



What next for Community
Assessment and
Treatment Units: Same
Day Emergency Care
within a Community
Hospital setting

- Community Assessment and Treatment Units were operationalised as part of the Cornwall NHS joint system response to the National Pandemic, since their inception they have naturally evolved to encompass new knowledge skills and practices delivered close to home.
- The NHS is much-admired for its innovation and responsiveness in providing care closer to home, our CATUs have naturally evolved within a mindset of the art of the possible in recognising and releasing the potential within our Community Hospitals in Cornwall, from the outset the teams' ambitions, supported by system leads and professionals have continued to develop and push the boundaries of emergency SDEC services traditionally placed within an acute setting, however by systems working creatively the true potential of delivering SDEC within the community is enabling care at place. Lord Darzi recognises and values the transition to base innovative accessible urgent care services within Community settings. (Darzi, 2024).
- It is time to recognise the true value of community hospitals and how they can shape urgent care closer to the community they serve.

- References

- Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, Streetwork W. Independent investigation ordered into state of NHS. 11 Jul 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/independent-investigation-ordered-into-state-of-nhs>
- Summary letter from Lord Darzi to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

What's already on site

Point of
Care Testing

MRI
Scanner

ECG

X-Ray
Ultrasound

UTC

Acute GPs

CATU

Camborne Redruth Community Hospital

Densely populated area of West Cornwall

High levels of deprivation

High unemployment

Poor outcomes within the population

Multiple comorbidities

Population doubles in summer months

One Acute Trust in Cornwall

Same Day Emergency Care (Camborne Redruth)



SDEC Tier 1

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Year Month

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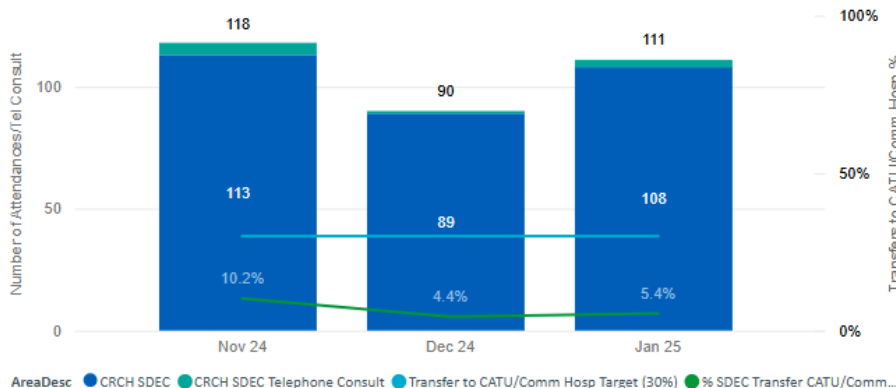


