

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY

Gosport Locality GP Steering Group

Notes of the Meeting held Wednesday 5 November 1997

Present:	Jane Barton	JBa	Shirley Hardy	SH
	David Young	DY	Squadron Leader David Hoyle	DH
	John Bassett	JB	Hugh Janes	HJ
	Felicity Shaw	FS	Alex Clark	AC
	John Grocock	JG	Wendy Mills	WM
	David Evans	DE	Ian Latimer	IL

No	Discussion	Action
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1 Apologies for Absence

Chris Tart

2 Notes of the Meeting held Wednesday 22 October 1997

These were agreed.

3 Variation in practice-based Physiotherapy referral rates (Attached)

HJ tabled figures detailing the referral rates to the Gosport War Memorial Physiotherapy department from practices using the service (note: Dr Dow & partners are not shown as they refer to Hill Park, Fareham). The tables and graphs highlighted considerable variation in referral rates, together with an overall rate for the locality that exceeded current Health Authority funding. HJ explained that additional funding was unlikely as other areas within the HA currently had lower levels of resources and therefore additional resources in order to bring them up to the level for Gosport.

HJ also explained that Haslar had provided some practice-based figures, but they had not been circulated as they contained errors with some individual GPs recorded as being from the wrong practices.

FS questioned whether contacts could be used as opposed to referrals in order to record the activity. FS explained that this would take account of different types of referrals requiring greater input and therefore more resources eg a patient with back pain was likely to take longer to treat than a patient requiring a simple splint and yet they would both be recorded as one referral. WM agreed to provide figures based upon contacts and HJ agreed to circulate these in the same format as that used to show referrals.

WE
HJ

4 Practice-based waiting lists
(Possible way towards more equitable access amongst practices)

Given the increasing waiting times, lack of additional money and variable referral rates, it was agreed that practice-based waiting lists offered an equitable way of addressing the current problem. Both WM and IL agreed that the model could easily be set up and managed and IL agreed to circulate advice/information that should assist GPs in prioritising their referrals. HJ explained that such a model would not prevent GPs from referring patients to the service, but it would ensure that those practices with high referral rates would not adversely affect the waiting times of practices referring at lower rates. IL also explained that the practice-based waiting times would be for routine patients and therefore not affect treatment of urgent patients.

IL

JB asked how many patients were on the current waiting list and questioned how the setting up of a practice-based waiting list would take account of these. IL replied that 380 patients were currently on the list and HJ agreed to pursue the idea of additional non-recurring resources being made available by the HA in order to clear the current waiting lists prior the project starting. It was therefore agreed that subject to this occurring, practice-based waiting lists would be piloted and the target date for commencement was 1 January 1998. (Post meeting note: additional resources have been made available as part of a package to reduce the current waiting lists prior to the project starting).

HJ

It was also agreed that WE, DH and SH would meet to discuss Haslar's role in this pilot and to ensure that all GP physiotherapy referrals were counted against the practice-based waiting times.

WE/SH/DH

5 AOB

FS explained that their practice had some non-recurring savings which needed to be spend in order to benefit Gosport residents. The practice had approached Gosport War Memorial and they had suggested a list of equipment that would be useful, these included family planning coils. FS therefore asked for the group's approval that the money be spent in this way and this was forthcoming. FS agreed to start the process of buying the equipment and thanked the group for their support.

FS

6 Date of next meeting (to concentrate of District Nursing, Health Visiting and Practice Nursing)

Wednesday 10 December at 1.00 pm in the **Meeting Room at Gosport War Memorial.**

GP physiotherapy referrals to Gosport War Memorial

April 1997 - September 1997

Practice	April - September 1997		Differences		Yearly rate per 1000
	Activity	Target	Actual	%	
Anderson	70	141	-71	-50	12.40
Bassett	108	67	41	62	40.46
Beale	41	17	24	135	58.78
Collins	101	124	-23	-19	20.33
Coonan	213	102	111	108	51.98
Hajiantonis	47	68	-21	-31	17.36
Knapman	117	152	-35	-23	19.22
Lacey	70	55	15	26	31.58
Pennells	246	123	123	100	50.06
Reid	178	93	85	91	47.68
Total	1191	943	248	26	31.56

