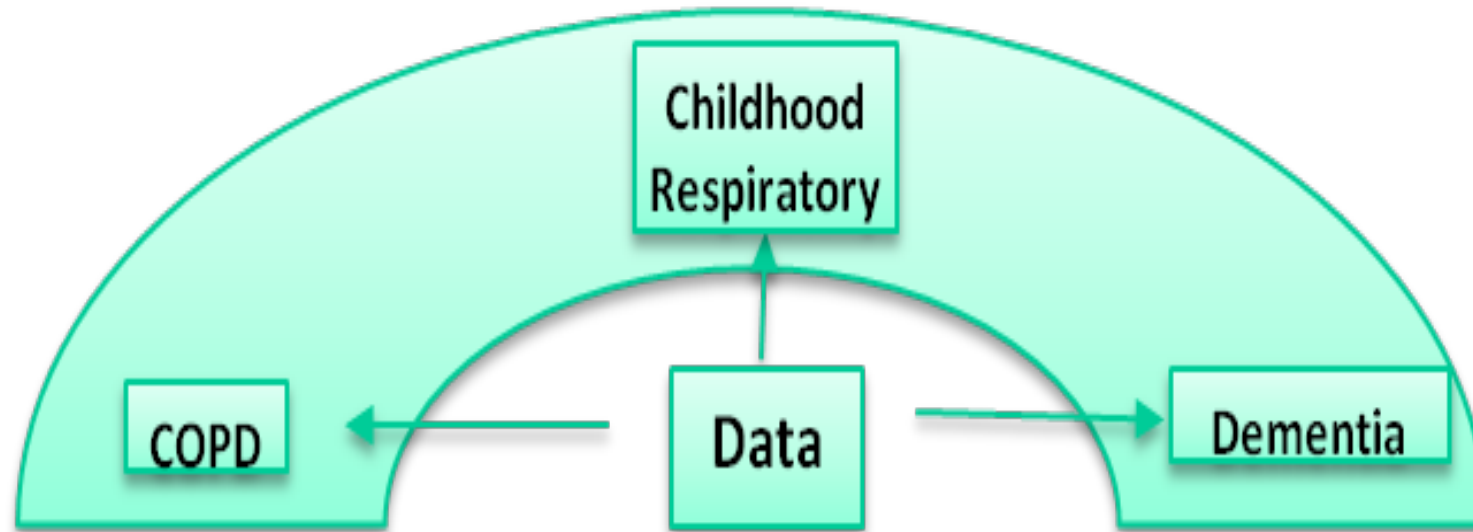


ITHAcA: Integration to avoid hospital admission

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Aim

To reduce avoidable hospital admissions across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire



Achievements



- evaluation of care bundles for adults with COPD (NIHR HS&DR)
- feasibility study to explore COPD service use in Bristol via systems dynamics modelling (APCRC)
- PhD on childhood respiratory admissions and decision-making by parents / professionals in ED (NIHR SPCR)
- mixed-methods modelling of service use in Bristol for childhood asthma (APCRC)
- discussion working groups (DWGs) on Virtual Wards and Avoiding Unplanned Admissions Enhanced Service

Future plans for research

- managing risk to reduce emergency bed days for older patients (NIHR Programme Development Grant)
- systematic review of interventions to reduce admissions for people with dementia (Dementia HIT and NIHR CLAHRC West)
- use mixed methods approach to explore reasons for dementia admissions and develop interventions to reduce avoidable admissions (Dementia HIT and NIHR CLAHRC West)
- increase PPI involvement

Future plans for practice

- work with local organisations to evaluate new models of integrating urgent care across community providers
- collaborate more widely across West of England
- develop information repository and series of events to update local commissioners, managers and clinicians on research and policy
- Researcher in Residence Fellow