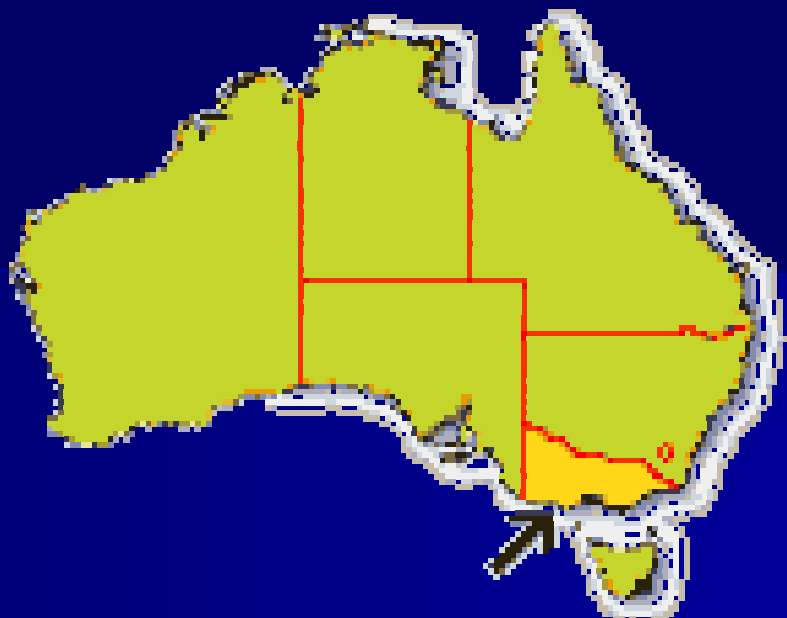


Introduction of the Liverpool Care Pathway for the Dying Patient in a Regional Health Service

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Our Profile

- Warrnambool population 30,000
- Catchment population of 120,000
- Warrnambool - parent campus 155 beds
- 4 smaller campuses (3 community health only)

Background

- The hospice model of care recognised as the 'gold standard' for the dying patient
- The challenge - to transfer this standard to other care settings
- The Liverpool Care Pathway (LCP) developed to offer guidance for recognising the dying phase, outline goals for care and allow measurable outcomes
- Awarded Beacon status in UK in 2000
- Now introduced throughout UK, NZ and Australia

About the LCP Pathway

- A multi-professional document
- Covers physical, psychological, religious/spiritual & social aspects of care
- 3 sections:
 - Initial assessment
 - Ongoing care
 - Care after death
- Also includes flow charts for symptom control
- Facilitates appropriate standards of documentation

Implementation at SWH

1. **Keen** Director of Palliative Care /staff
2. Support of health service
3. Join LCP Project
4. Development of multidisciplinary team
5. Minor adjustments of LCP to ensure relevant to our setting (drugs, format)
 - introducing the pathway without doing these adjustments proved confusing for staff

Implementation at SWH

6. Development family information pack

a. Booklet

- initially procedures after death
- changed to include info what to expect in dying phase
- tips for funeral, contact list, grief support
- input from Bereaved Partners Group
- now given out when pathway commenced & reinforced after death

