



SILVER CHAIN

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## Health Care Without Walls

# Implementing Systemic Home Hospital

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# Across the State



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- METRO
- RURAL
- REMOTE



Perth-Carnarvon - 902km (561 miles)  
Perth-Eucla - 1436km (892 miles)  
Perth-Walpole - 423km (268 miles)



# Metropolitan Centres



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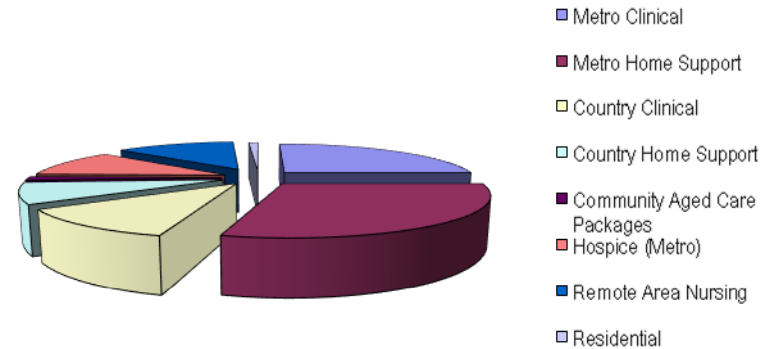


# Activity Profile

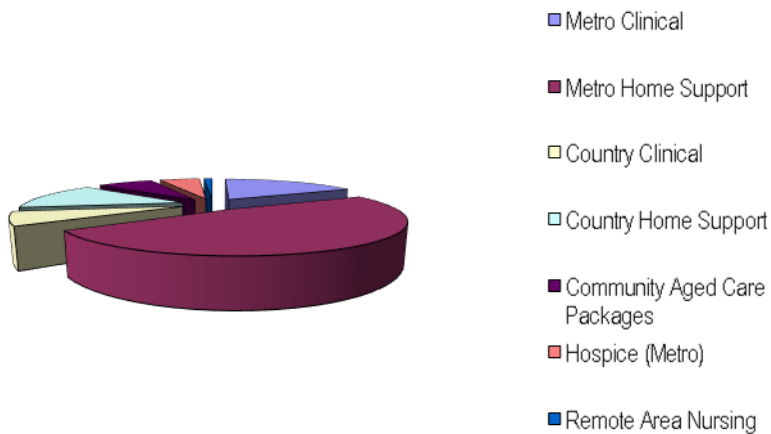


- 41,346 Clients
- 1,418,083 Hours of Care
- 1,909,995 Occasions of Service
- 12,192,336 km travelled
- 2,553 Staff
- 660 Volunteers

## Clients By Service



## Occasions of Service





- HACCC Home Support (Home Help and Personal Care)
- C/wealth Aged Care Packages 576 CACP and 128 EACH
- 6 Residential Aged Care Facilities (RCF – Approx 400 beds)
- Community Hospice Program
- H@H, PAC, CU evolving to Silver Chain Home Hospital
- Access Care Network
  - Personal Alarms
  - Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA)
  - Shared infrastructure
  - Fee For Service (FFS)



- IT
- Customer Centre
- Quality Team
- Project Management Office
- Fleet Management
- Management tools
- Logistics focus
- Asset Management

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# Clinical



The screenshot displays the COMCARE software interface for a client named Mr. George Costanza. The interface is divided into several panes:

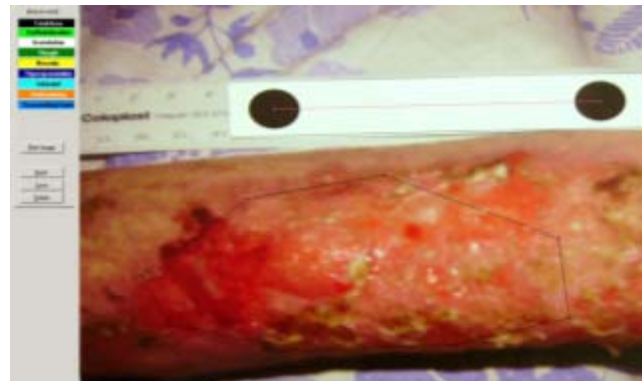
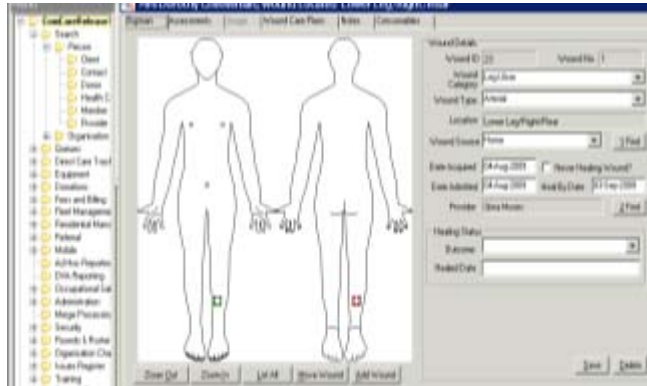
- Client Information:** Shows personal details such as UPI# (123789), Age (38), Living Arrangement (Lives with), Language (Austroic), and Service (Personal Care).
- Diagnosis:** Lists medical conditions like "DRCSYS Laceration" and "DRCSYS Contusion".
- Care Indicators:** Shows active indicators such as "Support Care/SF Frailty" and "PU Pressure Ulcer/PUJ Stage 3".
- Care Plan:** A detailed view of a care plan for "Shower Assist, Independence encouragement" by provider "Colleen Dancap". It includes a variance description: "ST Short Term Dress" with a variance date of "12 Sep-09" and a comment: "Full support needed during this time".

- Diagnosis
- Care indicator associated with client need
- Link care indicators to care plan
- Print care plan to leave in home
- Record variance which may affect the goal set for the client

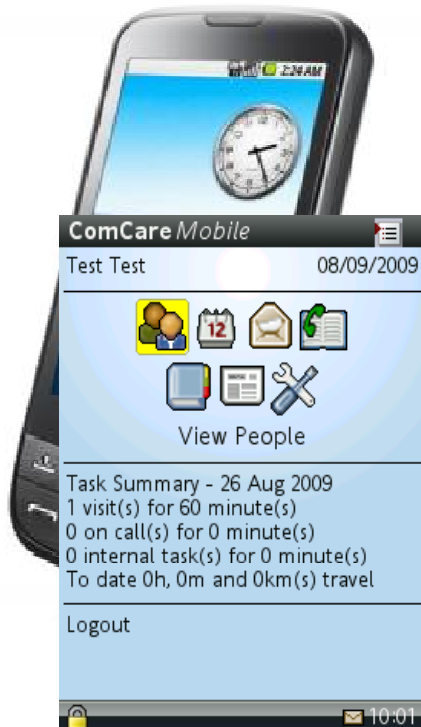
The form is titled "SILVER CHAIN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT PLAN" for "George Costanza". It includes sections for:

- PROVIDER:** Lists roles like Case Aide, Home Help, Therapy Assistant, and Volunteer.
- STATEMENT OF THE NEEDS:** A section for describing the client's needs.
- CLIENT'S GOALS OF CARE:** A table for recording goals, expected outcomes, and review dates.
- CAREGIVER'S GOALS OF CARE:** A table for recording caregiver goals, expected outcomes, and review dates.
- ESSENTIAL WORK STANDARDS:** A list of standards for the care provider, such as "Comply with legislated forms as specified in the Support Plan" and "Show respect and courtesy and ensure privacy when interacting with client and family".
- RESPONSIBLE STEPS FOR THE CARE PROVIDER:** A list of specific actions, such as "Any changes in the client's general condition or ability to manage" and "Any changes in client's ability to perform functions as specified in the Support Plan".

