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### **A tale of a GP with Special Interest (GPwSI) Paediatric Allergy Clinic in the community**

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**Background and Aim:** Allergy care is very variable in the UK. The 2003 Royal College of Physicians(RCP) report stated a large proportion of allergy management needs to be undertaken within primary care. We established an integrated multi-disciplinary paediatric allergy service across primary and secondary care to provide consistency in referral and management. We aimed to bring the management of allergies into primary care, informed by RCP /NICE guidelines, reduce waiting times and increase primary care education, thereby improving patient experience.

**Methods:** Our working group designed a food allergy pathway.. The CCG funded a GPwSI in Paediatric Allergy to lead the community clinic. An early recognition and management leaflet and educational events for GPs were designed. We retrospectively audited referral data for secondary care allergy, prior to commencing the GPwSI clinic. Data was obtained on waiting times and unplanned secondary care attendances for allergy-related problems, prior to their first allergy clinic.

**Results:** The data from prior to the introduction of the community clinic shows large numbers of unscheduled hospital attendances and long waiting times. A re-audit is in process.

**Conclusion:** Our integrated multi-disciplinary service for Paediatric Allergy is the first in the UK to have a GP-led community clinic. Data collection is ongoing to establish whether waiting times, unscheduled secondary care visits and patient satisfaction are improved.