

# Dementia Improvement: How to Make It Happen

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# Alternative title: How to increase the diagnosis of dementia in your practice.....

- ▶ With very little resource
  - ▶ 3 meetings
  - ▶ And some lovely colleagues
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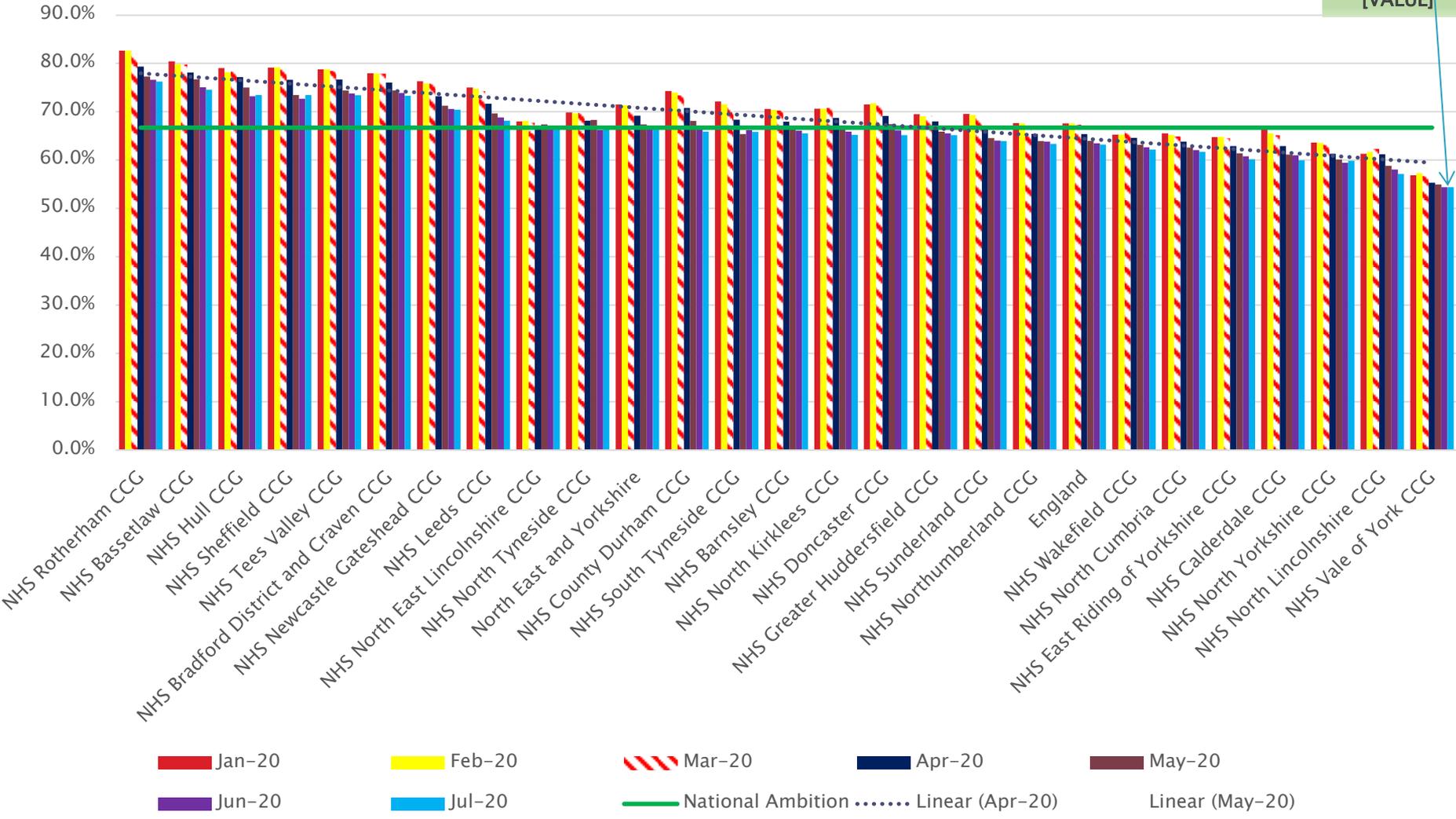
# The case for change

- ▶ The WORST place to get a dementia diagnosis in the North....

Sitting at the bottom.....