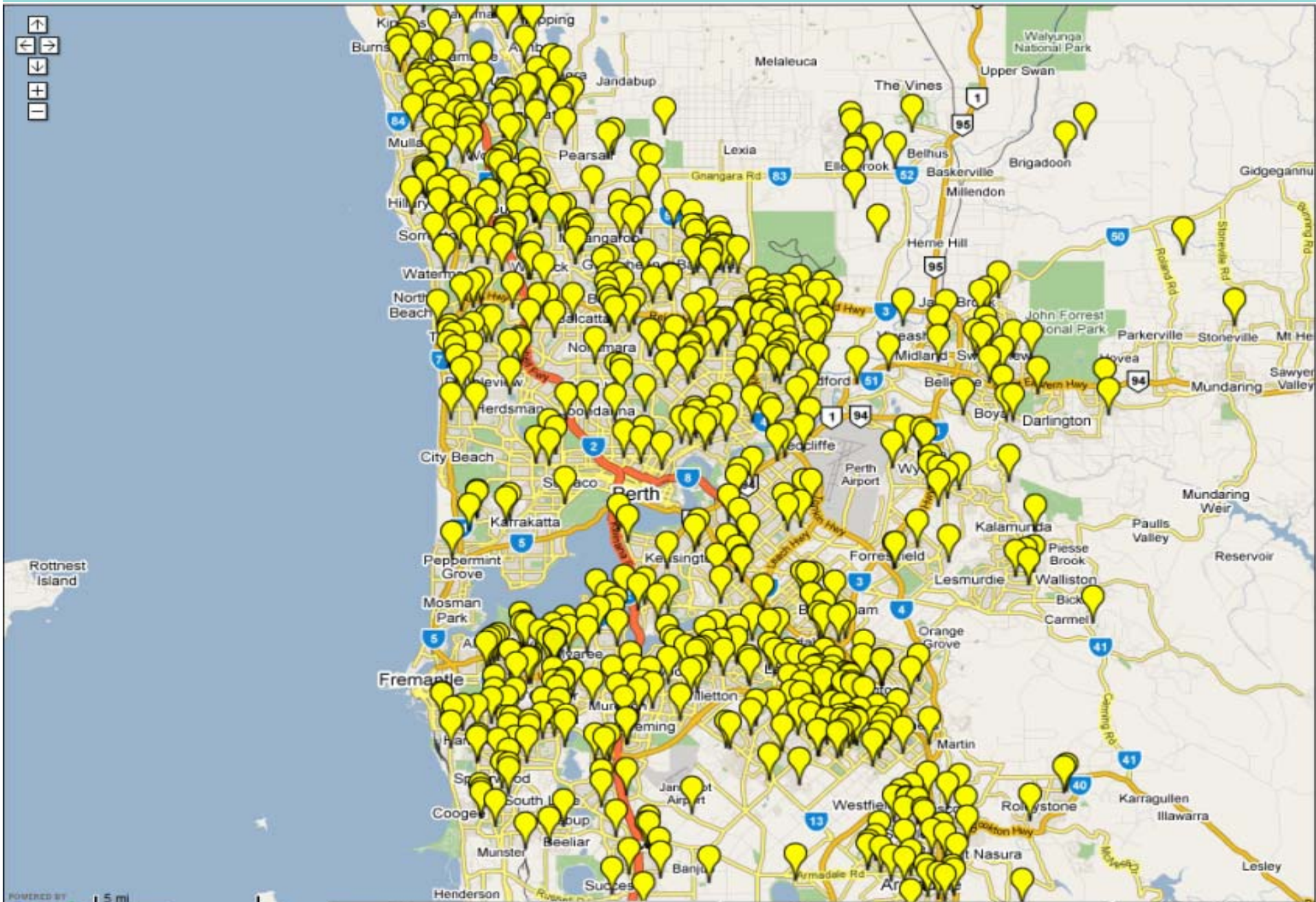
# Wound Management



- Can record multiple wound location
- Each wound retains its own history and progress
- Graphical representation of the wound healing progress against the system specified healing parameters
- History of wound products used during the healing process
- Defines the regions of the wound and calculates the area of the wound regions to create the healing graph



- Clients
- Contacts
- Access comments
- Service details
- Task details
- Questionnaires (assessments)
- Clinical details
- Wound management
- Schedule/roster
- Timesheet
- Admission wizard
- Messages
- Alerts
- Maps
- OSH checklist
- Client equipment
- Manuals (nursing and quality)



Allocate	100	Dump	Cluster	Show Clients
Show New		Dump	Proposed	Hide Providers
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- Silver Chain Hospice Care Service funded by Department of Health WA.
- Contracted to provide palliative care to people in their last 60 days of life (taken as an average).
- Current average length of stay is 92 days. Range 1–900+ days.
- Currently have 511 clients and their families.
- No Maximum. Highest number = 680 (2007)
- Age range pre-natal to 102 years.
- Average 2,000 deaths per year.



Research has shown that :

- “if given the choice, up to 80% of patients with cancer would prefer to die at home, but the proportion who realise this desire is much smaller”

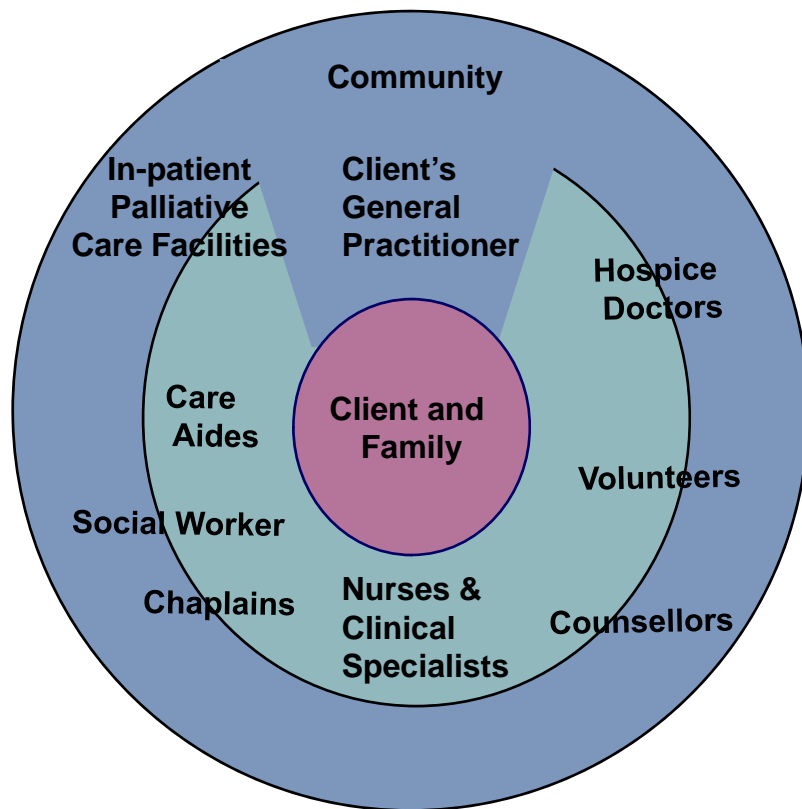
*(Burge, Lawson & Johnston, 2003, p265)*

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# A Unique Model Of Care



***Providing a home palliative care service in Metropolitan Perth.  
Eight teams operating out of three Metropolitan bases.***



## What is unique?

- The way we work with General Practitioners.
- The size of the service - coverage of the full Metropolitan area.
- Comprehensive nature of the service.
- The technology used
- Type of clinical procedures done in the home.
- Outcome - keeping people at home.

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- Make contact with client and/or family same day as referral.
- Same day visit by RN possible.
- 24 hour coverage stand up RNs.
- Regular evening/night visits - short term only.
- No specific time visits given – too difficult.



What we really do:

- Build capacity within families to care for their own - filling gaps through skills transfer, encouragement, technical care, psycho-social and spiritual care.
- Active control of burdensome symptoms - physical, psycho-social and spiritual.
- Stand alongside people at the terminal stage or when death does occur - normalising death.
- Support at bereavement - identify and intervene with at risk, complex grief responses.

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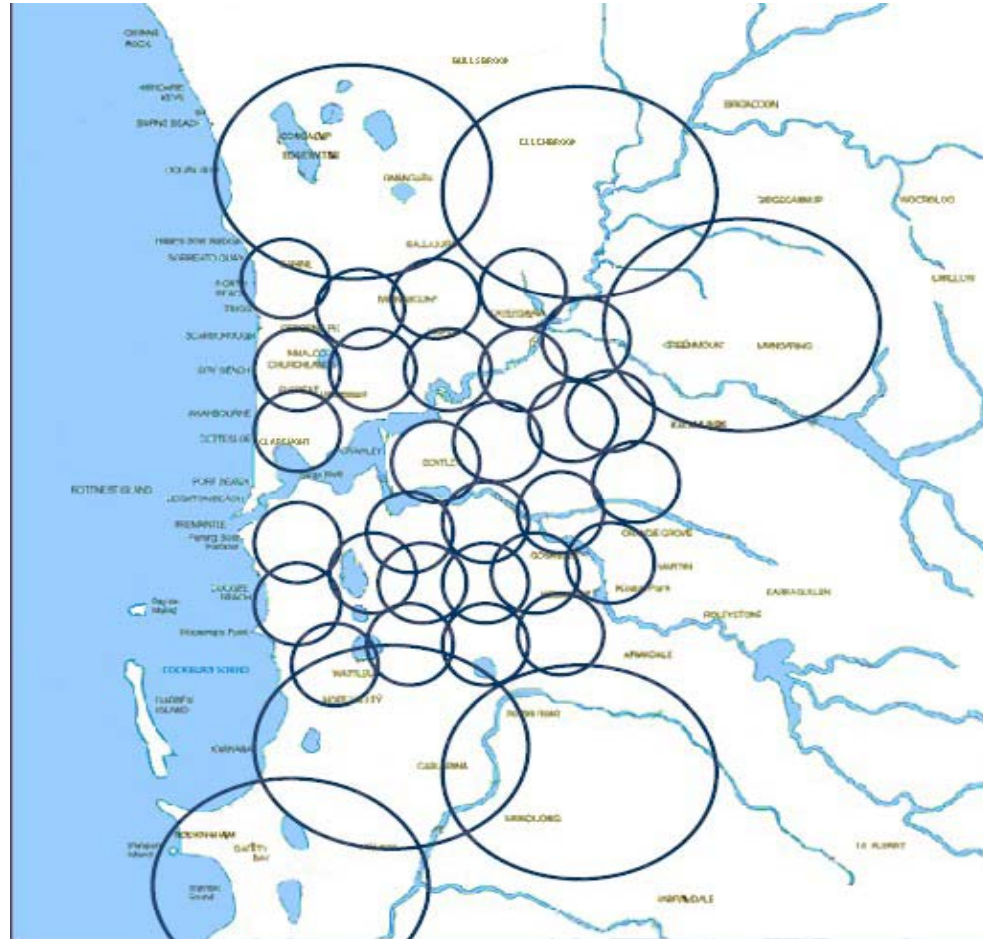
# Efficient Service Model



