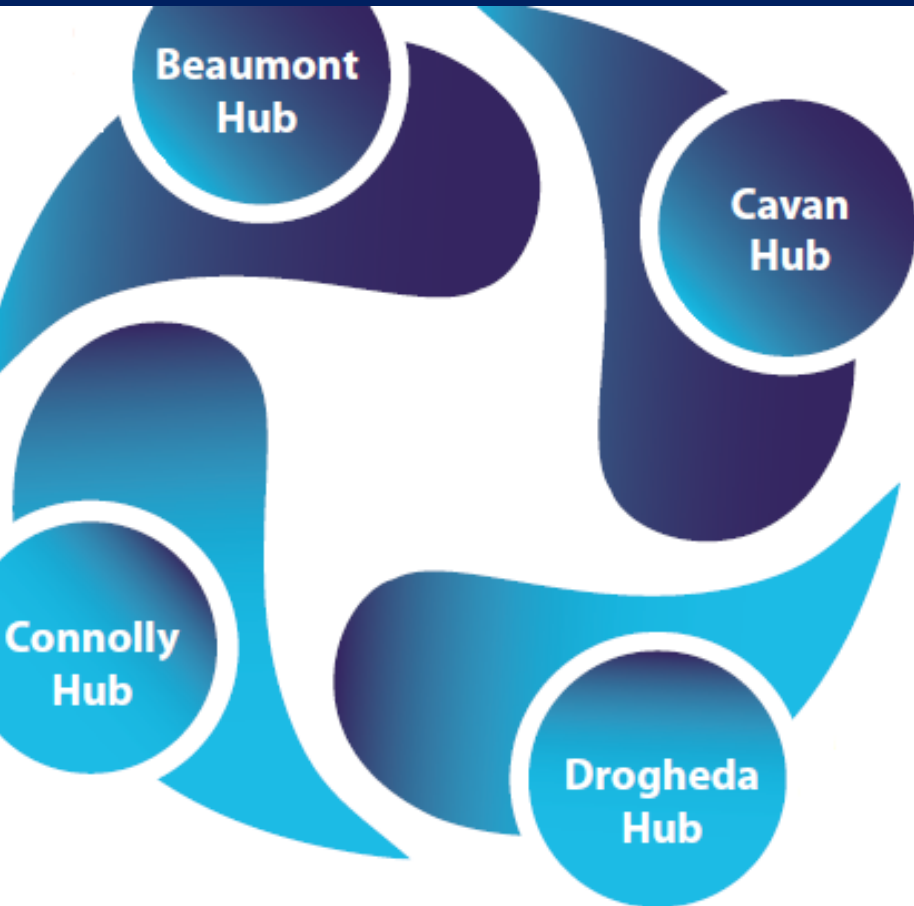


# Enhancing Sustainable Quality Outcomes in Residential Care Facilities using an Integrated Care Framework



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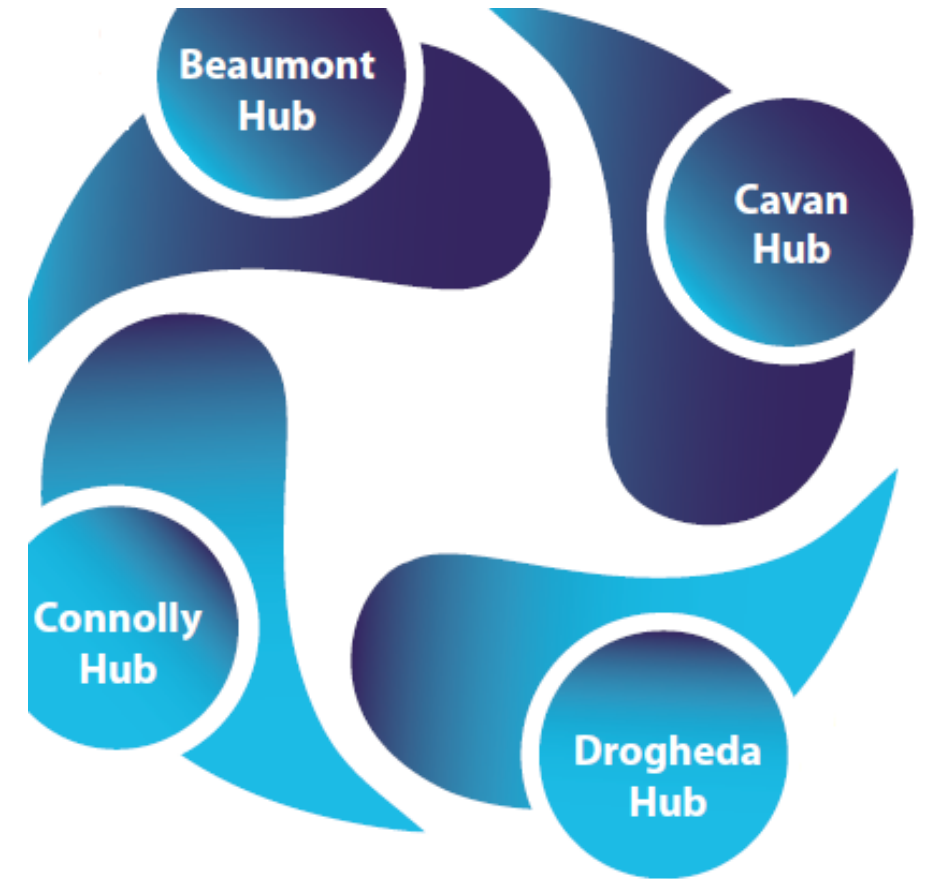
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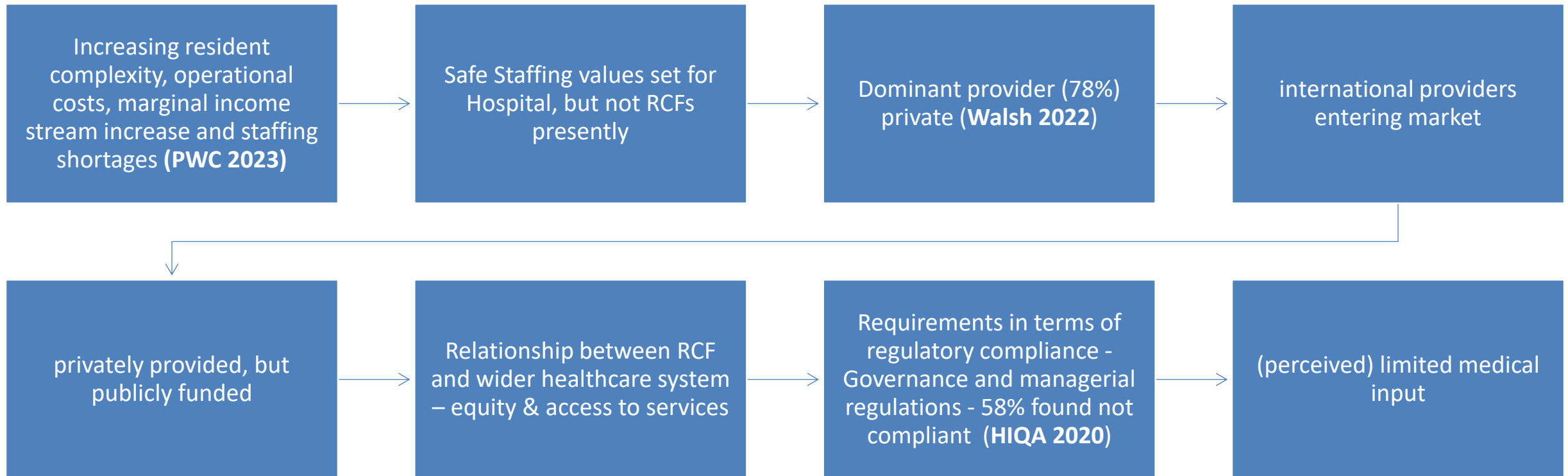
# PURPOSE

To provide a structured and proactive integrated model of care that will create sustainable, robust and enhanced clinical interfaces between the acute services and Residential Care Facilities. The Integrated Care Framework (ICF) is designed to enhance quality of care for RCF residents in their home, and develop clinical pathways outside of the requirement for transfer to a hospital's Emergency Department (ED).



# CONTEXT

## Challenges for Residential Care Facilities (RCFs), Hospitals and Residents



# BACKGROUND

It is expected that by 2030, 24% of the European population will be over 65 years.<sup>1</sup>

Approximately 5% of all older people need residential or nursing home care in Ireland.<sup>2</sup>

Compared with the community dwelling population, those in residential care facilities are more likely to have multi-morbidities and increased risk of frailty.<sup>3</sup>