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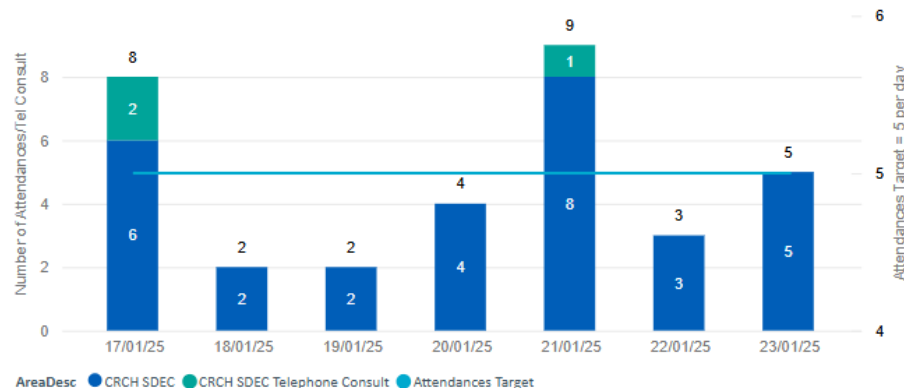
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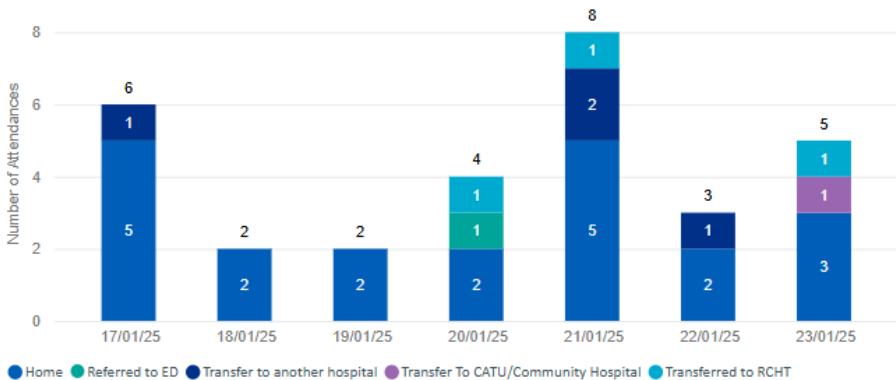
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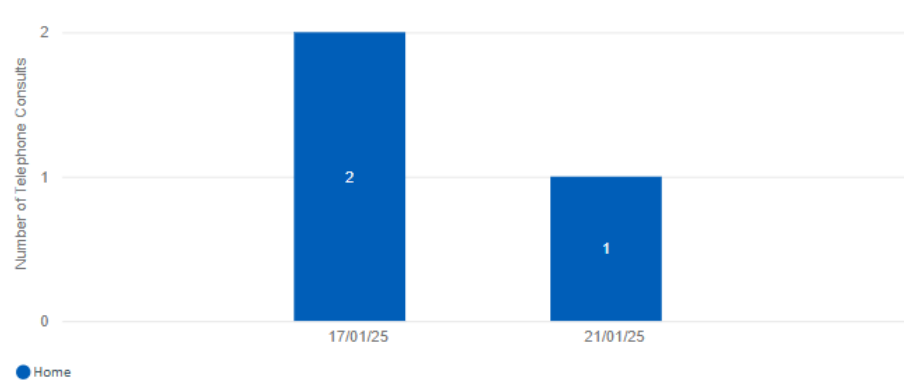
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Last 7 days SDEC Attendances & Outcome