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Minimise travel

Maximise hours  
client care



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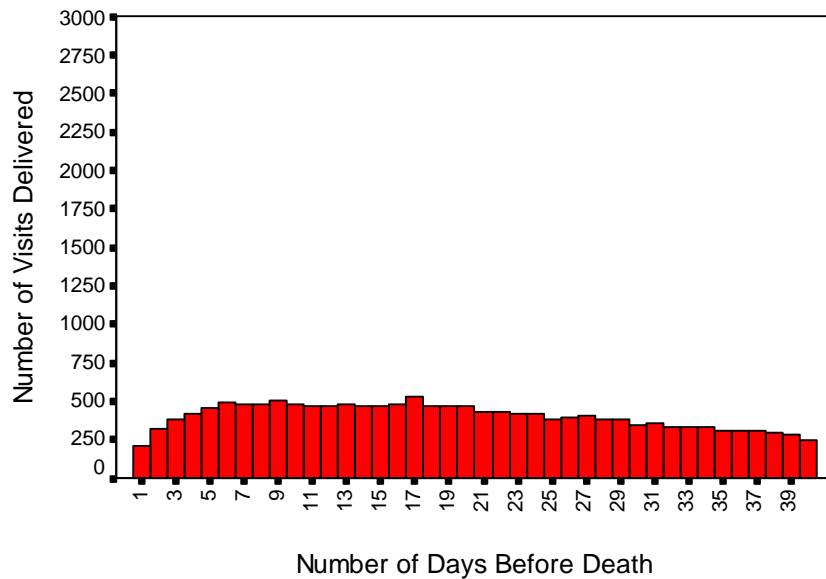
# What Outcomes Do We Wish To Achieve By Funding Home Care?



## The last 40 days - The number of Silver Chain Visits provided

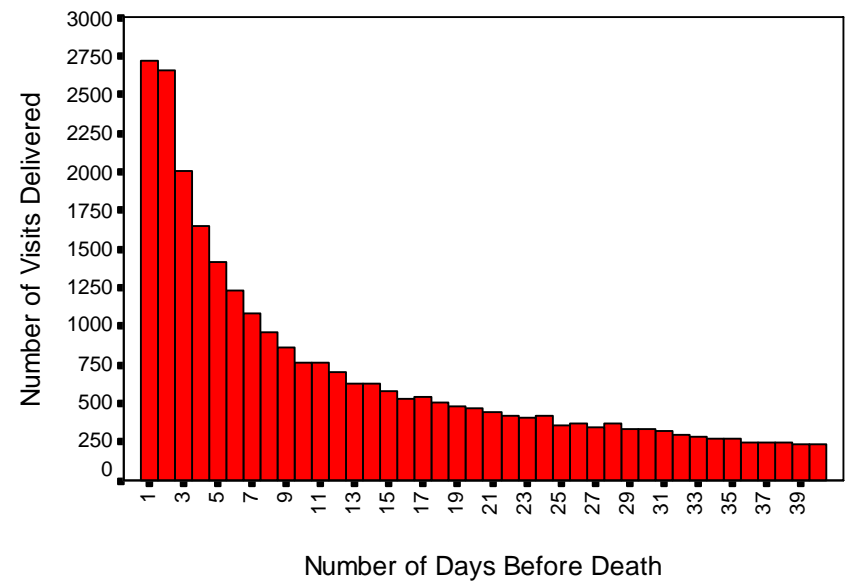
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Clients Dying in an In-Patient Setting



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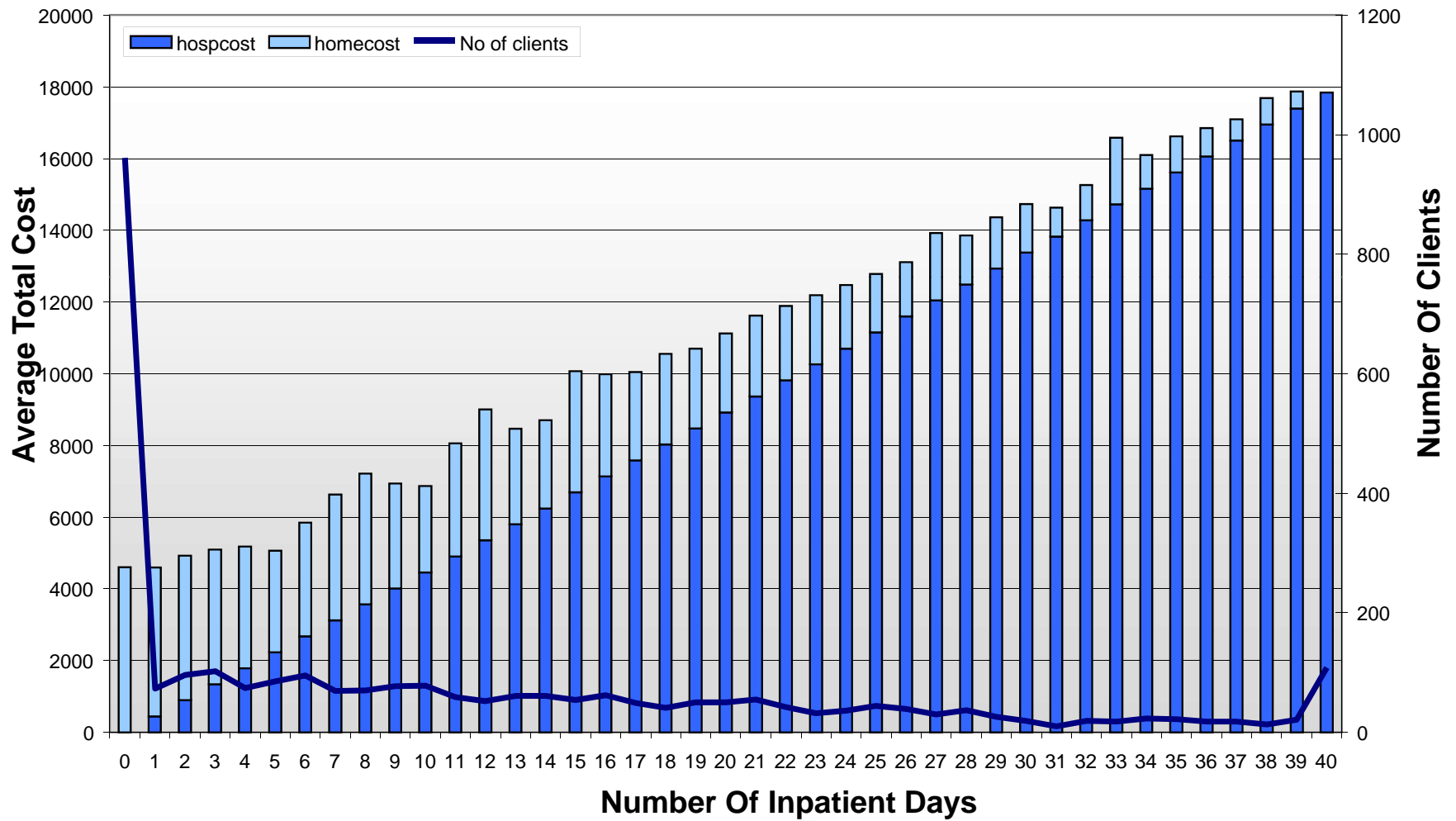
Clients Dying at Home