b. Brochures

- Info on grieving for men, women children
- given out after death



Let's talk about... Children's Grief

If you are concerned about
discussing death with children
you are not alone



Let's talk about... Men & Women Individual reactions to grief



Let's talk about... Helping Yourself to Grieve



As Death Approaches

- Information for
family / friends



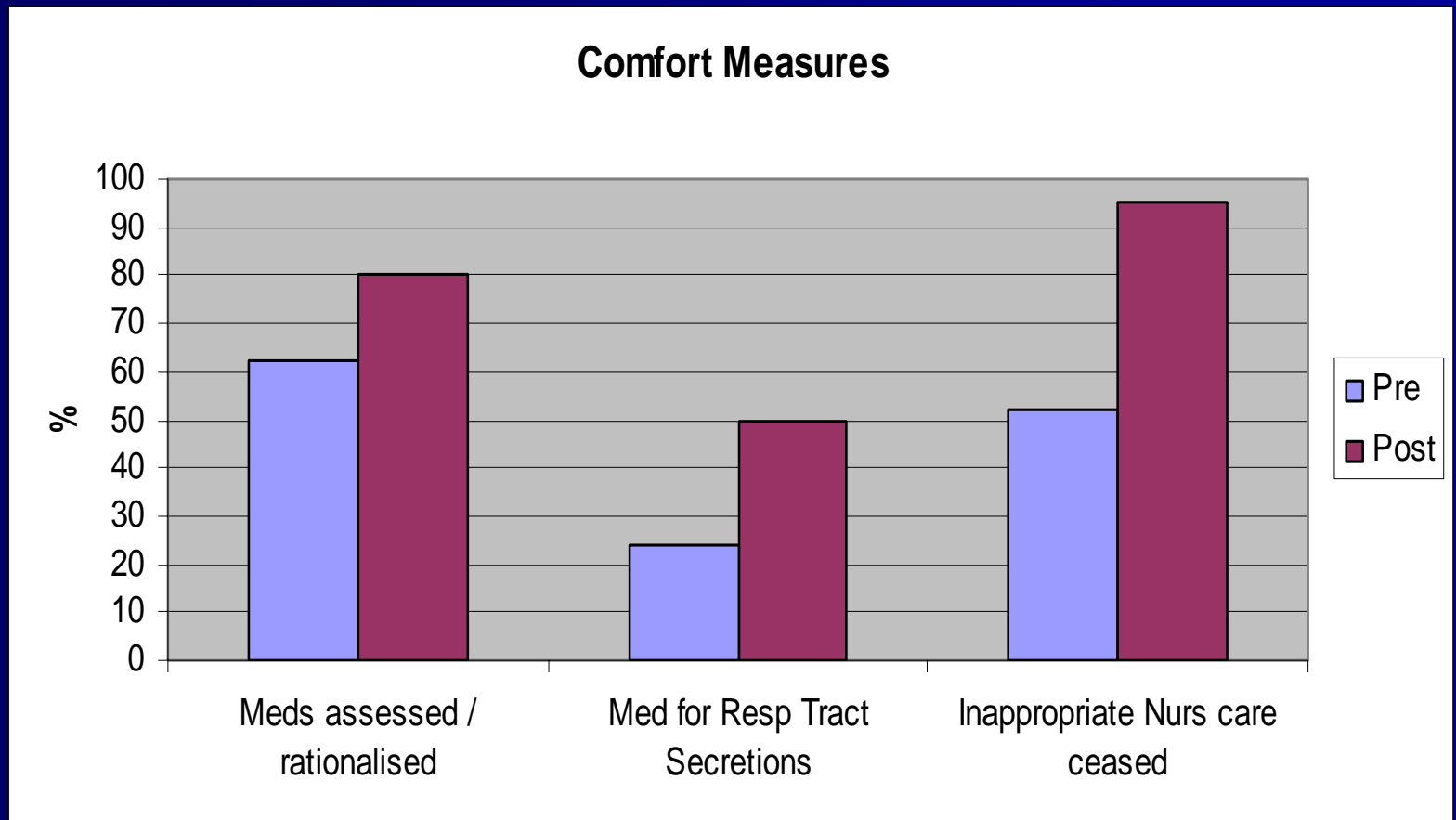
Let's talk about... Needs of bereaved/dying



