ONLINE CONSULTING AT PMG

An audit of 652 consultations

Jan-March 2019

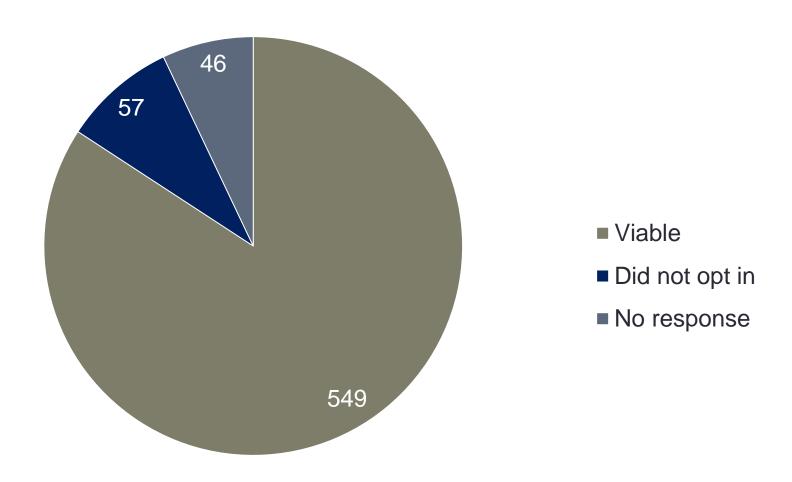


How many?

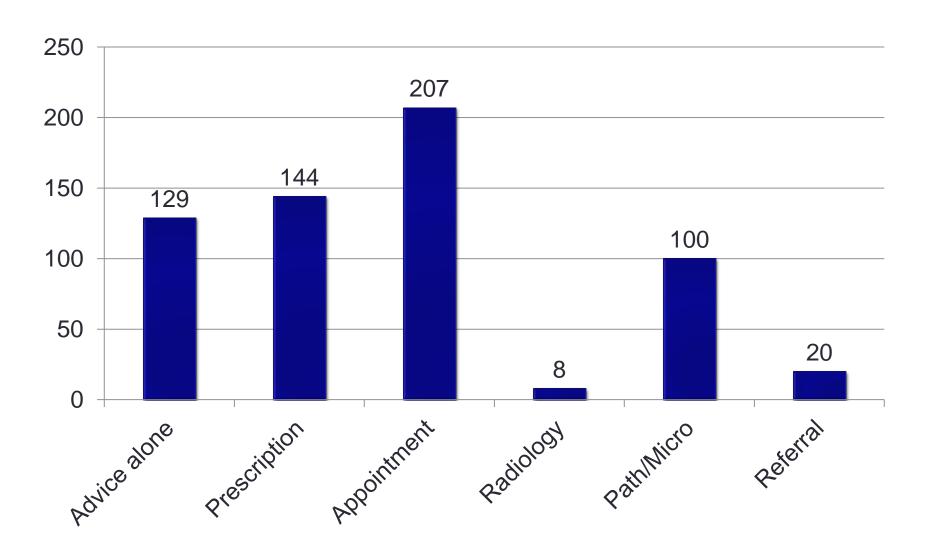
- 652 consultations over 12 weeks
- Capacity for 30 per day (1800)
- Mean of 11 per day
 - Range 4-21
- 549 were 'viable' i.e. patient opted in to two way communication, replied to any questions as appropriate and allowed the consultation to reach a resolution



Viable consultations



Of the 549 viable consultations...

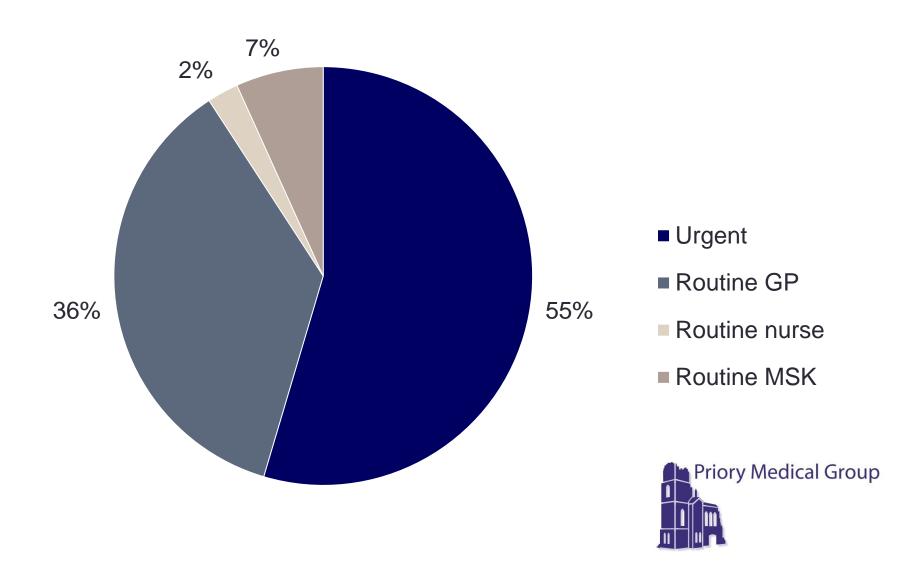


Conversion rate?

- 652 consultations
- 549 viable
- 38% (207/549) led to an appointment of some kind



207 Appointments:



Positives

- Good 'advice only' rate of 129/549 23%
- Pre-appointment work up useful
- Some econsultations worked extremely well
 - Subfertility
 - Chronic loose stool
 - Medication query
 - Skin complaints with a photo
 - Tired all the time
 - Simple UTI in women
- Several frequent users, i.e. those that liked the portal and used it more than once
- Could offer flexible/out of hours working

Negatives and things to work on

- Signposting to the service, sometimes felt like overflow due to limited telephone/F2F availability later in the day
- Some econsultations not useful
 - Acute cough
 - Pyrexial child with rash
 - UTI in children/men
- Poor completion of online form
- Wiggly amps question pathways quite clunky
- Frustrating when patient's hadn't opted in, took time to SMS and encourage resubmission
- Protocol for handover if not completed in one day?
- Where does it fit in the working day?
- Requires some acceptance of risk