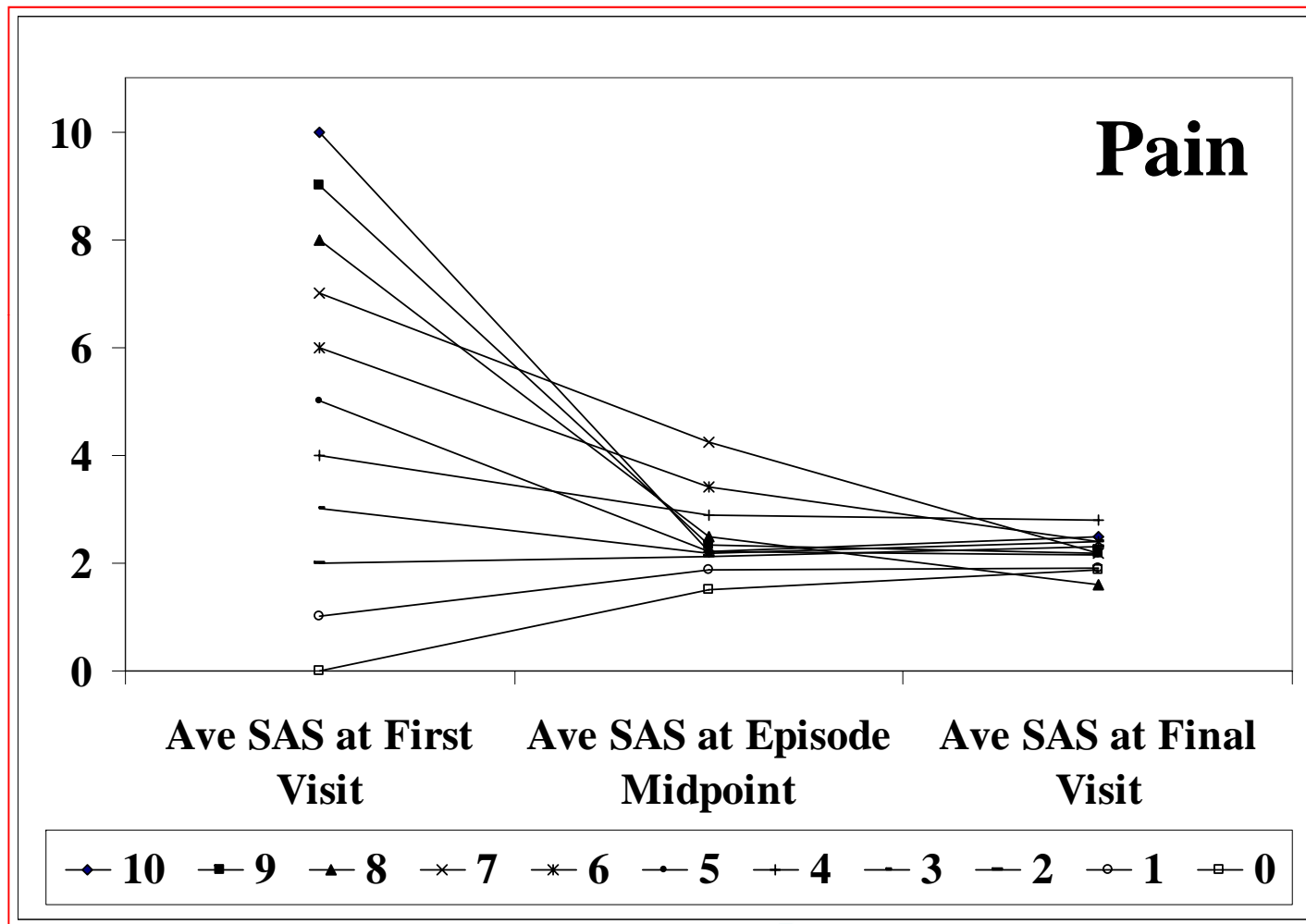
***A home care service that aims to assist the person to die at home will cost more to deliver than a home care service that supports the care of an in-patient facility with the terminal care provided in an in-patient setting.***

