

Achieving the 28 day Colorectal Faster Diagnosis Standards (FDS) within Stockport

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Background and Aims

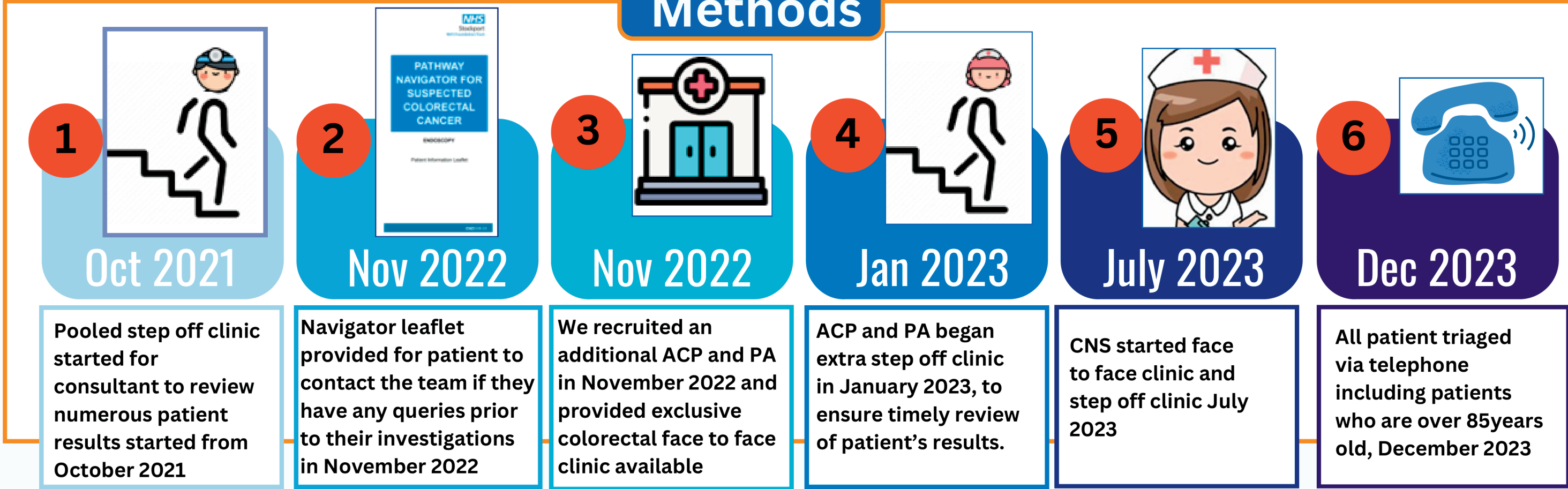
The FDS will ensure people are told they have cancer, or that cancer is excluded, within a maximum of 28 days from referral. The new standard is intended to:

- reduce the time between referral and diagnosis of cancer
- reduce anxiety for patients
- standardise the pathway across England by understanding how long it is taking patients to receive a diagnosis
- represent a significant improvement on the current two-week wait to first appointment target, and a more person-centred performance standard. (1.NHS England, 2023)

What we wanted to achieve:

- Streamline the start of the Colorectal FDS pathway
- Improve patient experience
- Provide support for patient prior to their investigations

