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Speech and Language Therapy & Covid 19

Celebrating SLT and Nightingale at Whiteabbey Hospital



Whiteabbey Nightingale Hospital

- Established November 2020
- Regional unit, 14 day admission
- Nursing and AHP led, 7 day service
- Well funded for SLT; Band 7, Band 6, Band 4 SLTa
- Increased frequency of SLT inpatient reviews; seen daily as much as possible

Patient Journey

- Mr O
- Admitted to BCH November 2020
 - Intubated Nov 2020
 - Trache inserted Nov 2020
 - Decannulated Jan 2021 & d/c to ward from ICU
 - Severe oro-pharyngeal dysphagia Jan 2021
- Transferred to Whiteabbey Nightingale Feb 2021

Patient Journey

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 - Intensive SLT input (9/12 days seen, 14 SLT contacts total)
 - Mild dysphonia – vocal hygiene advice, breathing exercises, overall improvement in volume and strength
 - Resolved dysphagia, oral stage impacted only by dentition
 - Final recs = Level 7 easy to chew and Level 0 thin

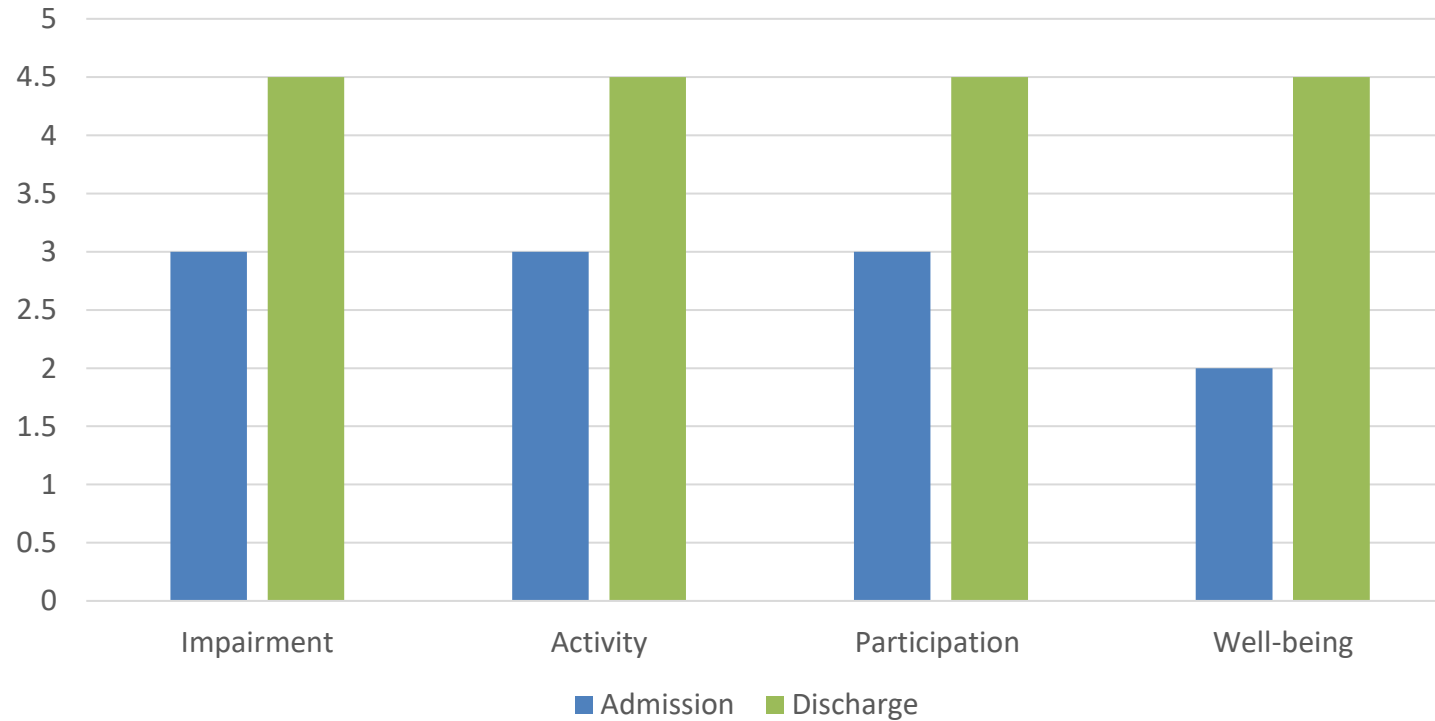
Patient Journey

- ICU follow up clinic presentation, seen April 2021
 - Communication – no concerns regarding dysphonia/current voice function. Voice WNL for age.
 - Swallow – no swallow issues or trouble getting food down, remains on same SLT recs, generally reduced appetite, no weight loss

