



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

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- 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 is Same Day Emergency Care \(SDEC\)? \(youtube.com\)](#)

Short Video SDEC

What's already on site

Point of
Care Testing

MRI
Scanner

ECG

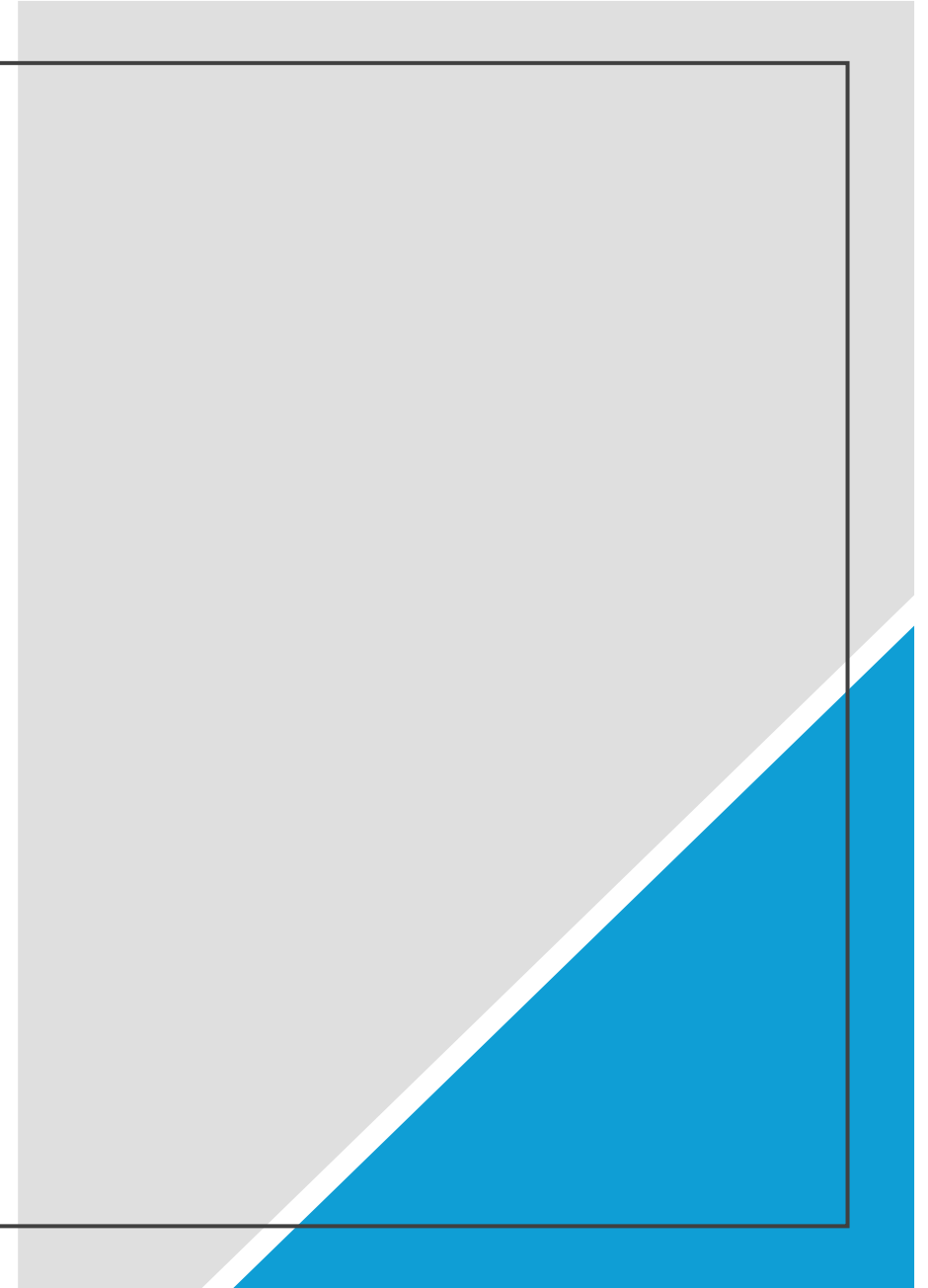
X-Ray
Ultrasound

UTC

Acute GPs

CATU

Training Needs Analysis



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

Frailty Score

Anyone with a Frailty score of 4
and above

No upper age limit but above 18
years

Admission avoidance

Signposting

Onward Referrals to Home First and STEPS services

Virtual Ward onward monitoring

DN Services

Community Matron/ UCR

GP Primary Care

Urgent Treatment Unit

Referral to ED if appropriate



Virtual Ward

<https://youtu.be/W3lKlSMUHFc>

Coming soon



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SDEC Same Day Emergency Care

Go live date 4 November 2024

We will phase the operationalise of this service

Aim to have 6 trolleys and recliner chairs

Working with Acute GP service

Phase 1 4 beds 10 to 4pm 5 days a week

Phase 2 6 Beds 10 to 4pm 5 days a week

Phase 3 6 beds 8 to 8 7 days a week

Any Questions

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