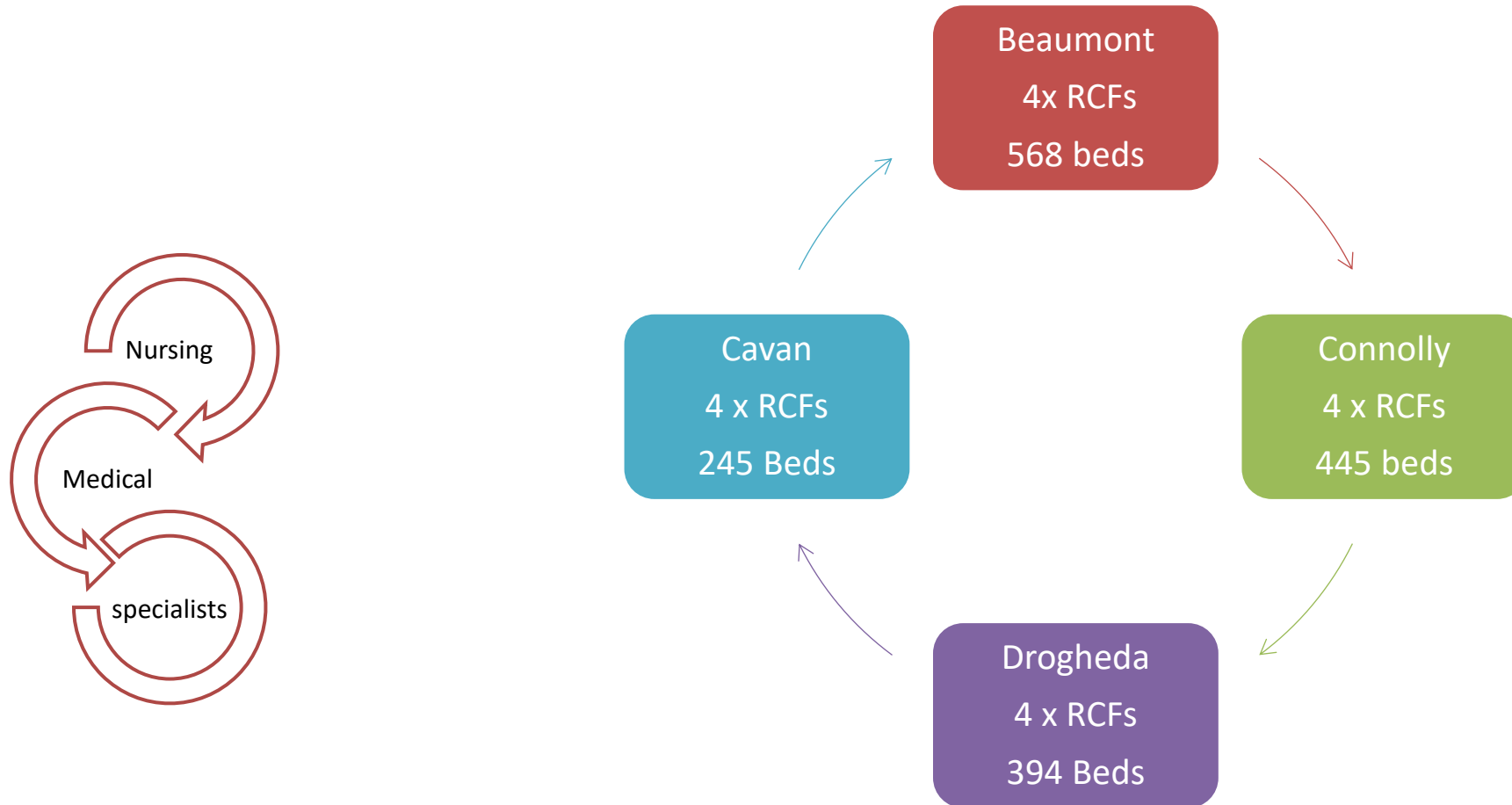
Currently there are approximately 30 transfers from RCFs to Eds per 100 RCF bed days annually.<sup>4</sup>

ED admissions can be avoided by 55% with appropriate alternative care.<sup>5</sup>

Transfers are associated with adverse outcomes for residents, longer lengths of stays, with 1-5% of presentations dying in the ED.<sup>3</sup>