ALL North East and Yorkshire CCG's Jan to Jul 2020

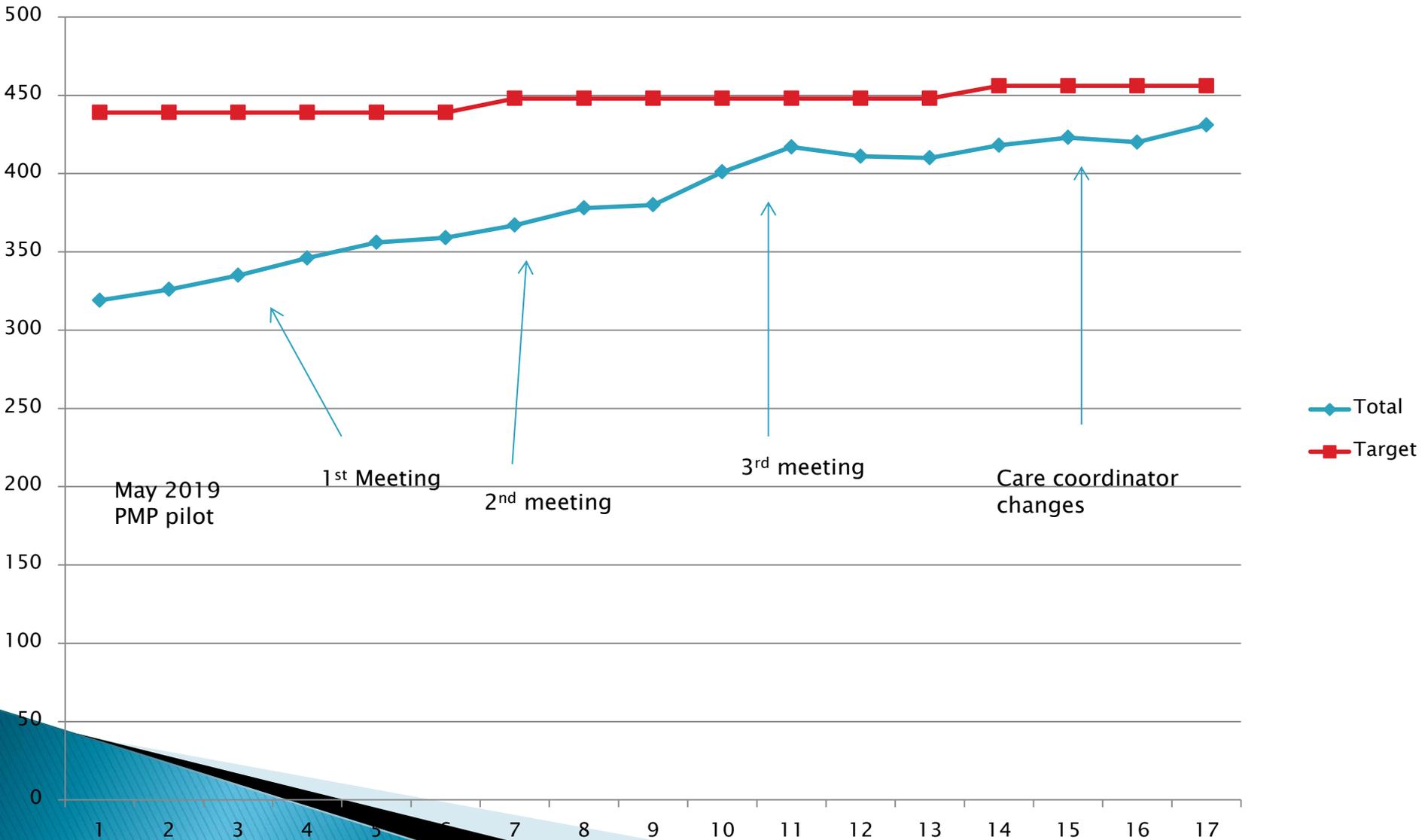
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# Meeting 1

- ▶ Who in your local area really knows why dementia diagnosis matters?

EmotionalSupport  
HealthChecks  
Safety  
SupportGroups  
CrisisManagement  
ContinenenceSupport  
Medication  
CarerSupport  
AttendanceAllowance  
Recognition  
Leaflets  
Research  
Helpline  
TechnologyHelp  
HerbertProtocol  
DelayCareHomeAdmission  
ReduceHospitalStays  
AdvancedCarePlan  
Advice  
EarlyHelp  
Deprescribing  
AnnualReview  
VulnerableAdult  
Funding

# Meeting 2

- ▶ What happens now? What does it take to get a diagnosis?
- ▶ Who **ISN'T** getting a diagnosis?
  - No insight
  - No advocate
  - “pleasantly confused” with their needs seemingly met
  - Care homes
  - Over 90s
  - Parkinson’s Patients...anywhere where cognitive impairment is very common
  - Frail
  - People who don’t like the assessment process

# Meeting 3

Undertaking a needs assessment of a system in two hours



# As a GP to help make a diagnosis of dementia....

“I NEED”

Now substitute GP for community nurse, physiotherapist, receptionist, domiciliary care worker, community volunteer, HCA, pharmacist

“What do you need to be able to do this?”



# 6 Key Elements

- ▶ Keep it patient focussed
  - ▶ Collaborate, don't do this alone
  - ▶ Give and take. Help others and they will help you
  - ▶ Communicate: why, how and what
  - ▶ Have a very clear purpose
  - ▶ Make it fun
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# Questions?

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