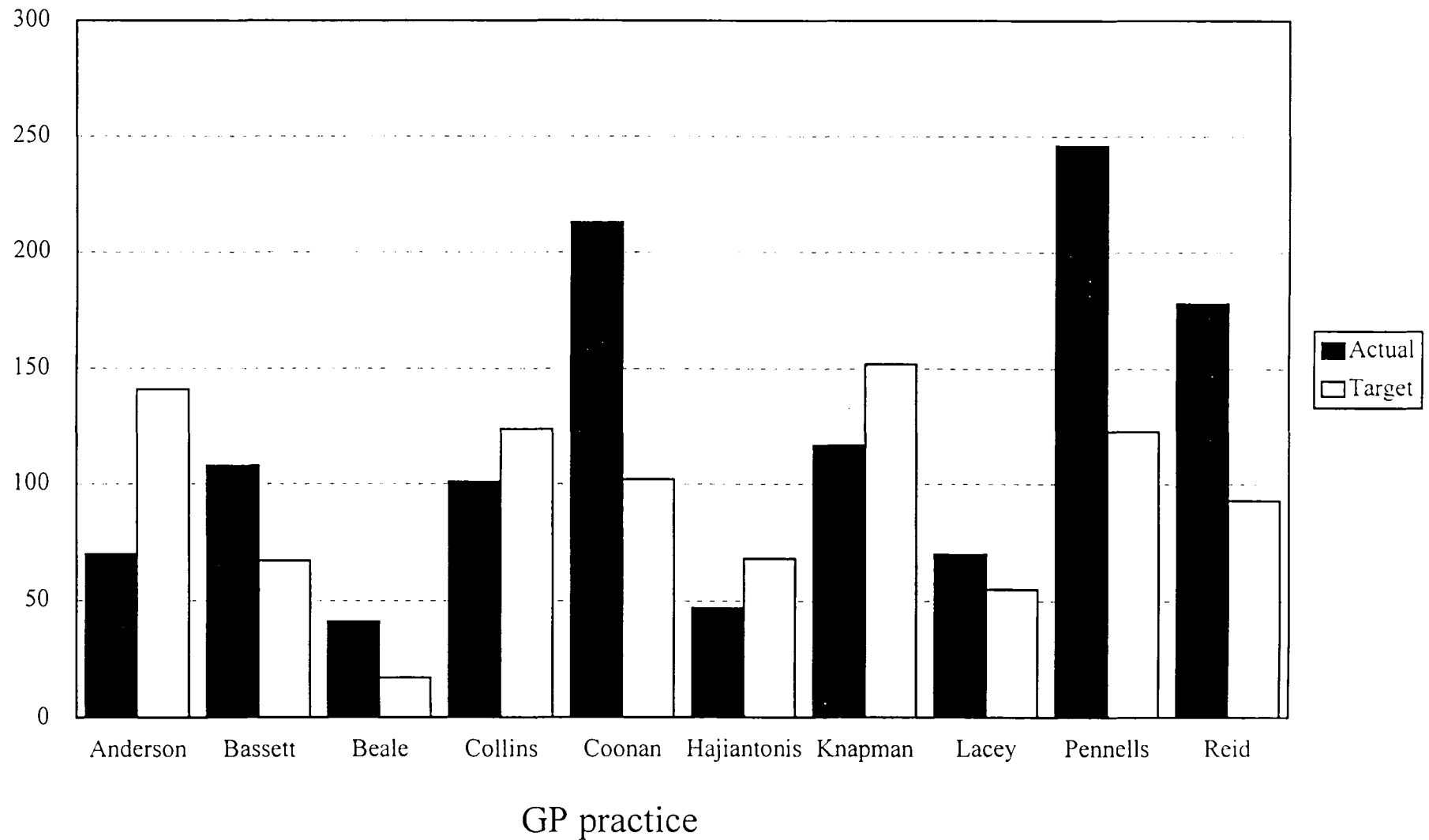
April 1996 - March 1997

Practice	April '96 - March '97		Differences		Annual rate per 1000
	Activity	Target	Actual	%	
Anderson	112	282	-170	-60	9.92
Bassett/Beale	230	168	62	37	34.16
Collins	274	248	26	10	27.58
Coonan	358	205	153	75	43.69
Hajiantonis	123	135	-12	-9	22.71
Knapman	250	304	-54	-18	20.54
Lacey	95	111	-16	-14	21.43
Pennells	430	246	184	75	43.75
Reid	396	187	209	112	53.03
Total	2268	1887	381	20	30.05