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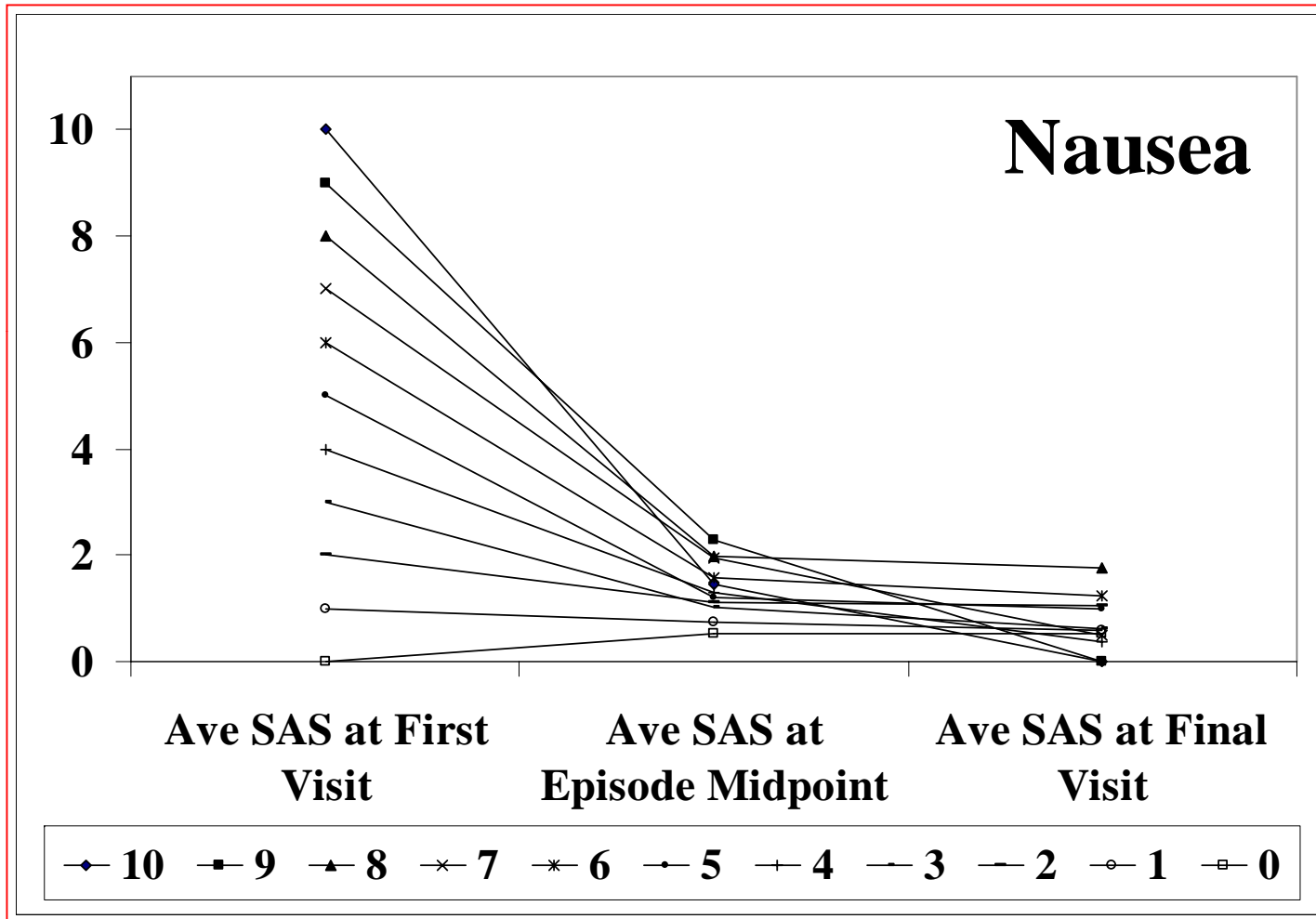
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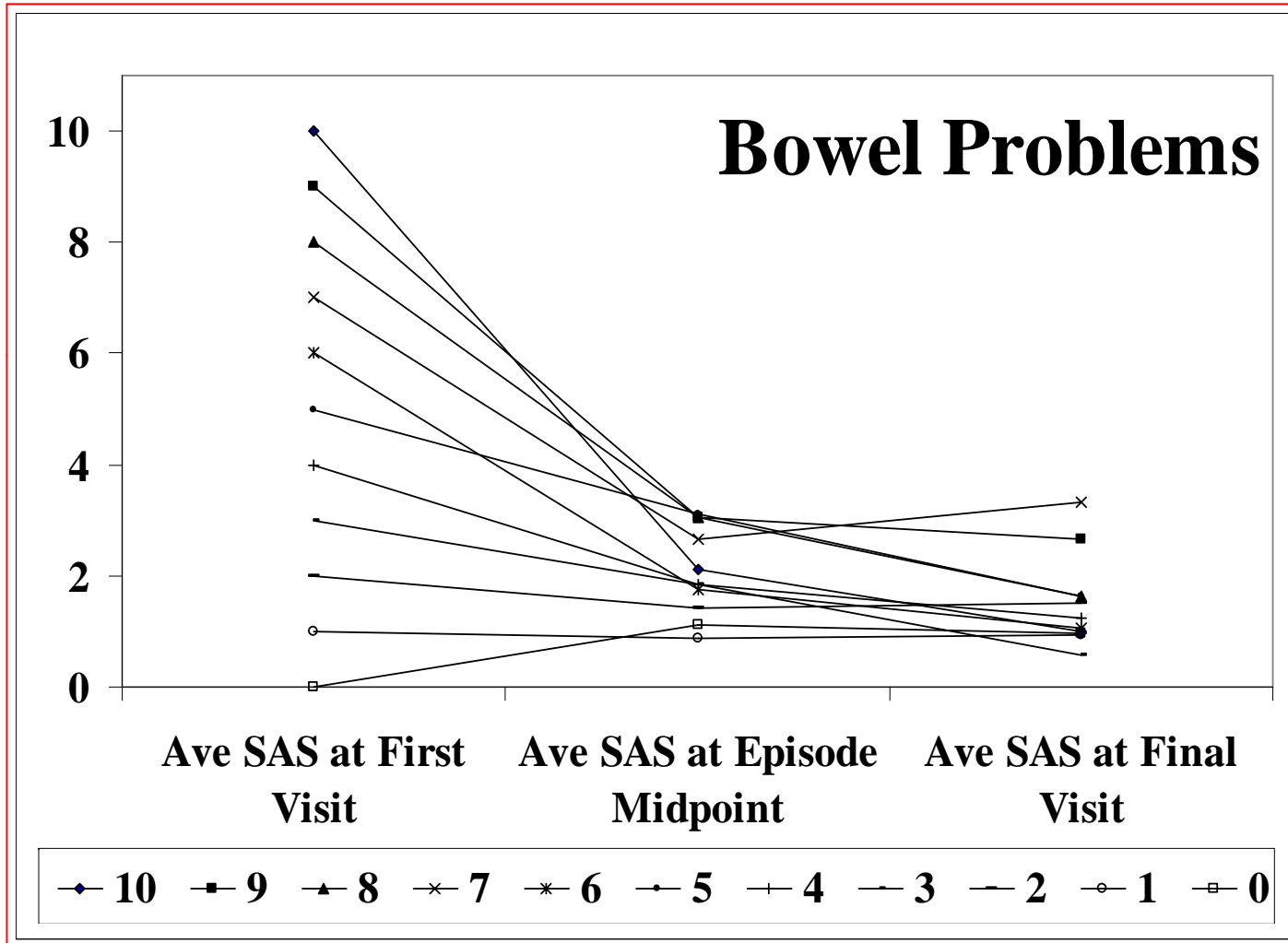
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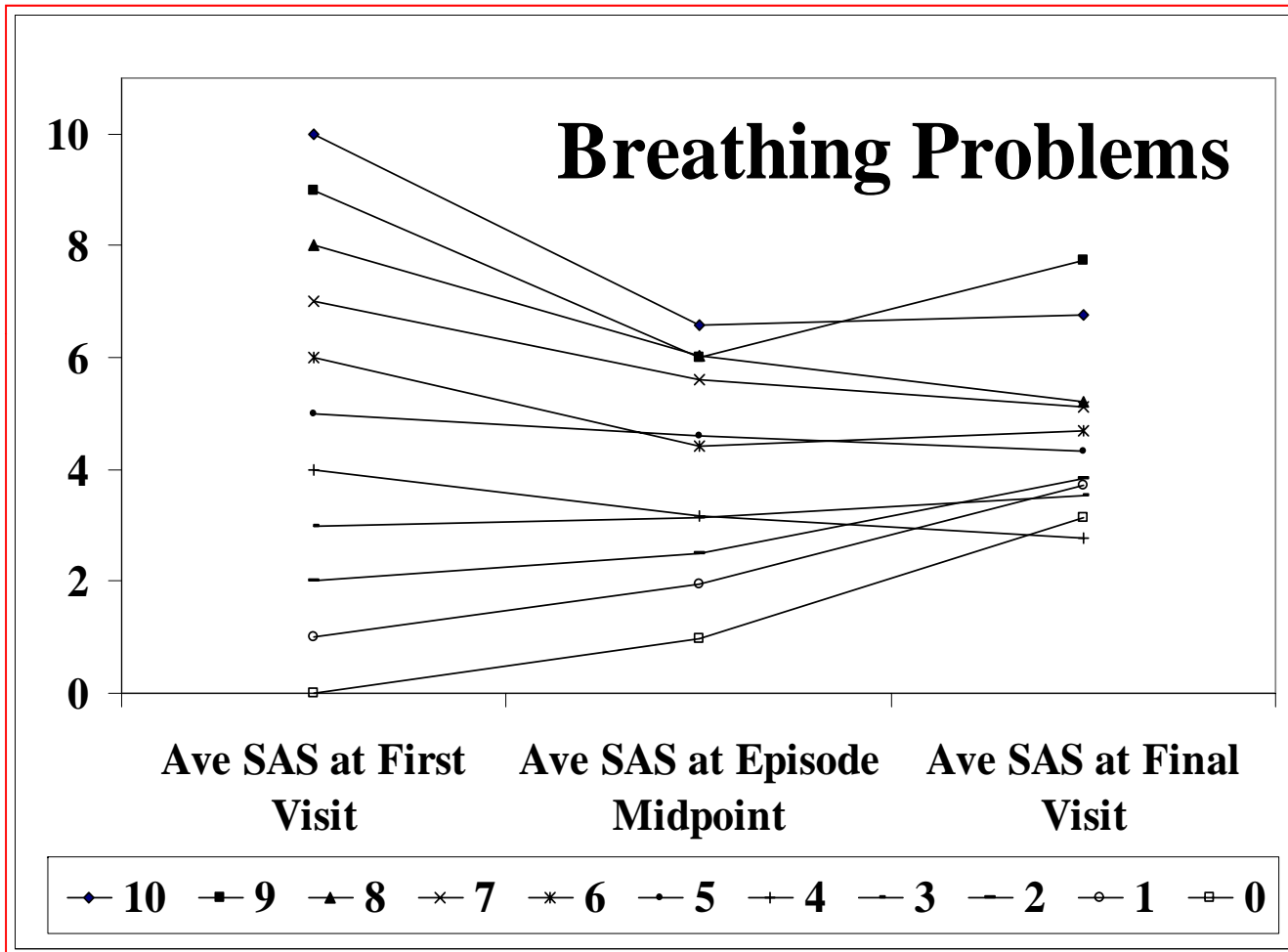
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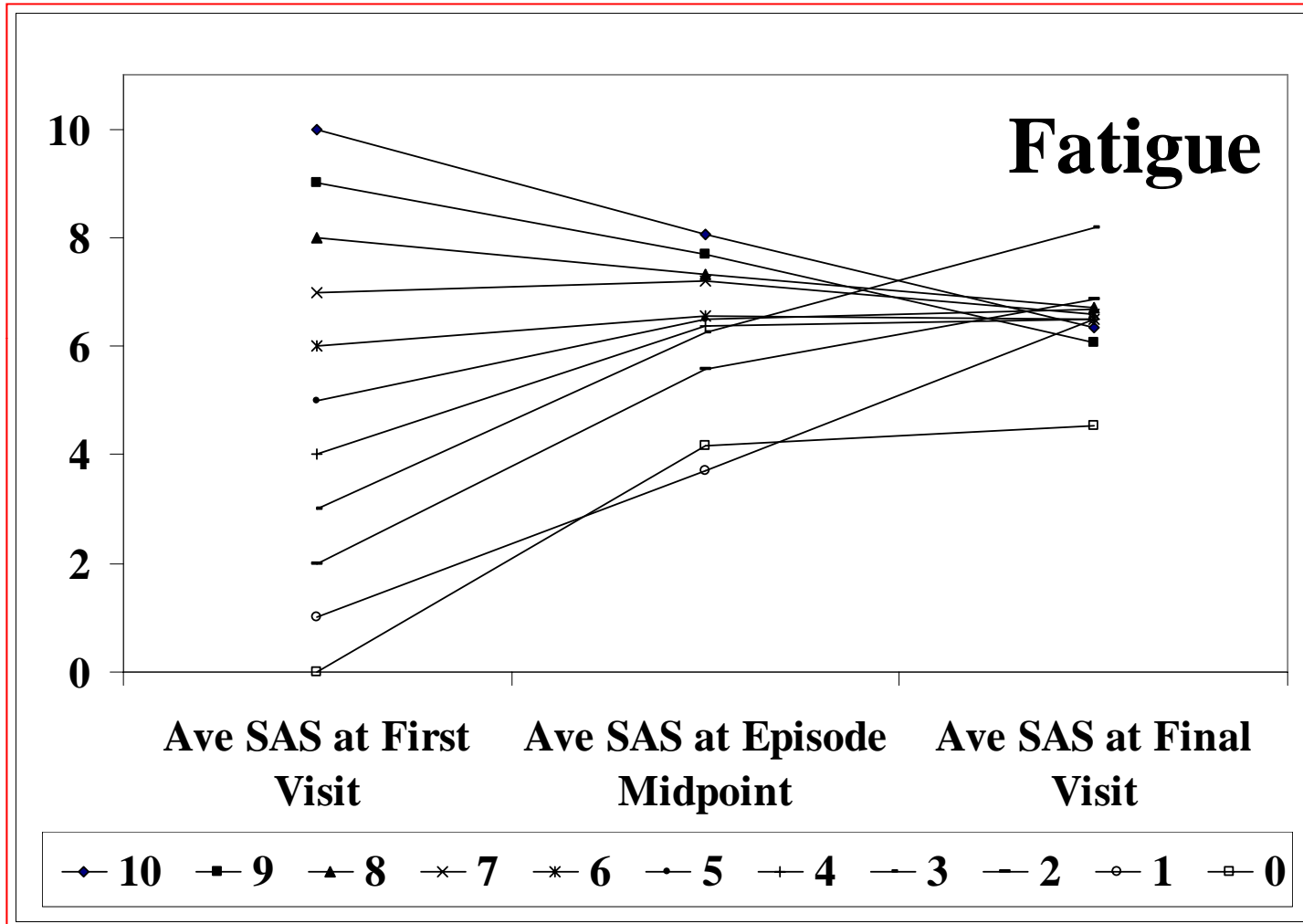
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- It has been constant over 20 years
- It has been consistent across metro Perth
- It involves, links and supports patient's GP
- It has sound clinical governance
- It provides good service to families and patients
- 60% Die at Home