# ICF FRAMEWORK PARTICIPANTS

## Creation of an Integrated Care and Support Framework



→ voluntary participation - private ownership prevails

## Key Dimensions of the Integrated Framework

# KEY DIMENSIONS OF INTEGRATED CARE FRAMEWORK

Clinical Leadership

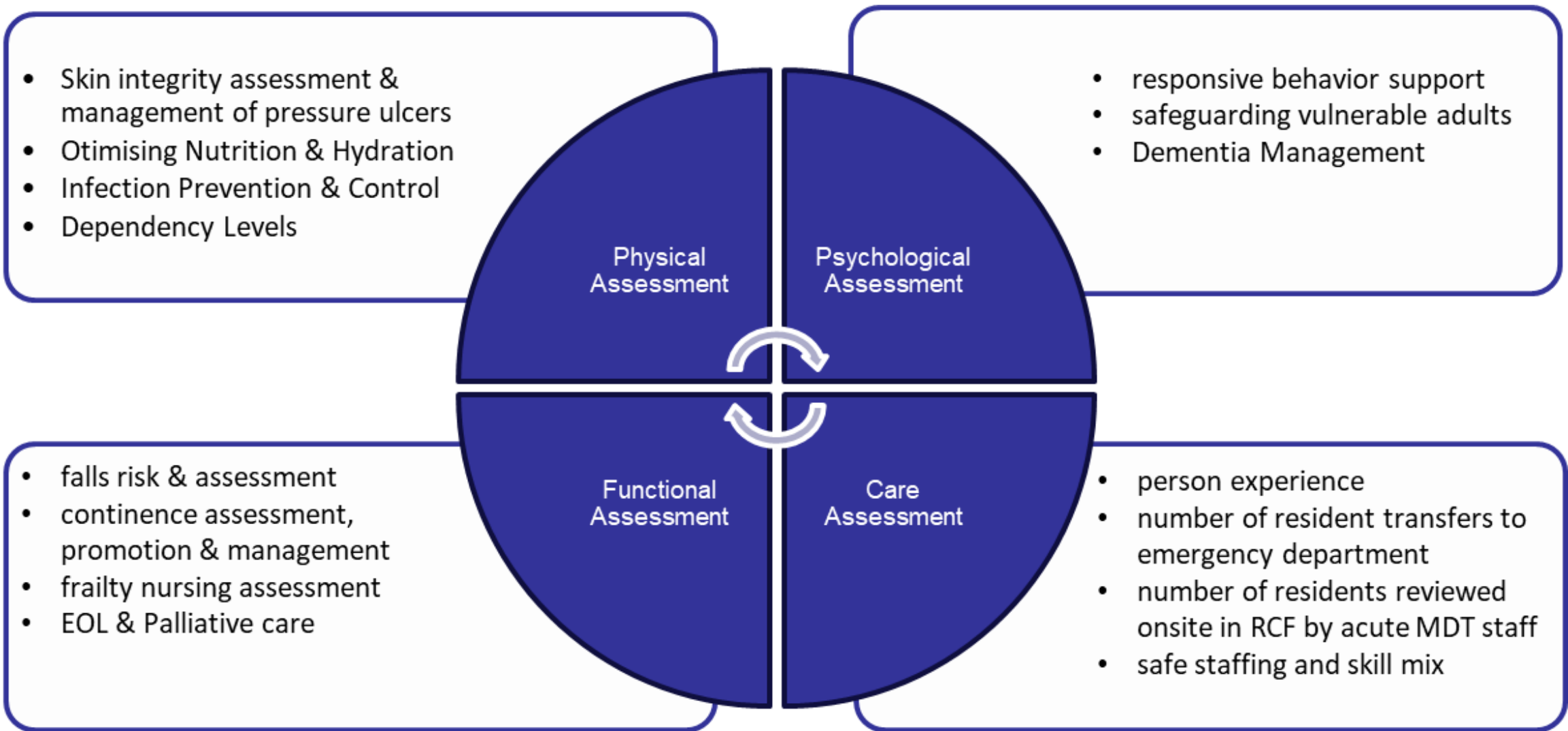


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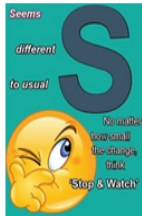

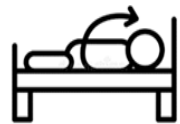
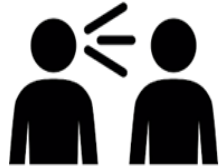





# QUALITY ASSURANCE KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

Necessary Assessment  
Framework and related specific  
RCF metrics



# TRAINING PROVIDED

Falls Prevention 	Dementia 	Deteriorating Resident 
Infection Prevention & Control 	Pressure Prevention & Management 	Complaints Training 
Catheterisation Management 	End of Life 	RCSI Leadership Programmes 

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Learning Disabilities Mortality Review  
(LeDeR) Programme