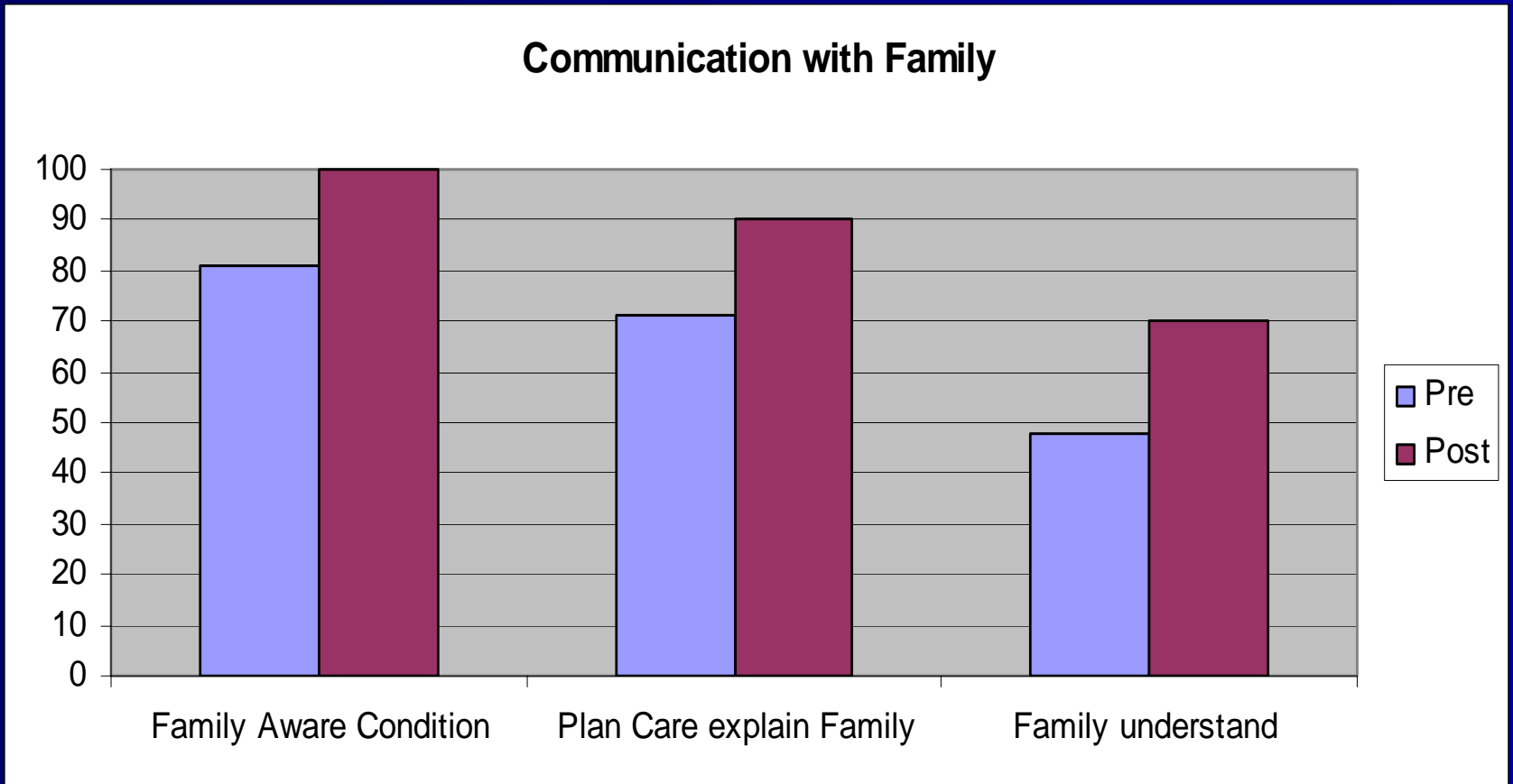
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7. Staged introduction – PCU first, then acute areas and Aged Care
8. Staff education
9. Pre and Post implementation audit of 20 deaths, with report compiled by LCP project team and sent back to us
10. Staff survey of pathway use

