

DTHFT Cancer Waiting Times update to Derby City Council Oversight and Scrutiny Committee

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National Strategy

The independent Cancer Taskforce set an ambitious aim for the NHS to make significant progress in reducing preventable cancers, increasing cancer survival and improving patient experience and quality of life by 2020.

§ Achieving World-Class Cancer Outcomes: A Strategy for England 2015-2020

- Radical upgrade in prevention and public health
- Achieve earlier diagnosis
- Establish patient experience on a par with clinical effectiveness and safety
- Transform our approach to support people living with and beyond cancer
- Invest in a modern high-quality service

Our Services

- Derby Teaching Hospitals provides a comprehensive range of cancer treatments including surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy for all major tumour sites.
- In recent years we have invested significantly in modern high quality treatment including;
 - Robotic Surgery
 - 3 new Linear Accelerators installed over the past 18 months to deliver Radiotherapy
- We receive over 17,000 cancer referrals per year.
- This results in over 1,500 treatments per year
- We are the highest rated organisation in the East Midlands for cancer patient experience.



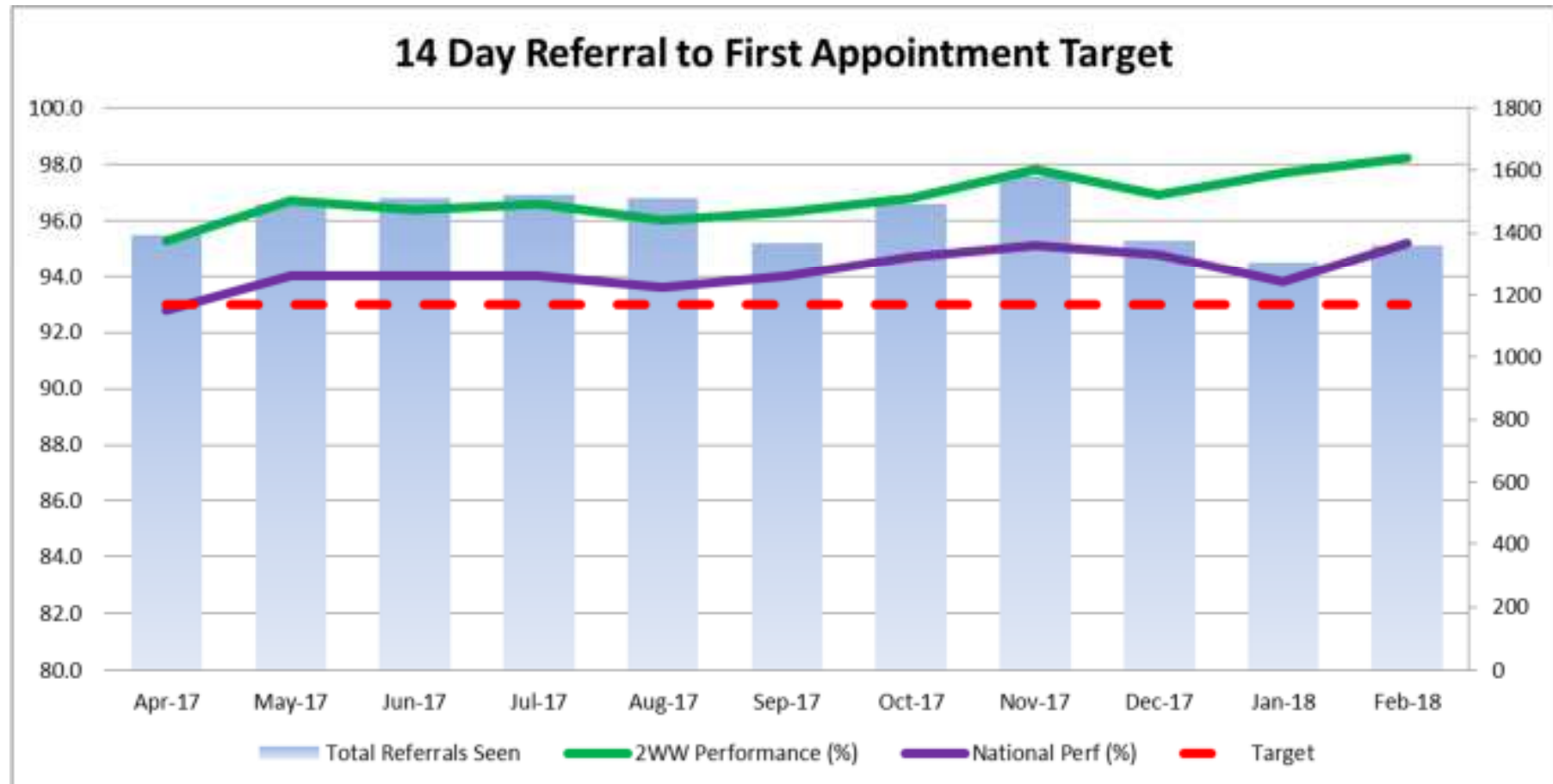
Our Services

- All pathways are managed through the Multi Disciplinary Team meetings, this comprises of speciality consultants, cancer nurse specialists, oncologists, radiologists, pathologists and more...
- As an organisation we work closely with a variety of partners including primary care, other acute hospitals, commissioners and the East Midlands Cancer Alliance.
- We have an excellent partnership with Macmillan who are supporting us to deliver a substantial 'Living with and Beyond Cancer' package, focussed on improving patients experience before and after their treatment.

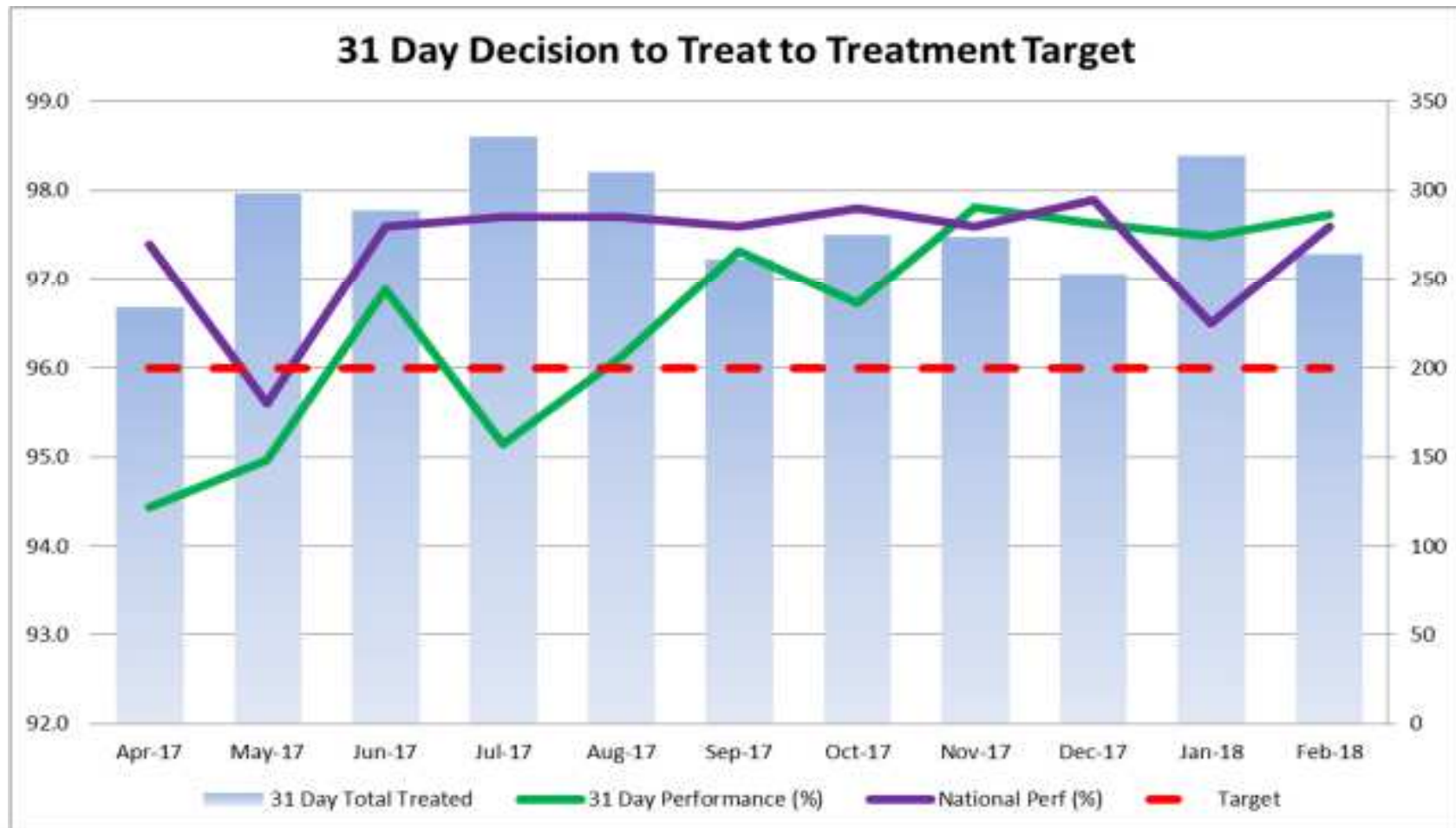
The Targets

- 8 statutory targets with an additional target for 'consultant upgrade' patients.
- 3 high profile targets;
 - 14 days from referral to first outpatient appointment
 - 31 days from a decision to treat to treatment commencing
 - 62 days from referral to treatment commencing