Last 7 days SDEC Telephone Consults & Outcome



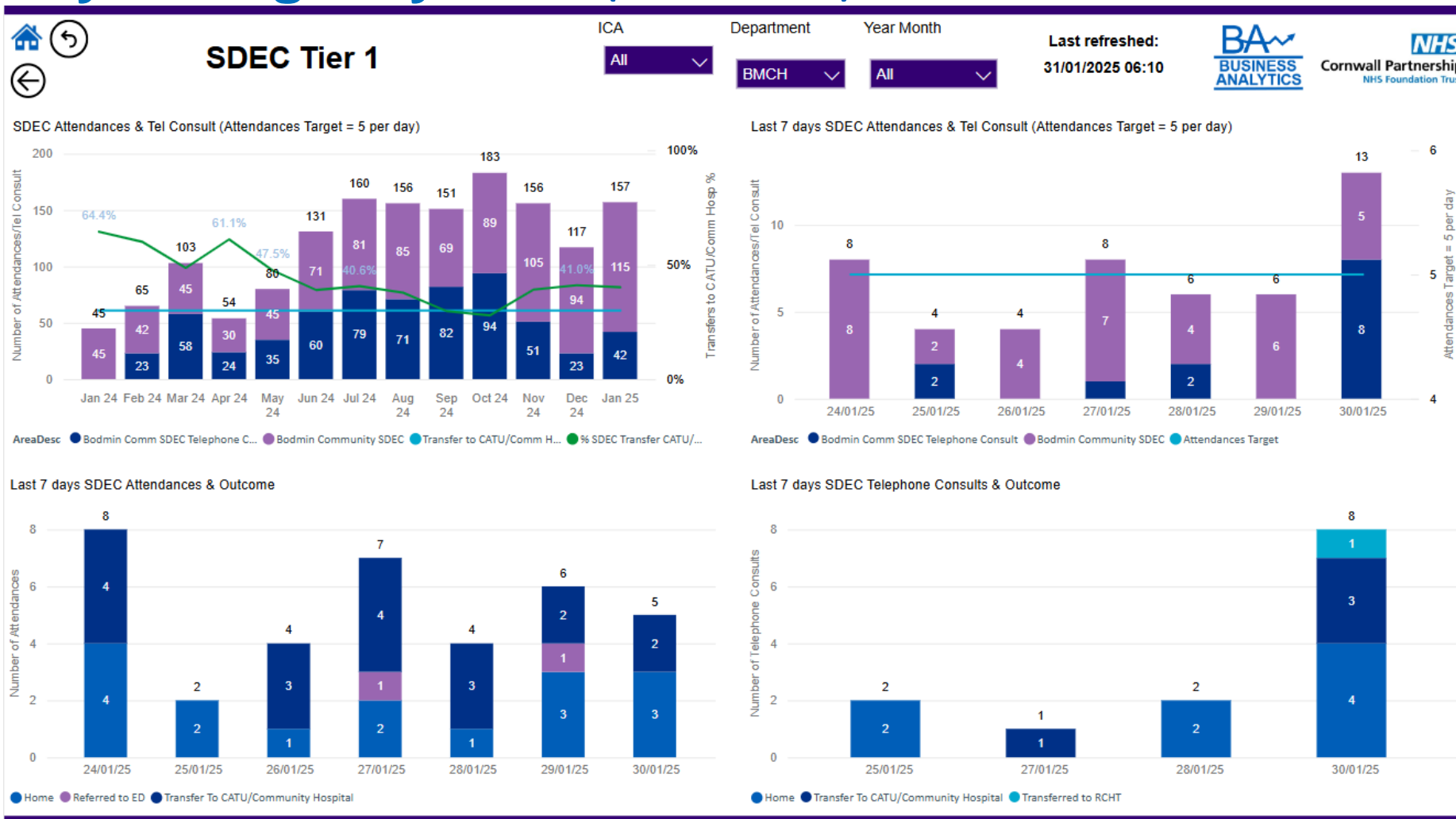
SDEC Activity

CRCH SDEC

Performance

- Overall decrease (-28) in the SDEC attendance and telephone consultations for the latest month
- CRCH SDEC temporarily closed from 21/12/24 due to system pressures, reopening 06/01/25
- Average attendances and telephone contacts per day for the last 7 days is 4.7
- Based on the last 7 days 3% of SDEC attendances transferred to CATU/Community Hospital

Same Day Emergency Care (Bodmin)



SDEC Activity

Performance

Bodmin SDEC

- Overall decrease (-39) in the SDEC attendance and telephone consultations for the latest month
- In the latest month 41% of patients (attendances and telephone) were admitted to Community Assessment Treatment Unit increasing from 39.1% last month, sitting above a target of 30%
- Average attendances and telephone contacts per day for the last 7 days is 7

SDEC assess and treat offer



Pathways	Bodmin (open 7 days, 08:00-20:00)	Camborne Redruth (open 7 days, 08:00-18:00)	West Cornwall Hospital (open Mon-Fri, 08:00-19:00, no arrival after 17:00)
Chest pain (Low risk)	Coming soon in 2025/26	7 days, 08:00-17:00	Mon-Fri, 08:00-17:00
Heart failure	7 days, 08:00-18:00	7 days, 08:00-18:00	Mon-Fri, 08:00-17:00
DVT/ VTE	7 days, 08:00-18:00	7 days, 08:00-18:00	Mon-Fri, 08:00-17:00
Head injury	7 days, 08:00-18:00	Coming soon in 2025/26	Mon-Fri, 08:00-17:00
Rule out NOF / Falls (confirmed NOF to ED)	7 days, 08:00-18:00	7 days, 08:00-18:00	Mon-Fri, 08:00-17:00
COPD exacerbations (if NIV not required)	7 days, 08:00-18:00	7 days, 08:00-18:00	Mon-Fri, 08:00-17:00
Catheters (if cannot be resolved in community)	7 days, 08:00-18:00	7 days, 08:00-18:00	Mon-Fri, 08:00-17:00

Last 7 days Virtual Ward :- 24/01/25 – 30/01/25