**Recognising  
Deterioration**  
**Early Warning Tool**  
*Everyone can spot the signs*

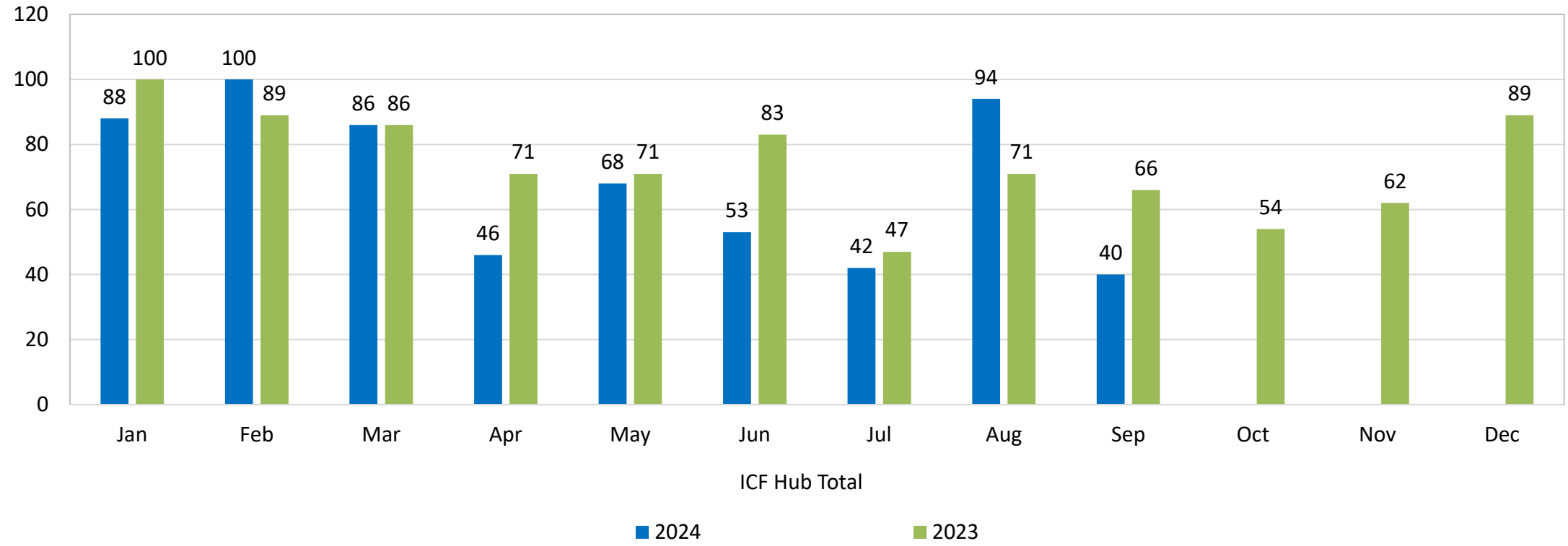
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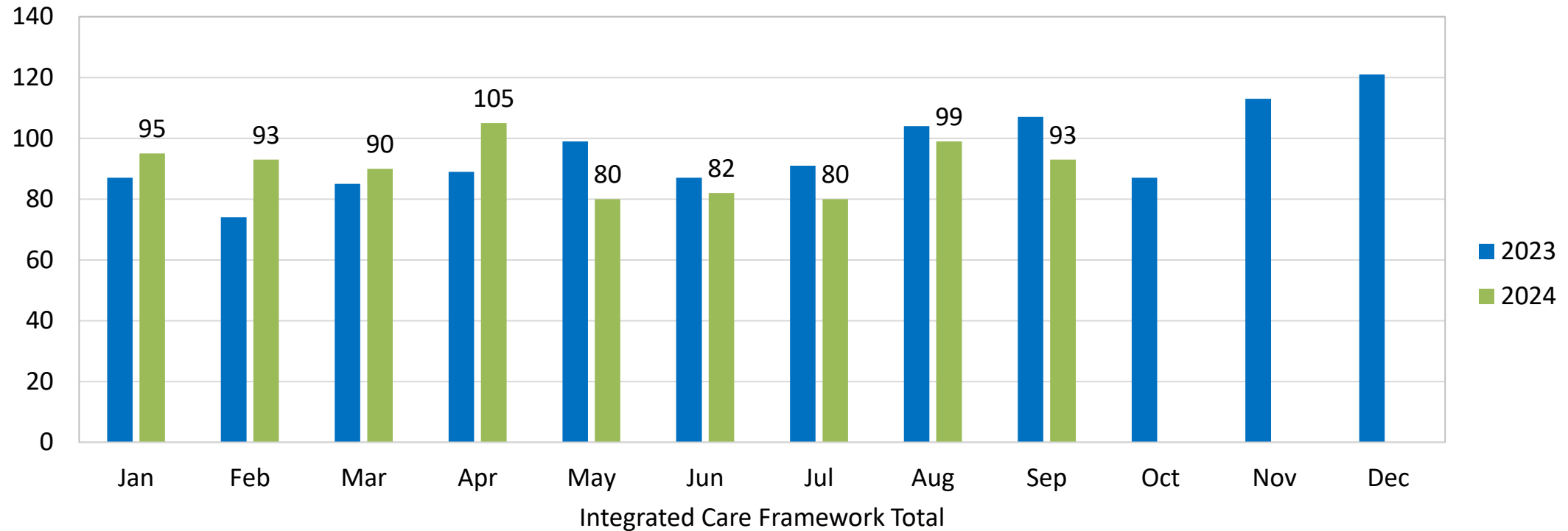
Discharges to RCF from Hospital 2024 v 2023



2022 V 2023 ↑ 52%

# DISCHARGES FROM HOSPITAL TO RCF

### RCF Presentations to ED 2024 v 2023



**2022 V 2023**

**Increase 11%**

**2023 V 2024**

**YTD 1% reduction**

# RCF PRESENTATIONS TO ED

# TOP 5 REASONS FOR PRESENTATIONS

1

Disease of  
Respiratory  
System (30%)

2

Injury  
(95% caused  
by falls)