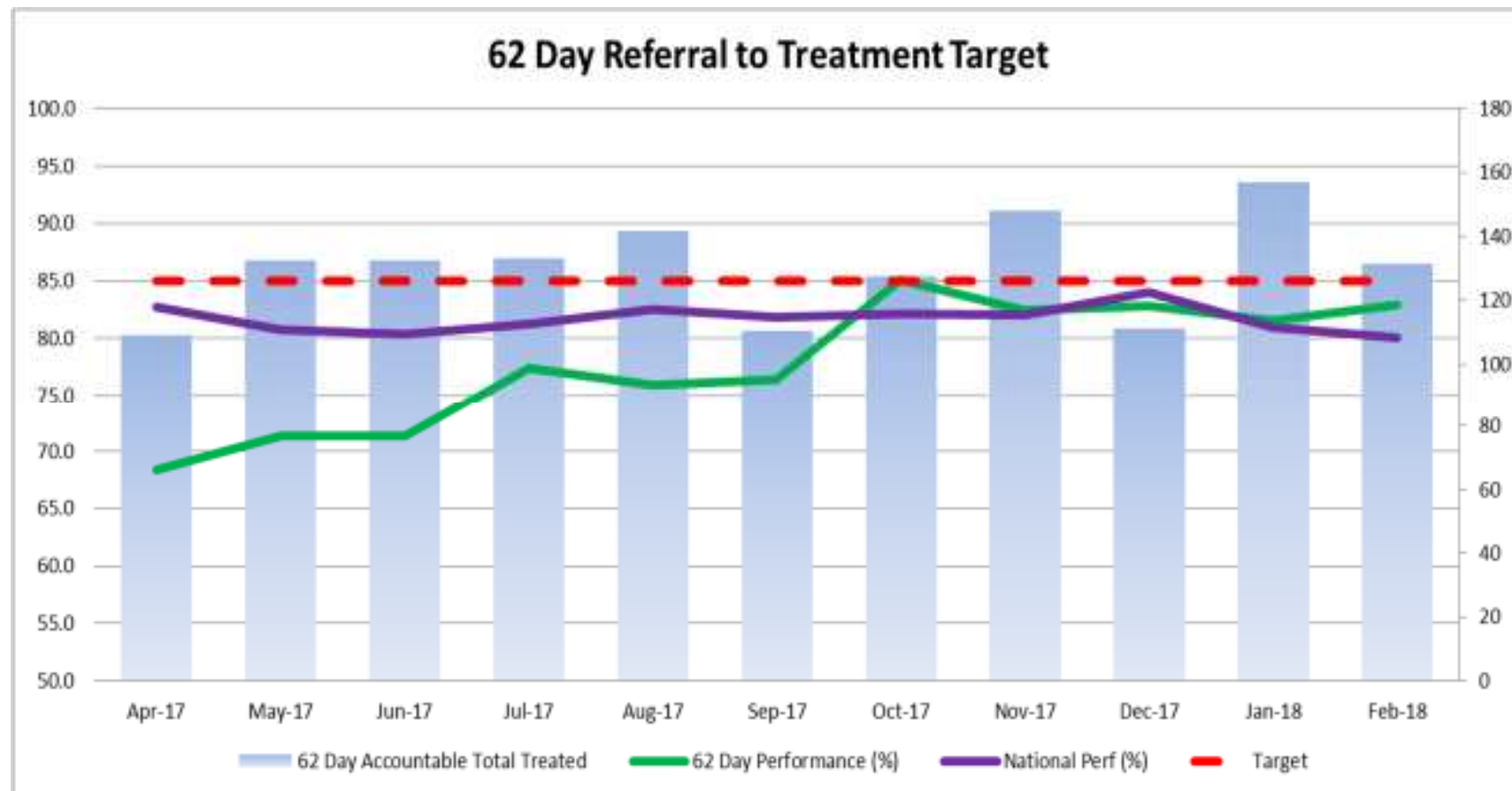
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Improving Performance

