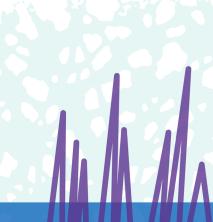


Responding and Adapting to COVID-19: An Allied Health Response



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Who are the Allied Health Professionals (AHP)?



"There has never before been such a need to harness AHP potential for transforming healthcare."

Ruth May, Chief Nursing Officer for England



The First Wave Response: Planning for the Unknown



- "When we were waiting for it [COVID-19] to arrive, the physio team were proactive in getting us all prepared."
- "At the moment the focus is on nurses to get trained up but I'm eager that our teams are trained up and ready to go, to do what is needed to support the response."

The First Wave: The Reality



"The teams have fed back how uncomfortable the masks are and how tiring it is doing such physical work. I think we need to factor in more breaks."

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Following Waves: Specialist Skills & Discharge







Pathway 3

1% of people: there has been a life changing event. Home is not an option at point of discharge from acute

Pathway 2

4% of people: rehabilitation in a bedded setting

Pathway 1

45% of people: support to recover at home; able to return home with support from health and/or social care

Pathway 0

50% of people simple discharge, no input from health / social care

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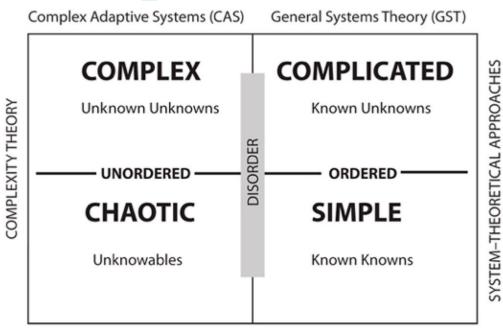
What Helped Our Response

- Adaptability
- Communication
- Compassionate Leadership
- Command and Control
- Statutory support to extend skill boundaries



What would have made it better

- 'Relevant' Business Continuity Planning
- Baseline resource





Evolving AHP autonomy and skill utilisation





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