3

Kidney &  
Urinary Tract

4

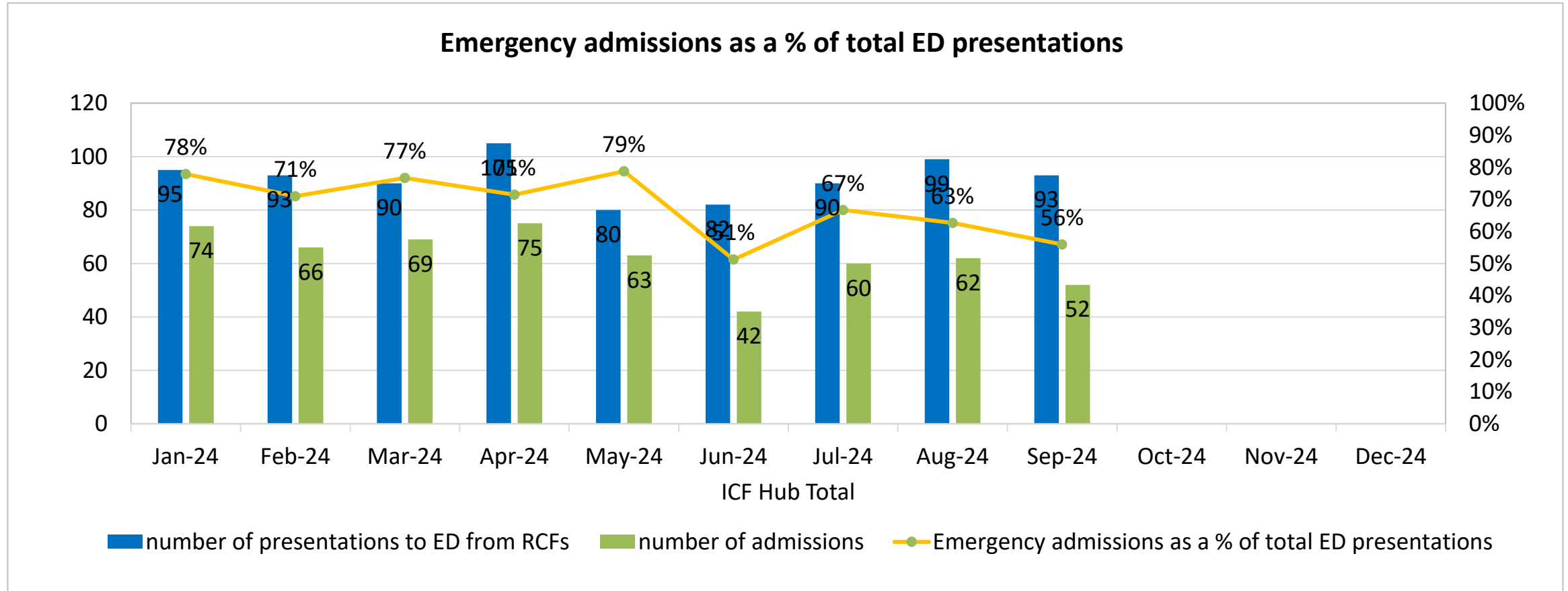
Digestive  
System

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Circulatory  
System

