

Evaluating Physiotherapy and Orthopaedic changes made during COVID-19

Introduction

The British Orthopaedic Association of Surgeons requires timely access to physiotherapy for all fracture clinics. Many hospital trusts that have embedded physiotherapists within the fracture clinic multidisciplinary team (MDT) as it leads to better patient outcomes.

Prior to COVID-19, SWBH did not offer physiotherapy in fracture clinic and there could be lengthy delays to treatment .

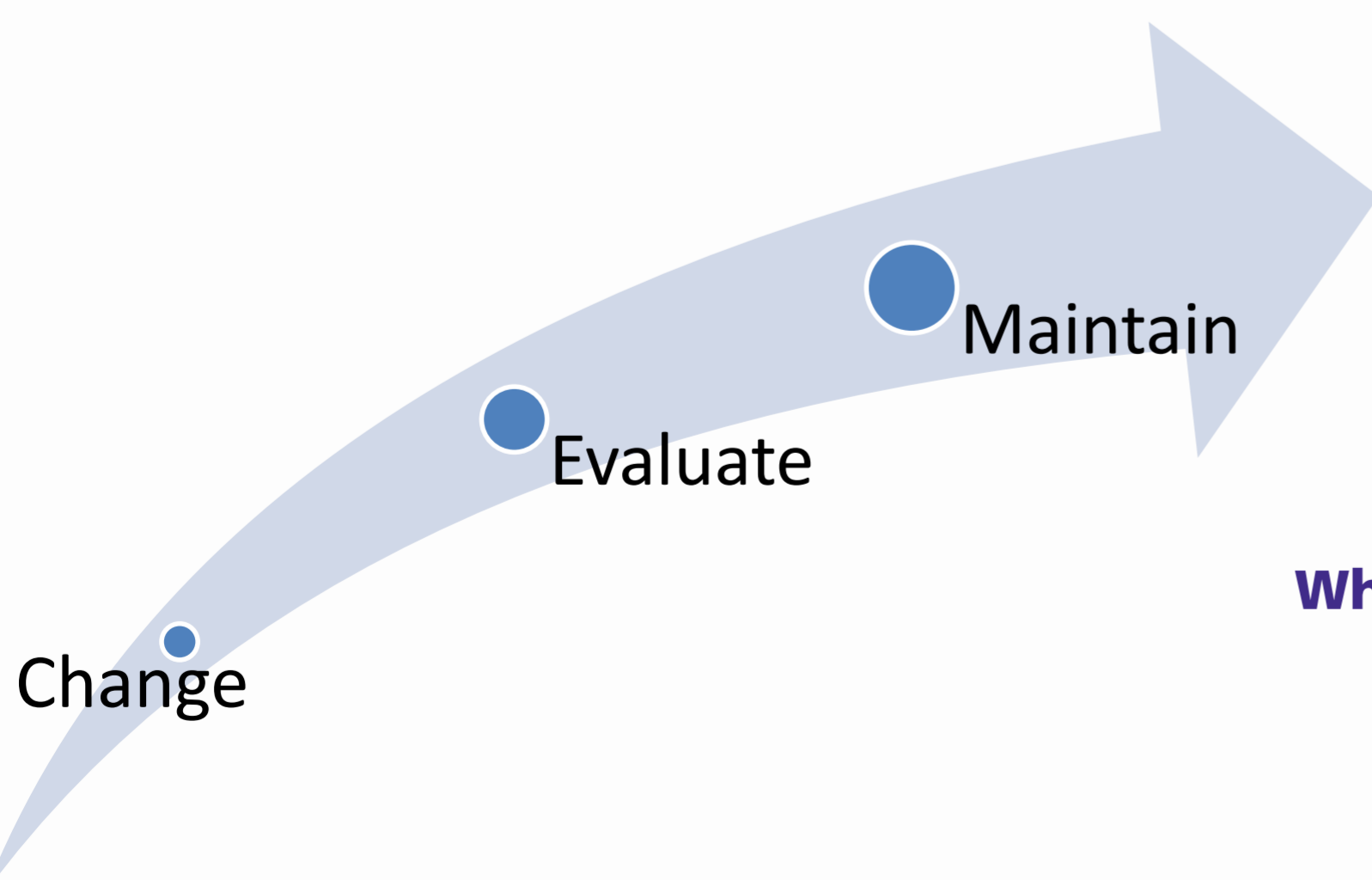
COVID-19 opportunity

1. A specialist Advanced Practice Physiotherapist (APP) was allocated to work within the fracture clinic MDT, to reduce the risk of infection and the number of hospital appointments
2. Electronic referral was introduced for Orthopaedic patients requiring onward referral to MSK physiotherapy

Feedback from Staff

"Excellent patient feedback & one stop treatment. From clinician point of view it is invaluable to have a physiotherapist in the clinic"