**“It is just how it is done in Perth”**

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## Other Hospital Substitution Activity



- In the past 4 years, Silver Chain has also delivered:
  - H@TH
  - Post Acute
  - Community Nursing
  - HACCC Nursing

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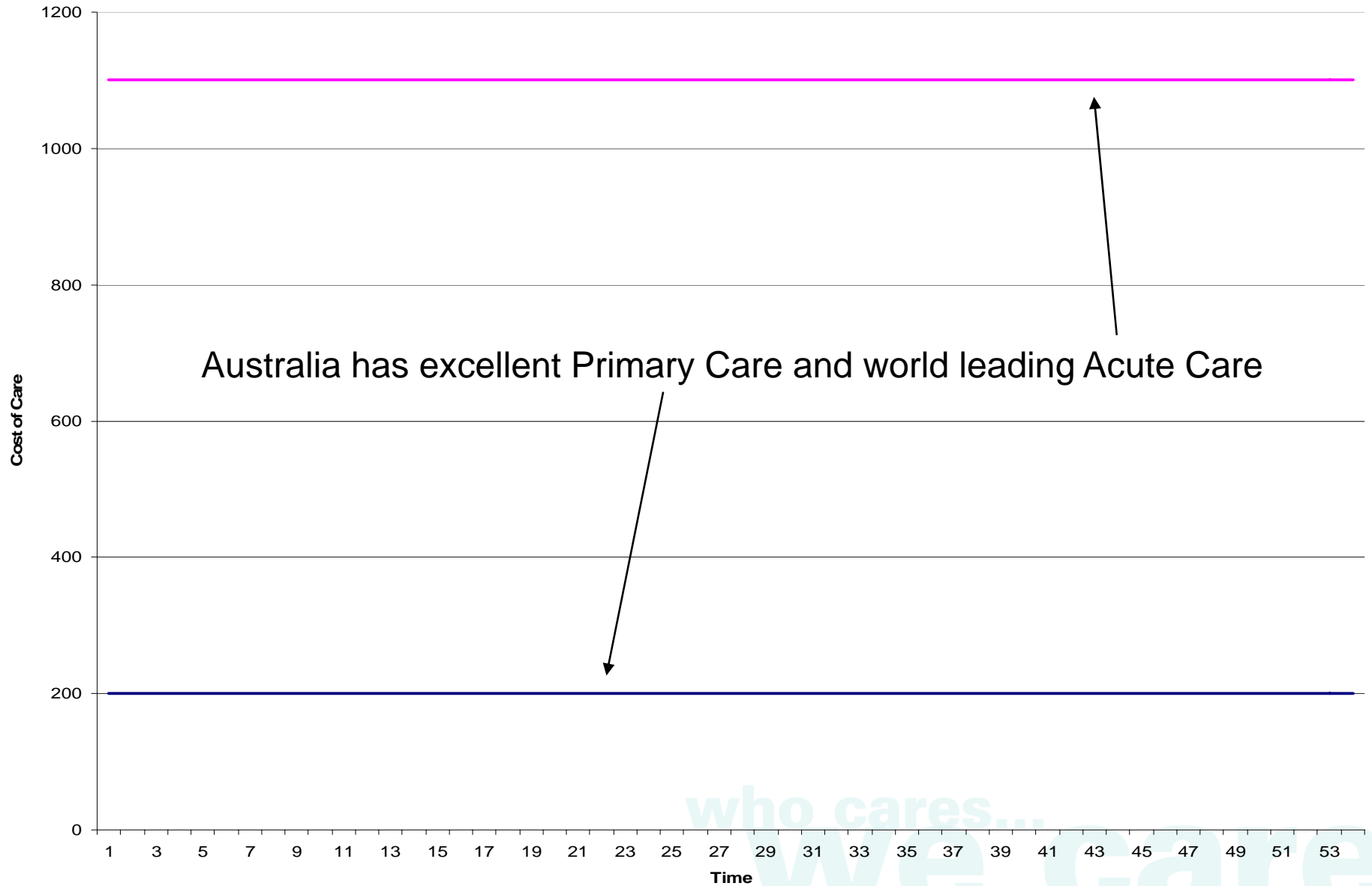
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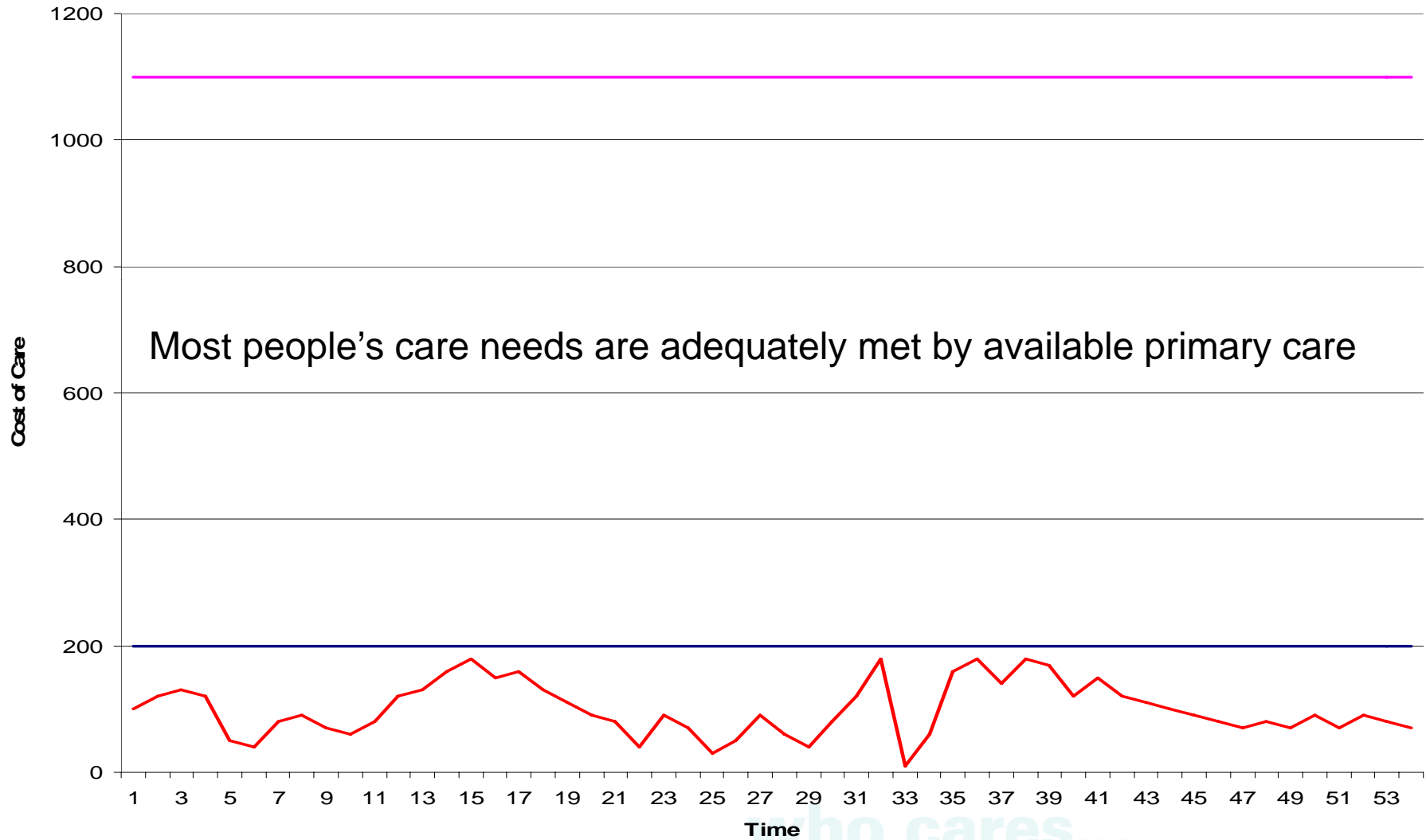
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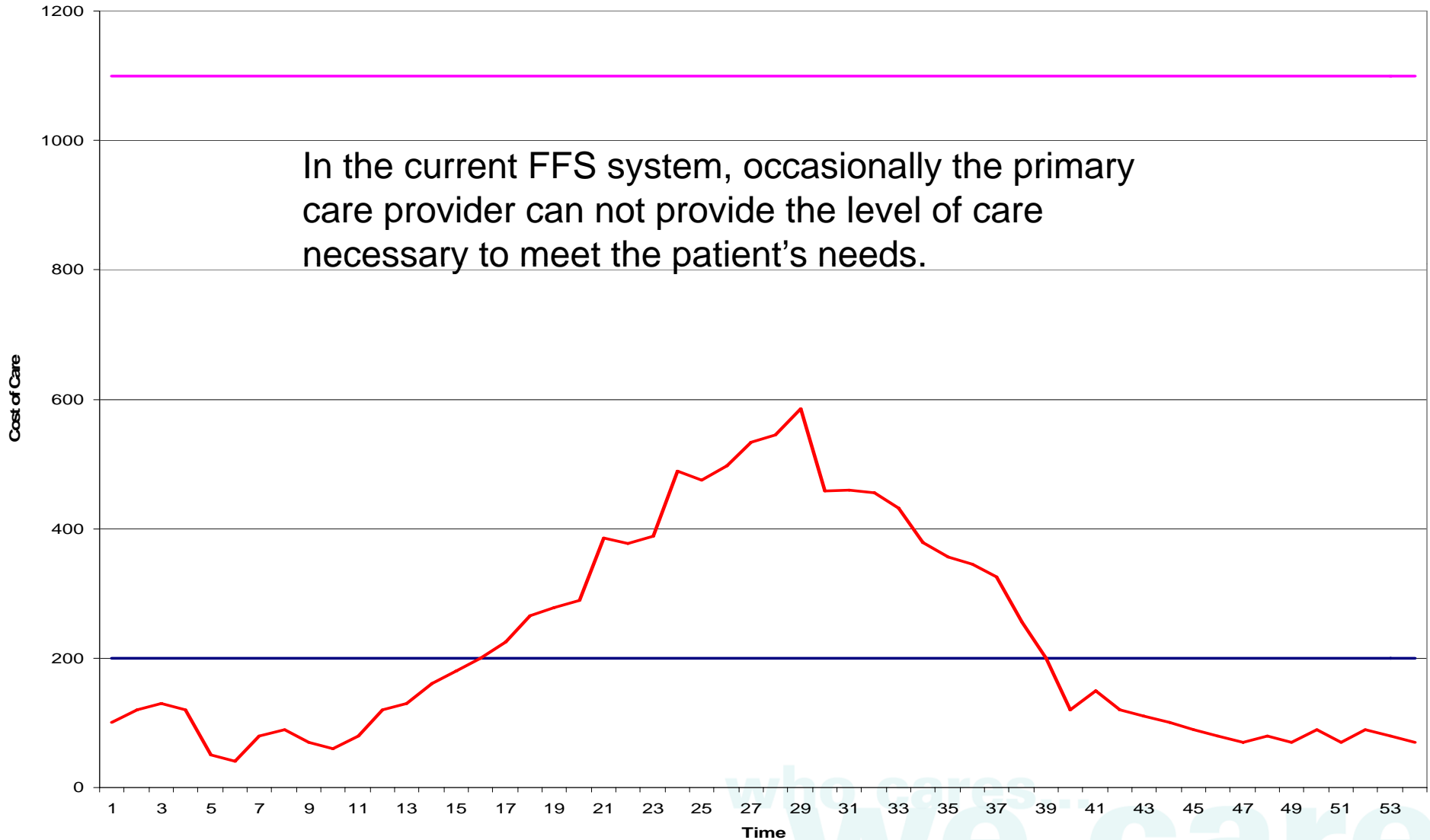
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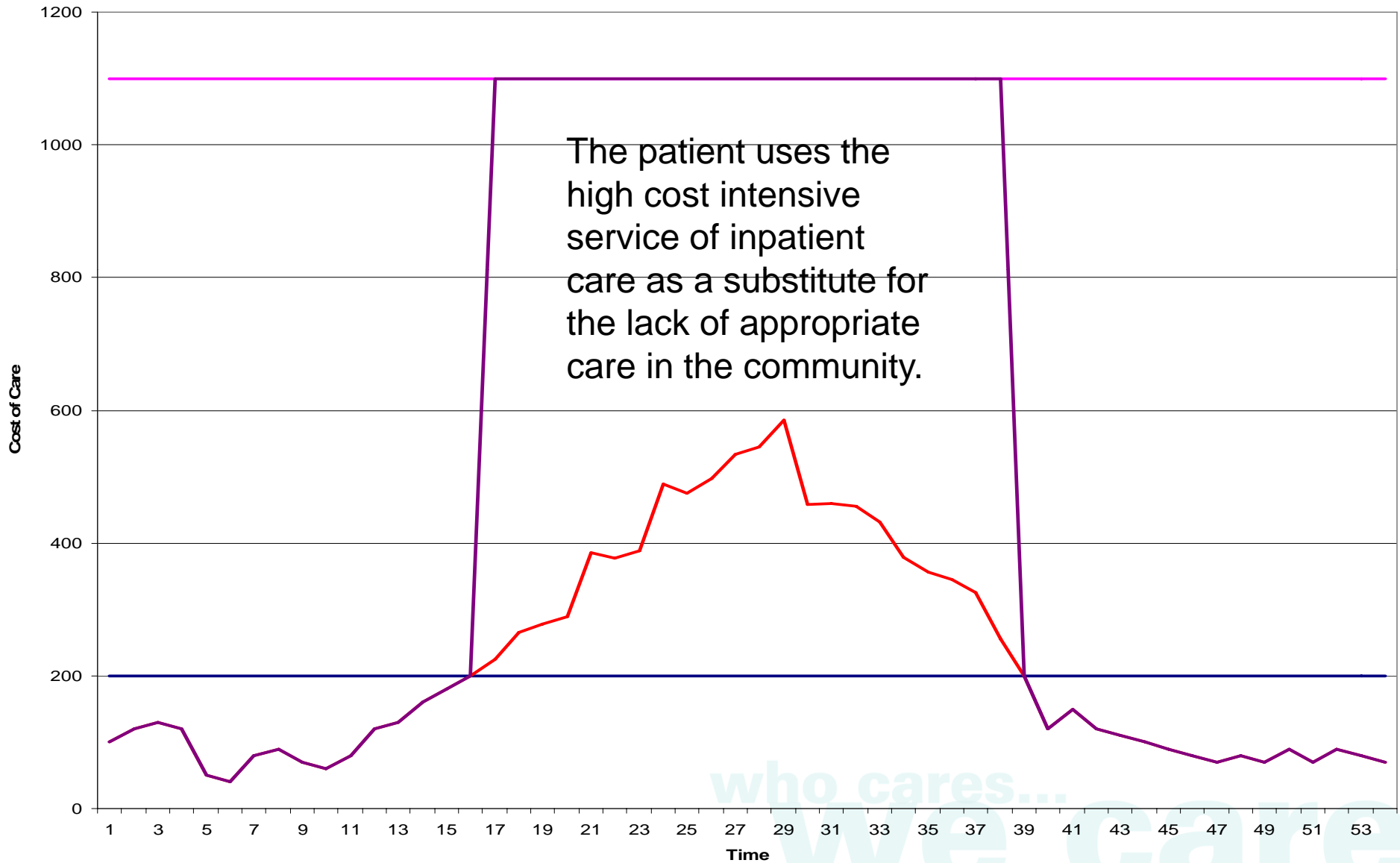