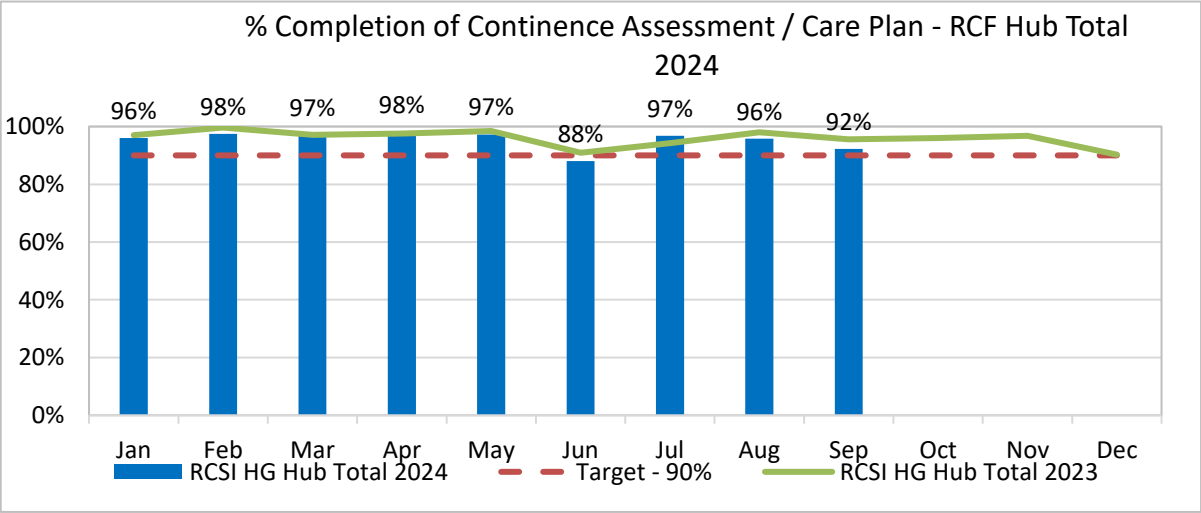
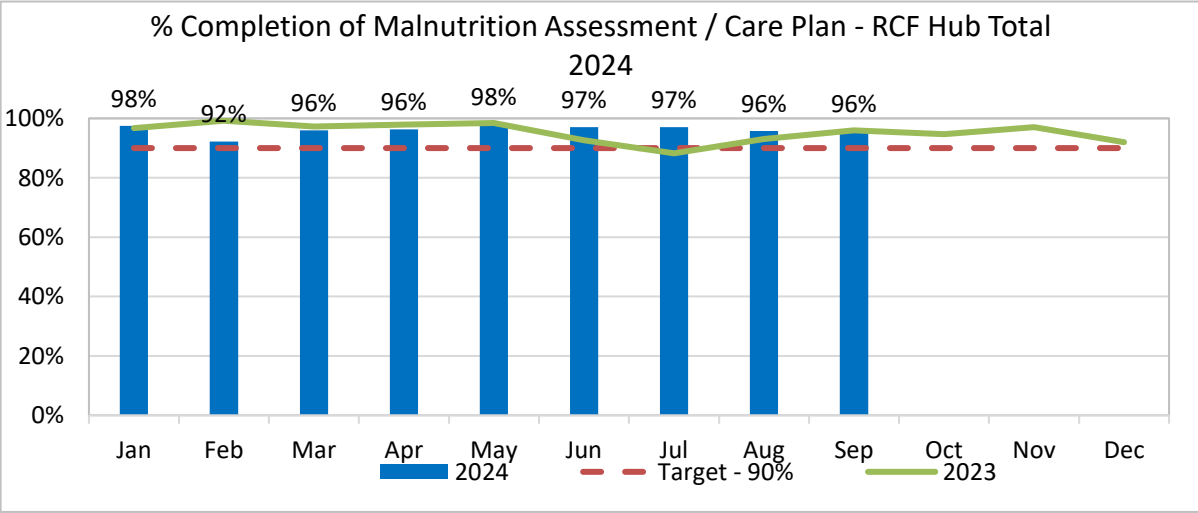
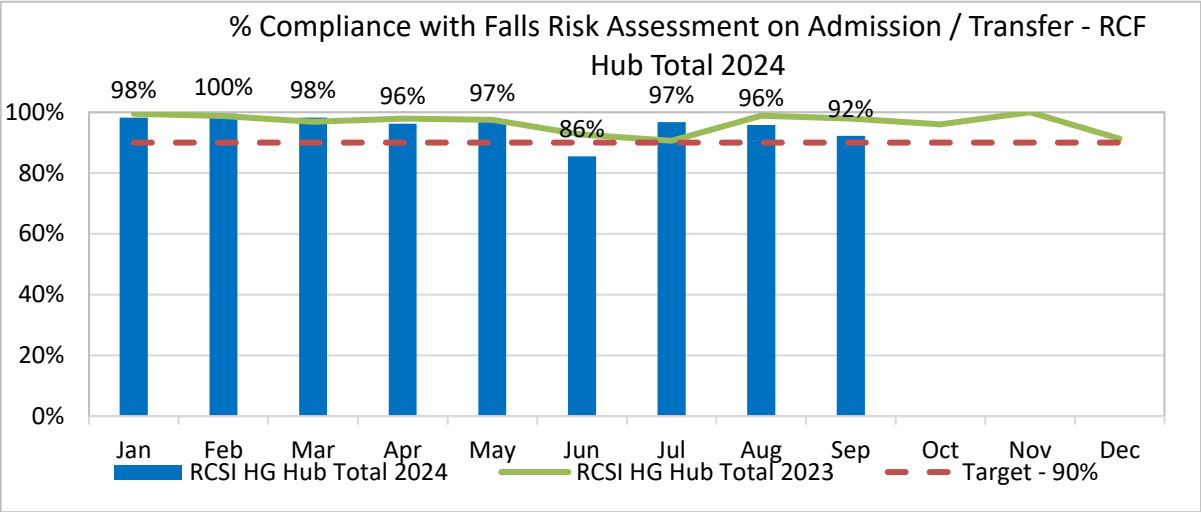
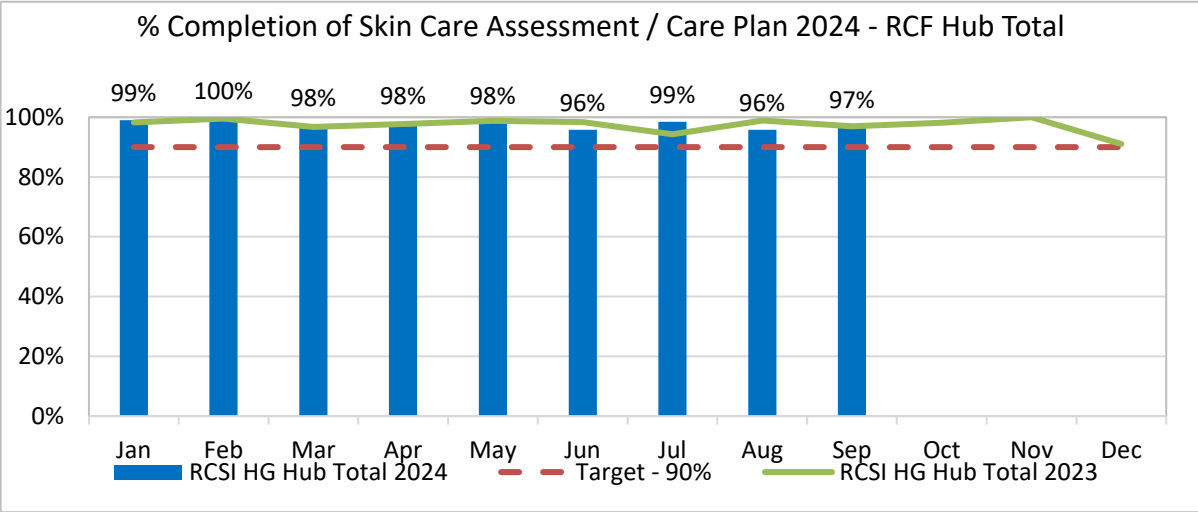
# OPERATIONAL ISSUES