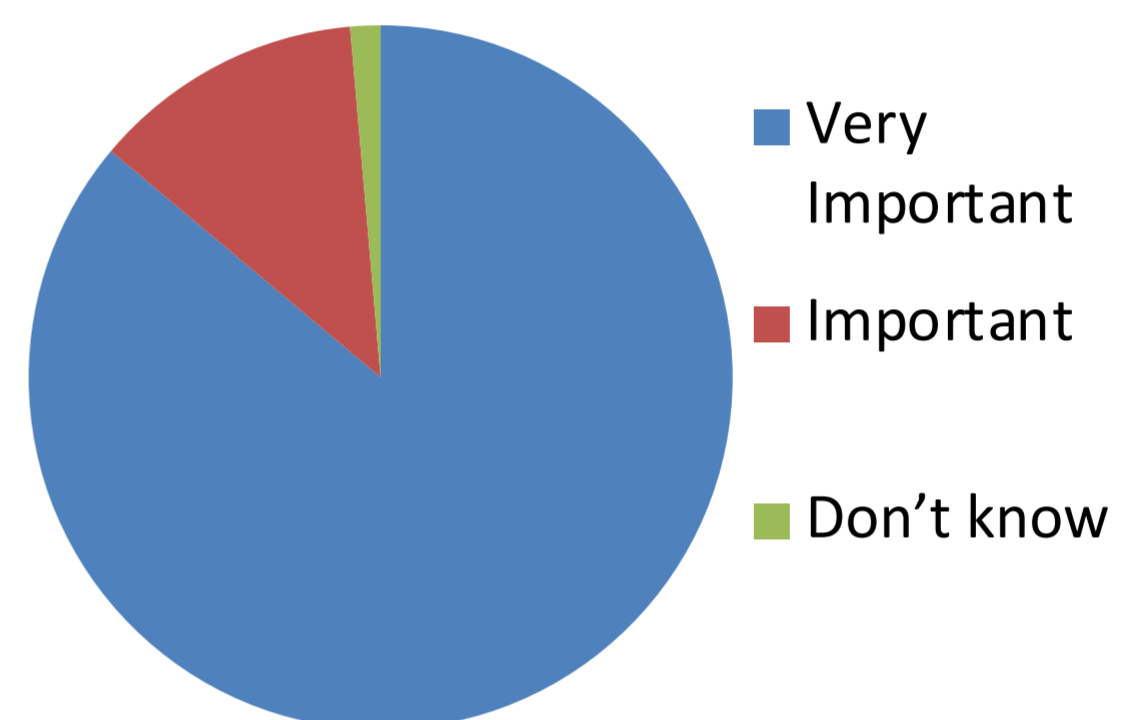
"This is an excellent initiative and collaborative working improving the pathway for patients to improve care. We should definitely continue and expand this joint service to have physio in all clinics working along side consultants and registrars."



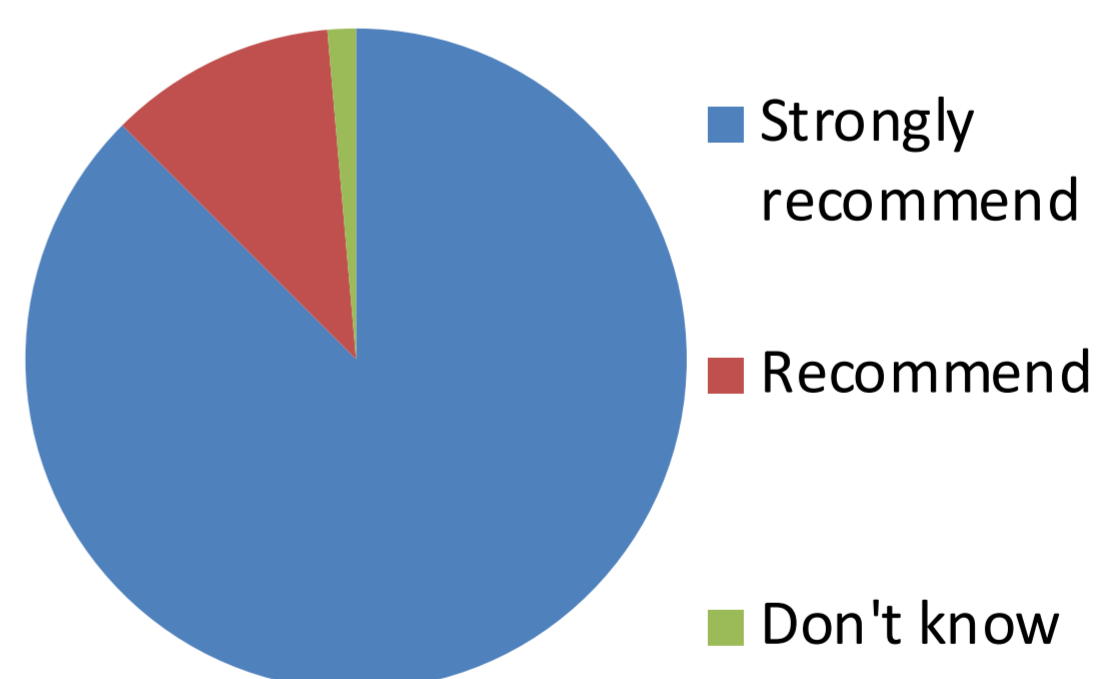
Feedback from Patients

"I got an earlier appointment and was given exercises earlier to suit my problem and it saved me time"

- Q. Normally the Orthopaedic and Fracture Clinics do not provide Physiotherapy advice on the day of the appointment. How important was the advice of the Physiotherapist today to help you have a better understanding of your problem and the management options?



- Q. Would you recommend SWBH should keep the Physiotherapist service in this clinic for the future?



What's stayed?

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