Outcome measures

- 49% of Covid patients received SLT input for communication and/or swallowing
- 51% treatment complete at end of 14 days
- Therapy outcome measures (TOMS) introduced
- TOMS helped to see change pre and post therapy

Mr O's outcomes



Working together



Excellence



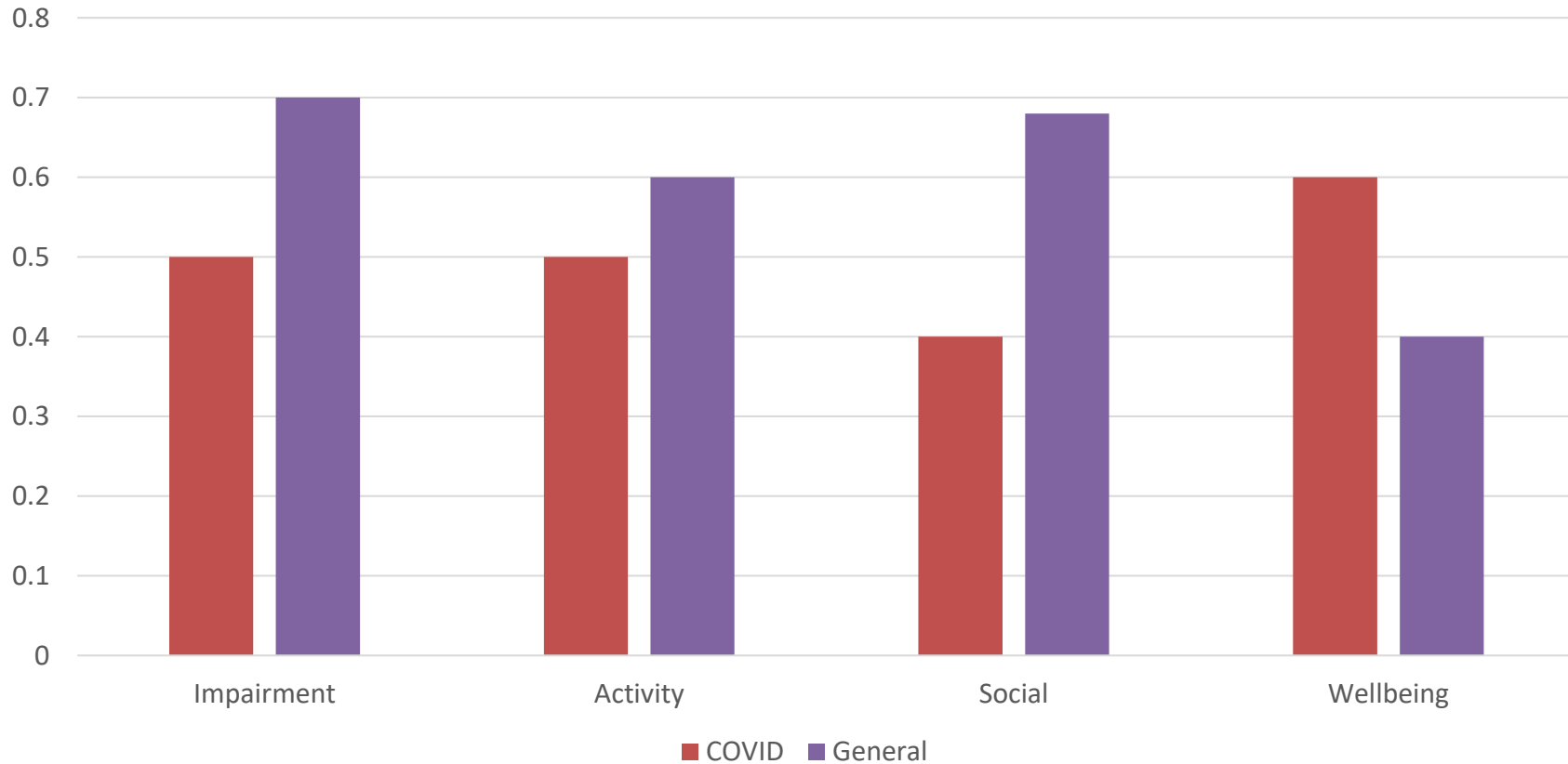
Openness & Honesty



Compassion

Outcomes for COVID and General Rehab

Average improvement on discharge



Nightingale moving forward

- Currently general rehab and fractures
- Funding extended until March 2022
- Currently part time band 7 SLT, band 6 SLT and SLTa
- At the time of the power point there were 24 patients on the ward



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