## Admission Conversion of RCF Presentation ➔ Hospital on an Emergency Basis

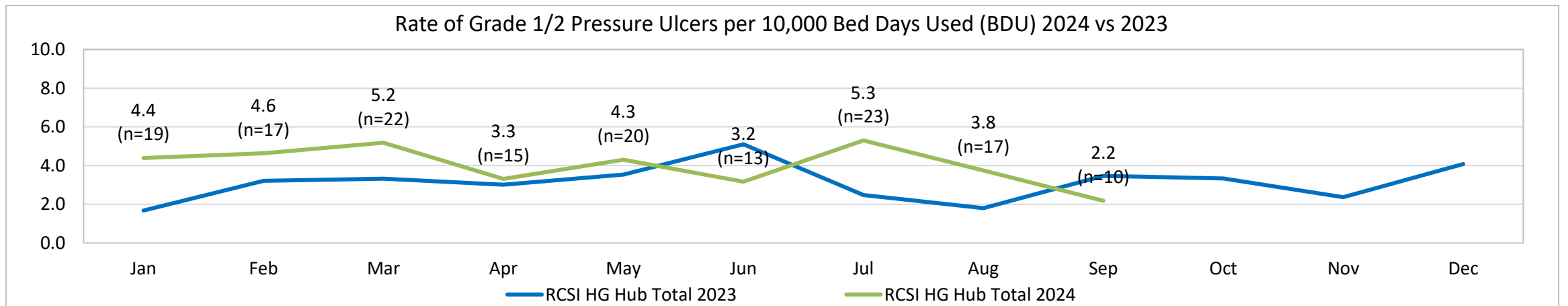
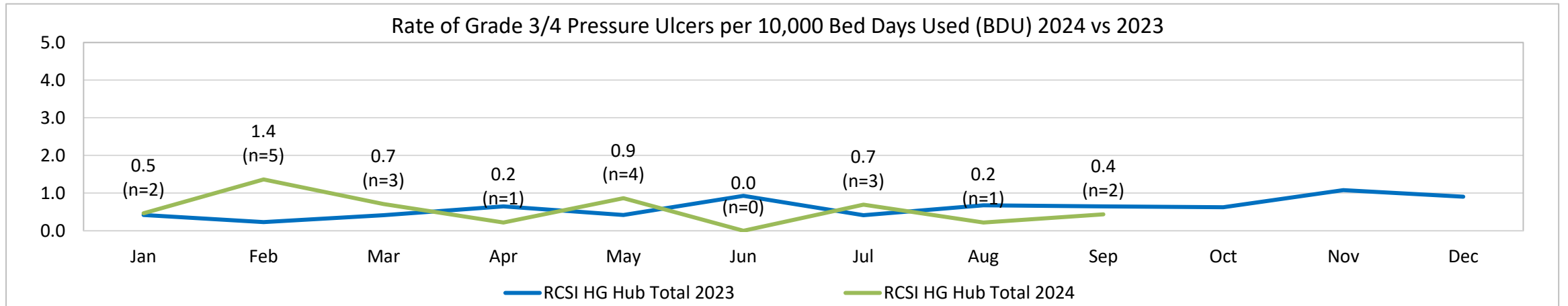


- Average 68% admission conversion compared to 55 % initially

# ASSESSMENTS



# PRESSURE ULCERS



2023 v 2022 73 % reduction in Grade 3 & 4 and a further 5 % reduction 2023 V 2024 YTD



# CURRENT STATUS – IMPROVEMENTS

## ➔ 2 . 5 years full data

- full establishment of MDT across each Hub
- Improvements in terms of ability to maintain patients in RCFs
- reduction of pressure sore incidents Grade 3 & 4
- compliance & standards maintained across QCMs
- Reduction of ED presentations 10% over 2 years
- increase of Hospital ➔ RCF discharges 52% year one and maintained
- Strong working relationships across boundaries ➔ person centred care
- Direct relationship between Hospitals and RCF
- Ease of transfer Hospitals ➔ RCF move to Hospital referral/ rather than out of hours ED attendance
- Understanding key causal problems RCF ➔ Hospital transfers ➔ which provides focus for bespoke training/assessment /pathway development

*THANK YOU*