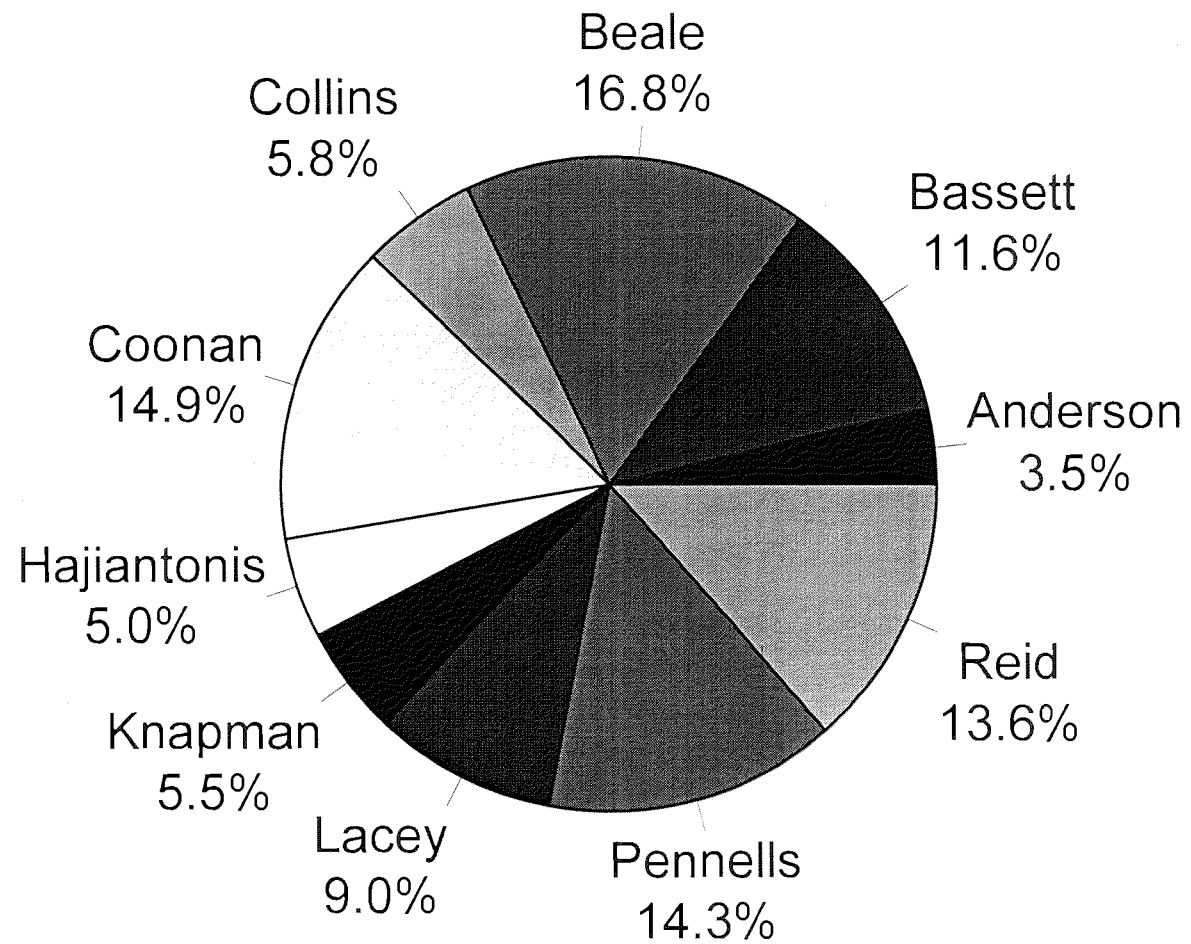
Based upon practice population figures as at 1 October 1997

GP practice physiotherapy referrals to GWM

April - September 1997



Physiotherapy referral rates per 1000
as a % of all GP referrals



April - September 1997