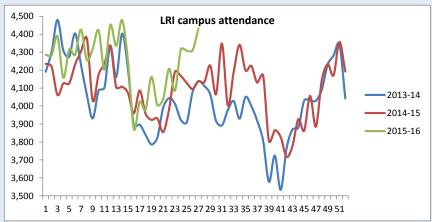




Historic LRI ED Handover Performance

- Increase in both Lost Hours >15 mins and 1hr+ delays
- September 2015 hours lost and 1hr+ delays both exceeded December 14
- Set against a backdrop of unprecedented increased LRI ED attendances







Actions Taken To Date

- Strategic Actions
 - Rapid Handover Protocol
 - Review of processes and streamlining of communications between LRI & EMAS Crews
 - Engagement with Unipart during July 2015, with PDSA approach for 8 weeks in Oct/Nov/Dec
 - Focus on Handovers at SRG and UCB in LLR
 - Greater focus on Pathfinder and Non-Conveyance in EMAS (managing demand)
 - Increased HAT activity in EMAS
 - Implementation of new Handover Screen data capture for greater information accuracy
- Tactical Actions
 - Dynamic HALO deployment during flash points
 - Gold Escalation to request increased flow
 - Support of outflow to assist flow
 - Tactical support to LRI ED from EMAS ECP staff



Further Planned Actions

- Assess potential access and support to EMAS from new GP evening and weekend slots (potential for greater non-conveyance)
- Assess impact of UCC changes & support to EMAS / impact to Pathfinder
- Complete final data alignment of new handover screens
- Assess options for future 'surge' support from EMAS and other partners (ie ECP support, etc)
- Investigating suitable live information sharing and predictive analytics in preparation for winter, including early warning systems
- Combined work on greater management of GP Urgent flow
- Both UHL and EMAS LiA leads to be included in Unipart work and joint team approach



Unipart – Background

- EMAS started to re-assess our change approach earlier this year as part of our overall transformation
 - Recognising that a standardised methodology based on a lean approach would help
 - Wanting to build on the work undertaken through Listening into Action to deliver changes through staff participation
- Applied for the TDA development partner and reached the final shortlist but were not selected
- Led us to consider an area of the business consistently challenging for us
- Initial engagement with Unipart was followed by their spending five days at UHL and EMAS, meeting with staff, running initial process mapping exercises and gathering data
- Outputs of the scoping exercise are contained in the Unipart report and proposal



Unipart – Observations and Opportunities

High Level Observations:

- Team are committed and want to provide a great service to patients
- Silo working between two organisations and team approach is needed
- Non-standard ways of ambulance crews presenting themselves at the hospital
- Same problems occurring every day with lack of capacity in the teams to solve them
- Management of capacity and demand is variable
- Lack of trust in data, leading to rework and wasted effort
- Operational management variable until process gets stressed and HALO arrives
- Paper based system primarily used versus digital
- Post handover of patient, time Crews left site was variable

High Level Opportunities:

- Understand in detail end to end processes to encourage more alignment and reduce silo working
- Simplify and standardise handover process
- Creation of clear and visible daily KPIs so team understand performance and can track issues
- Train teams in visual management and problem solving to start solving problems at their own level every day
- Introduce standard processes to reduce variation in decision making



Unipart – Key Points to Consider

- View from both EMAS and UHL that there is not the capability or capacity in either organisation to run this kind of project with existing resource
- External facilitation and a data driven approach will support joint working and help break down barriers
- The project will supplement other initiatives e.g. effect of Lakeside in November,
 planned joint LiA event and work around better use of data
- The scope of the work should be clear and re-iterated to be the 'front door' at UHL
- There will be clear guidance to Unipart on the parameters and constraints within which they can work - including a distinction between 'recommendations', scope for further development and process changes they can implement in eight weeks
- Are there other areas to avoid or focus on based on the current proposal?