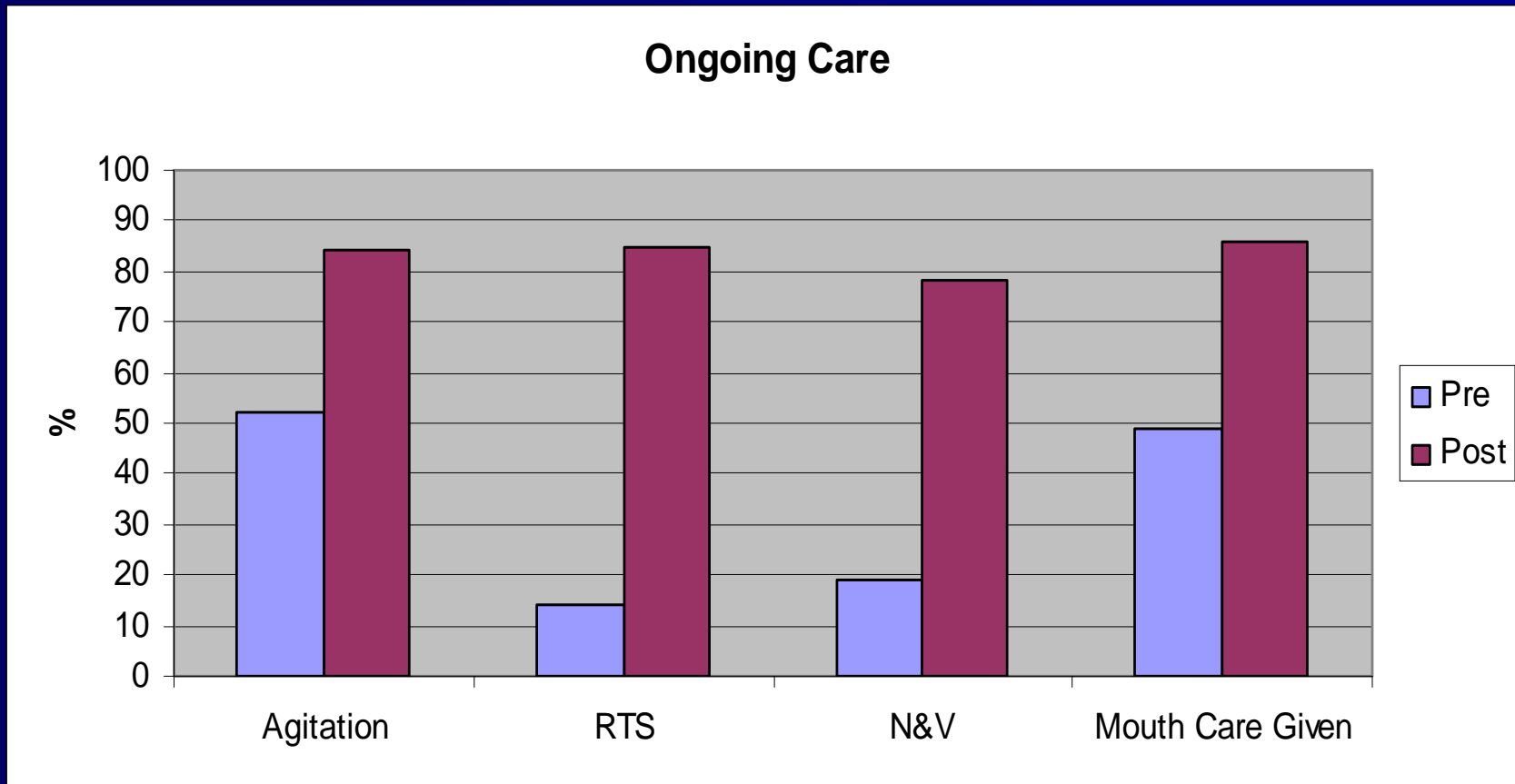
Summary Pre & Post Audits – Initial Assessment



