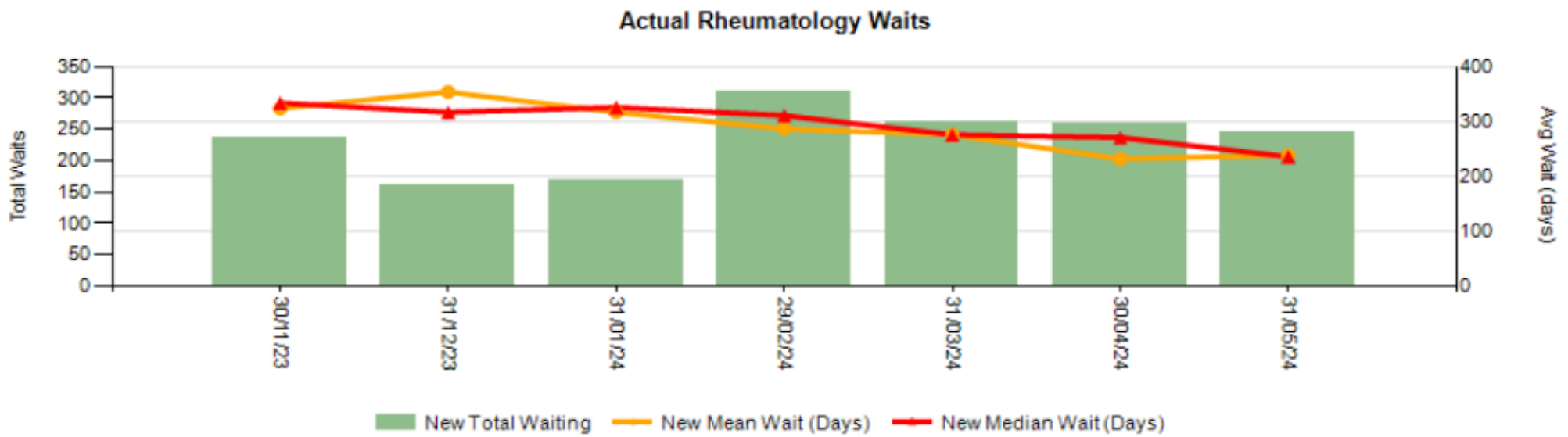


Rheumatology Services Development

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Abstract

Rheumatology Services at Walsall are being transformed!

At Walsall Healthcare Trust, we are developing an new and improved Rheumatology Service in collaboration with The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust. The new service will not only meet the demand for Walsall but provide a higher care quality for patients through some exciting developments.

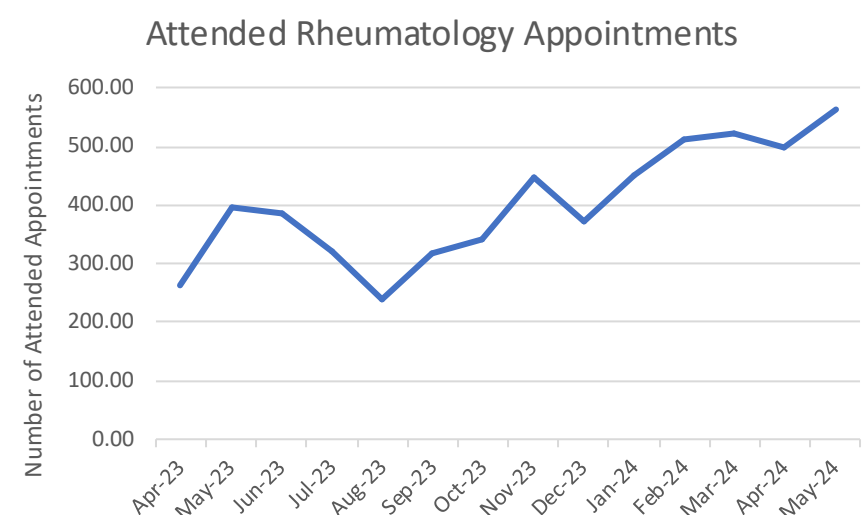
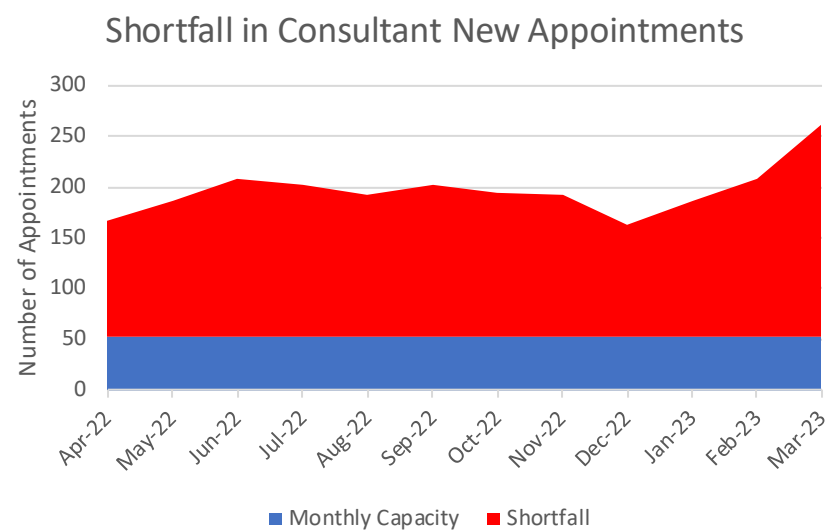
Further info

With some of our new consultants and nurses already in post, we are already seeing more patients and the median wait time for new patients has reduced by 17 weeks since January 24. By expanding the team further via a business case, we will ensure all patients can be seen in line with national targets. Moreover, by working in collaboration with RWT, we are offering our clinicians professional line management for Rheumatology.

Some of the key areas of improvement we will deliver within the service are:

- Giant Cell Arteritis Clinical Pathway
- Early Inflammatory Arthritis Clinical Pathway with Treat-to-Target
- Tapering clinics, to reduce patients consumption of immunosuppressive drugs
- Biosimilar switches for drugs to provide significant cost savings
- Rheumatology advice line

.....and much more!



Rheumatology

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