Methods



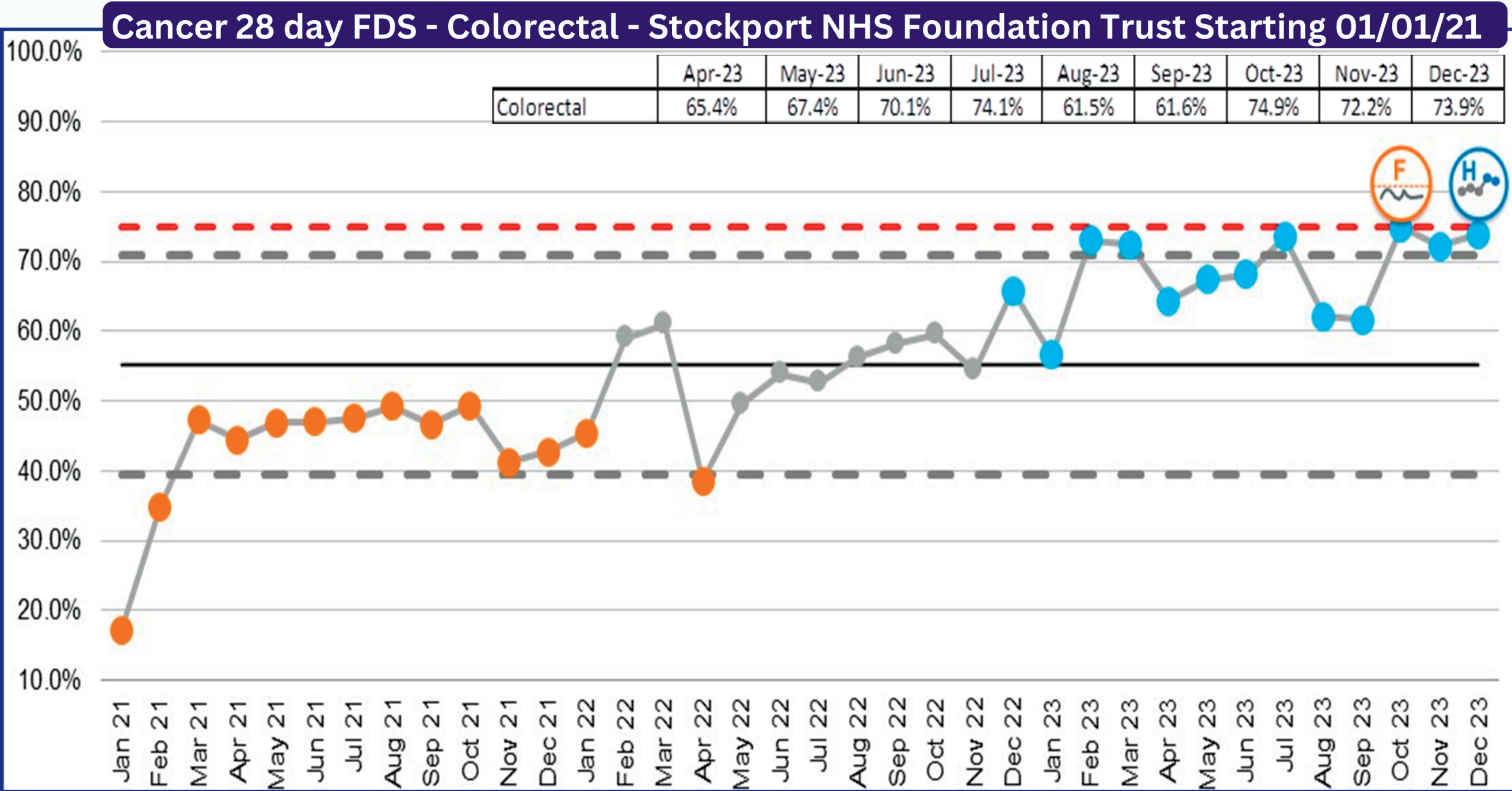
Results 2021-2023

The graph below shows the steady increase in the number of patients seen within the Cancer 28 day FDS referral following the improvements to the service.

- 24.9% improvement for FDS from 2021 to 2023 since pooled step off clinics were commenced
- Continued to improve FDS by 15% from Nov 22 to June 23, but still not achieving the target of 75%
- Above the national average of 70% during Feb -March 23, and Oct - Dec 2023

2024

Achieving above 80% FDS for Jan, Feb and March 2024



Conclusion

The service has made significant progress using the faster diagnosis standard, which has meant we are better able to manage the team's resource and capacity to meet the the needs of our patients.

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