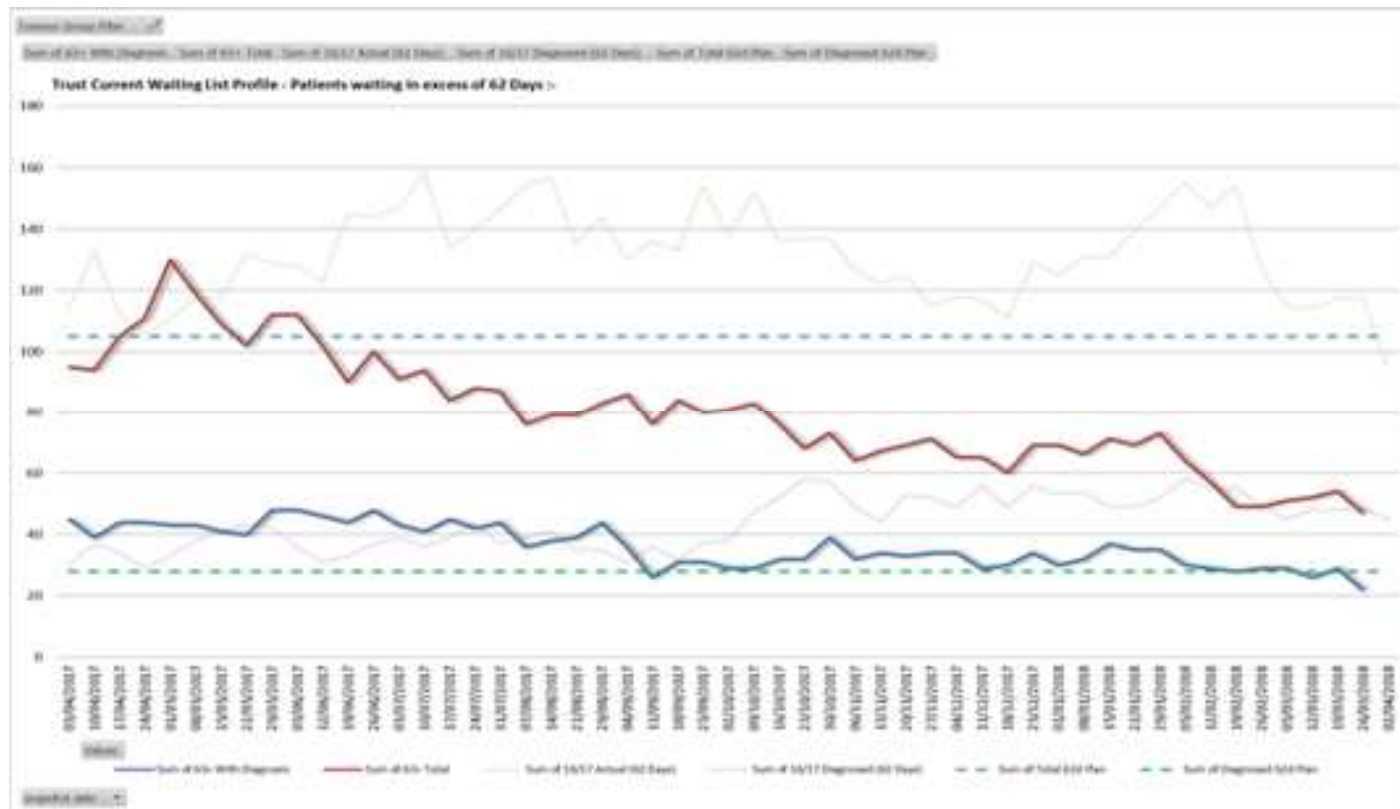
We have a comprehensive performance recovery action plan, the aim of this is to sustainably achieve compliance against all of the waiting times standards. Key work to date has included;

- Building strong clinical engagement
- Challenging ourselves to improve the diagnostic element of the pathway
- Improved use of data to guide our decision making
- Pathway redesign



Reducing the Backlog

- In order to achieve the target and optimise patient experience it was important for us to focus on the backlog.



Our next steps

- Continue with the good work and progress made to date in regards to;
 - Clinical engagement
 - Demand & Capacity analysis
 - Investing in our services
 - Improved use of information and the development of a performance dashboard
- Improve our wait for outpatient appointments and diagnosis in line with the new national standard from 2020. (28 days from referral to diagnosis)
- Develop the services available here in Derby, most notably a potential partnership to deliver Proton Beam Therapy here in Derby.