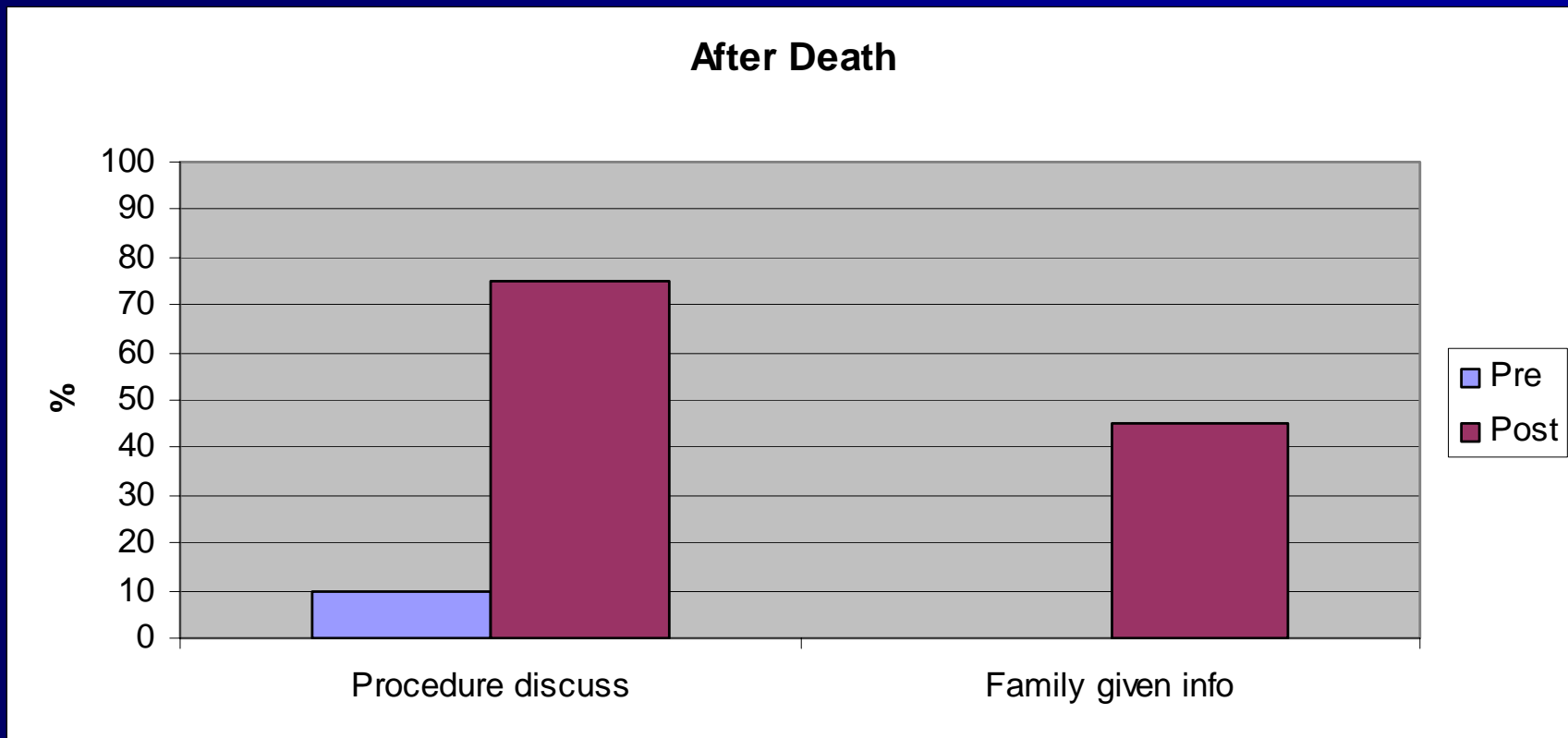
Initial Assessment



Ongoing Care

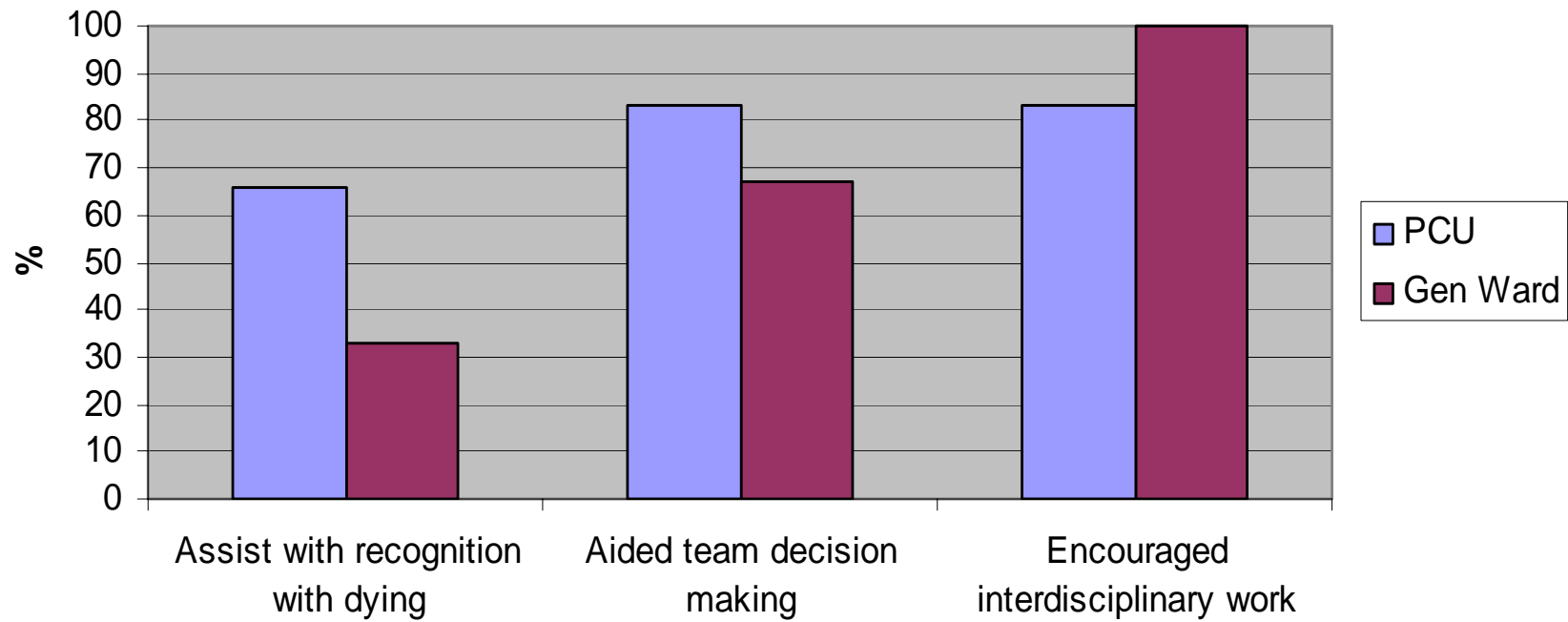


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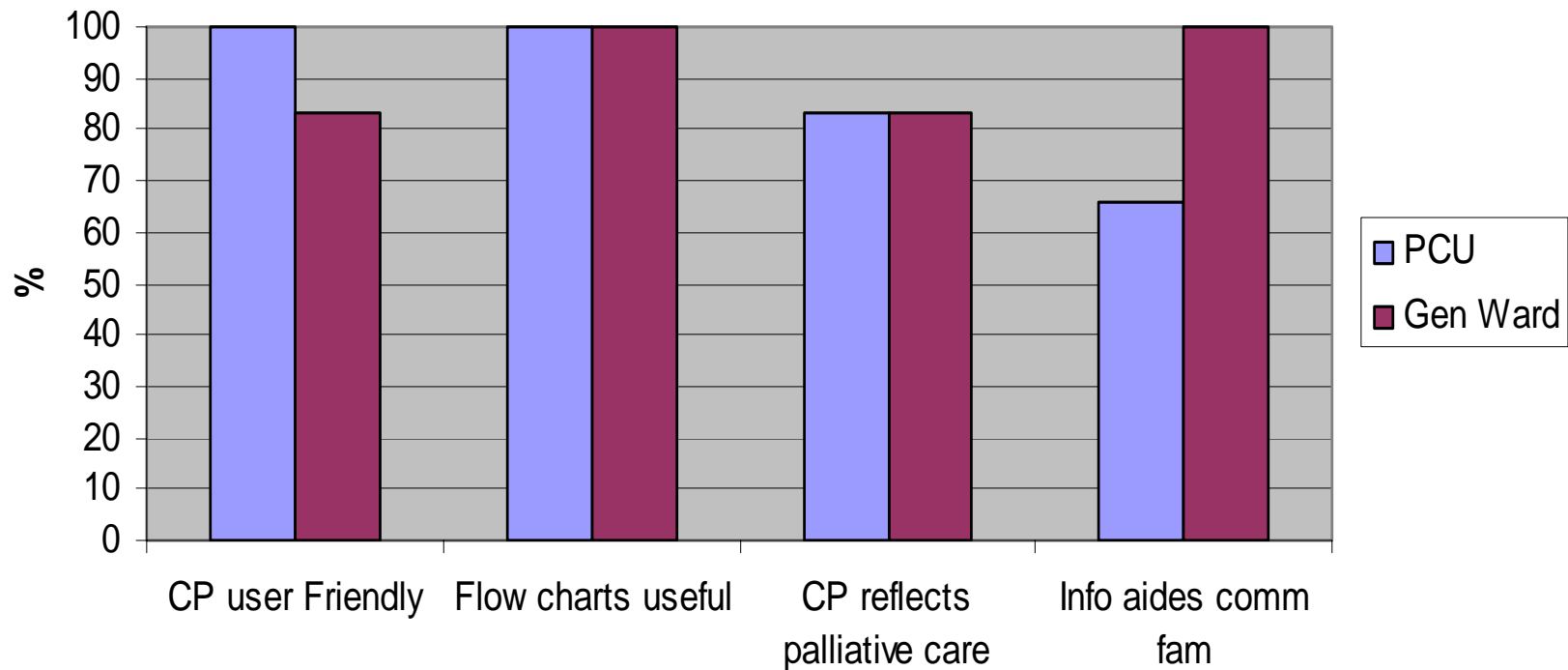
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Conclusion

- Introducing and evaluating the CP in PCU area helped get it right
- PCU staff involved in education in other areas
- UK Project team very supportive throughout
- Project report due now, giving the ability to benchmark
- Recommend joining this project – it is free too!

Join in the fun!

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