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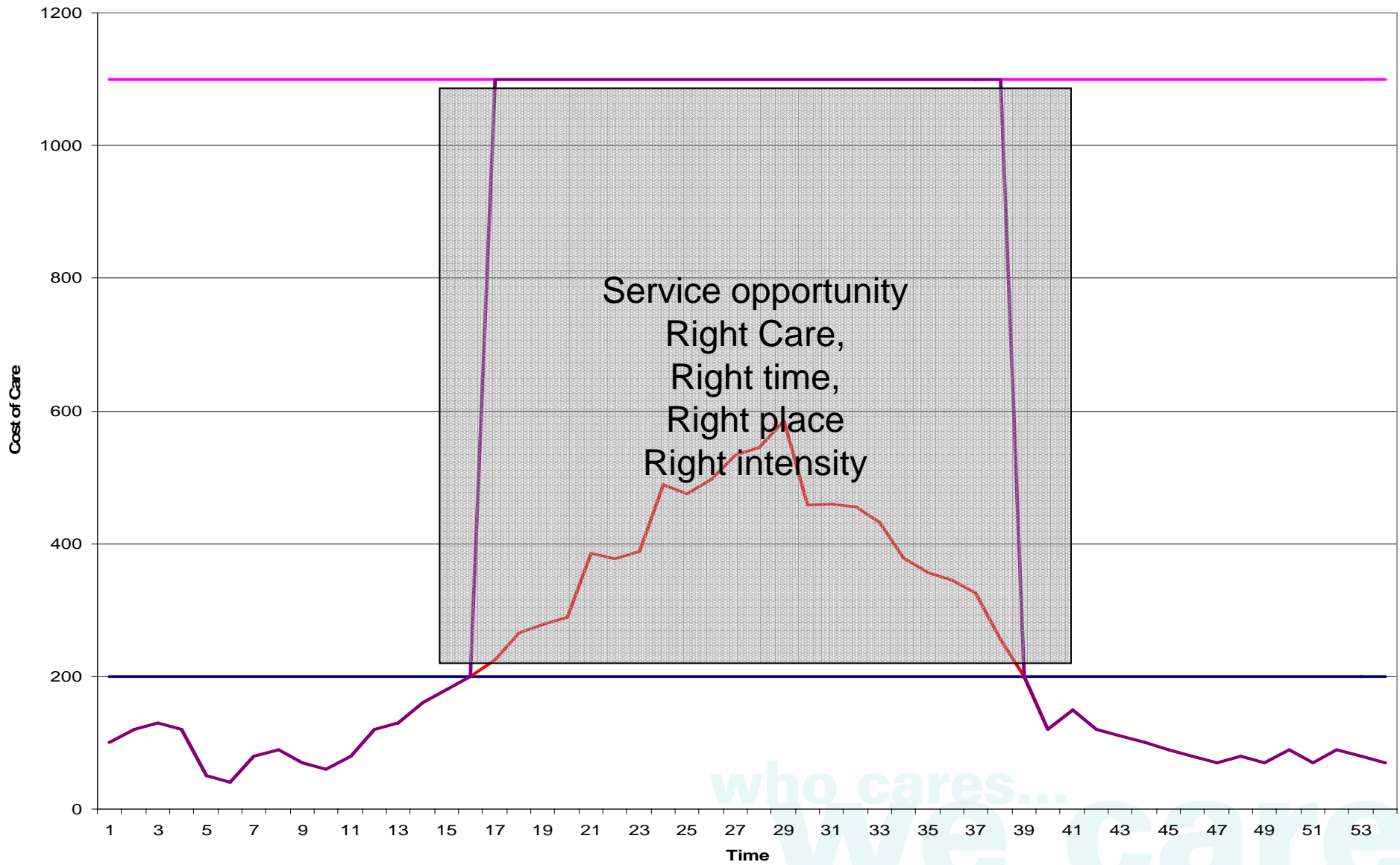
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- Integrating the existing H@TH, PAC & CN programs
- Creating a new Priority Response Assessment Team (PRA)
  - 24/7 Nurse Practitioner
  - Medical back-up
  - 4 hour minimum service delivery
  - Tight clinical and protocol support
- Extensive expansion of HATH, PAC & CN (\$19 m F.I.N.E.)
- Additional Personal Care support
- Large investment in IT and remote monitoring.
- Aim – 500 bed “virtual hospital” in the community – Systemic hospital substitution:

**“Home Hospital”**

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# Why A Home Based Health Service?



## Acute sector (Hospital) needs to develop:

- **Dedicated IT**
- **Supervision and monitoring processes**
- **Vehicle and fleet management**
- **New facilities designed for hub operations**
- **Communications**
- **Productivity optimisation capacity (70%)**
- **OSH**
- **Relationship management with other community players**
- **Comprehensive geographic spread**

## Hospitals have:

- **High level clinical governance**

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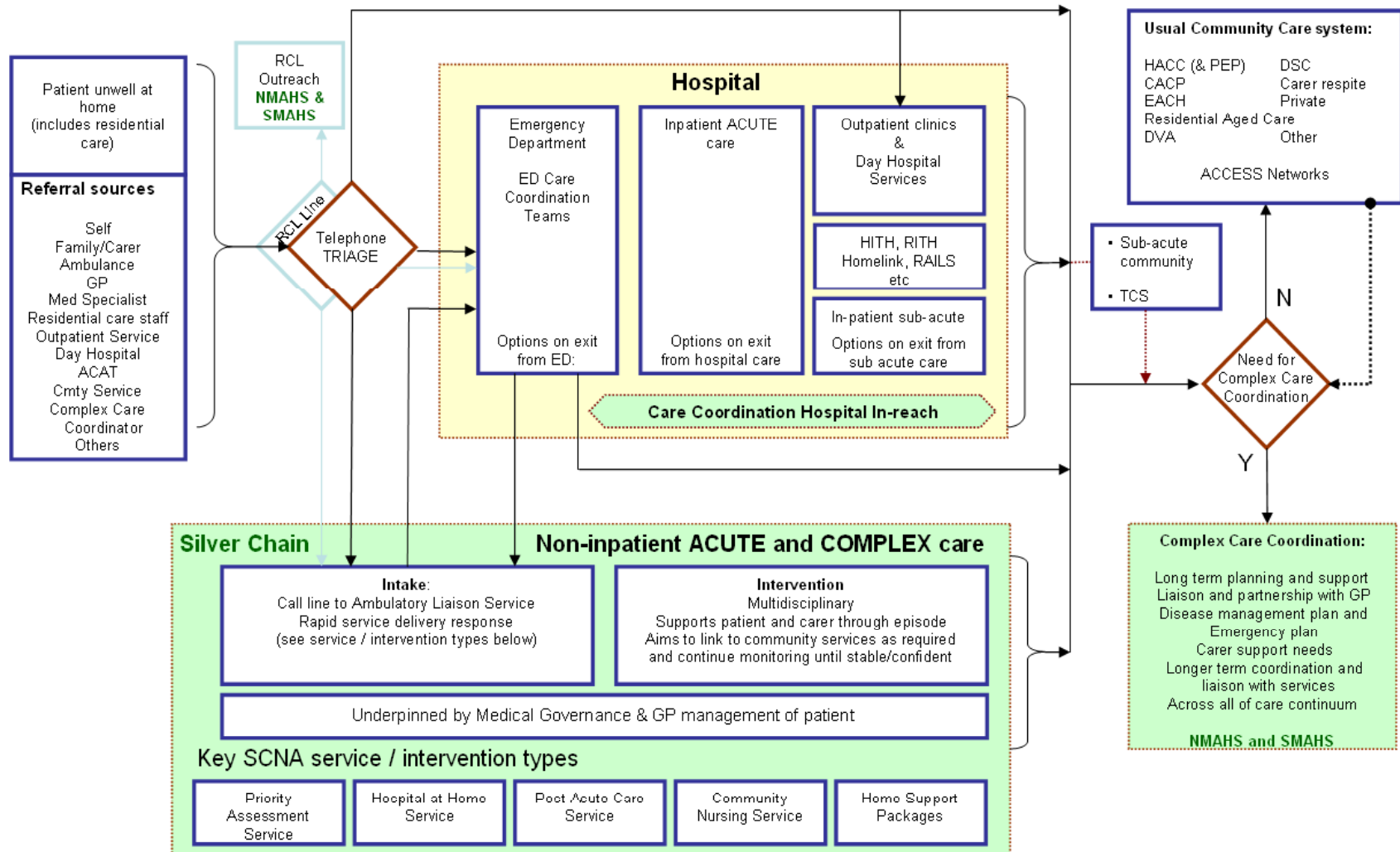
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# Friend In Need – Emergency (FINE) scheme



 (Decision Point)

# Critical Success Factors



## Silver Chain Home Hospital

Priority  
Response  
Assessment  
(PRA)  
(Not in EOI Scope)

Hospital at  
Home  
(HATH)

Post Acute  
Care (PAC)

Community  
Nursing  
(CN)

Principle 1

Single point of entry (24/7)

Principle 2

Integrated, coordinated, multidisciplinary services

Principle 3

Robust clinical and medical governance

Principle 4

Engagement with key stakeholders

Principle 5

Utilisation of technology

Principle 6

Patients access to equipment, consumables & pharmaceuticals

Principle 7

Metro wide

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In scope	<b>Silver Chain Home Hospital</b>	
	<b>Acute Care:</b> having or experiencing a rapid onset and short but severe course	<b>Sub-acute Care:</b> characterized by an onset that is not as abrupt as in the acute form and with symptoms less severe and of shorter duration than chronic illness
What's the difference?	Requires 24 hr on-call medical coverage	Requires medical point of reference
Who provides medical governance?	Medical coverage (and governance) provided by Silver Chain medical team	Medical coverage (and governance) provided by patients GP or referring specialist. If not available, may be provided by Silver Chain medical team
Do they prevent hospital admissions/presentations?	Alternative: patient would definitely be admitted to an inpatient hospital or present to ED	Alternative: patient may possibly be admitted to an inpatient facility or present to ED.
What other names are used for the services?	HITH HATH Priority Assessment Service	Post Acute Care Community Nursing Early Discharge programs
	<b>Hospital Substitution:</b> care provided as direct alternative to inpatient care  <b>Hospital Avoidance:</b> care provided to prevent a hospital admission/re-admission or ED presentation	<b>Hospital Avoidance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing care to prevent the need for admission to hospital eg proactive management/intervention to prevent deterioration</li> <li>• Providing care to enable discharge from hospital eg management of post-operative wounds; dehiscence</li> </ul>



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- It takes time to cause systemic change.
- Consistency and comprehensiveness is crucial.
- Community Care should be based in the community – building the community systems. (Hospital outreach is often temporary and inconsistent.)

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- Clinical Governance is essential for both:
  - Quality of care
  - Clinician confidence
- Organisational Governance is critical – one organisation must be accountable for results.
- Acute care in the community is not a casual undertaking. Sophisticated technology, logistics, HR systems, quality systems and governance is necessary – “it must be core business”.

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***Thank You***

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