

An Audit to Assess (day assessment unit) appointments and refine referral criteria

e.g. A.Hassaan¹, M.Dhavliker^{1,2} and F.Bhutta
1 Croydon university hospital, London , UK

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

DAU is midwife led service that caters to women >16 weeks gestation who meet specific referral guidelines.

This re-audit aims to:
Review the workload in DAU
Assess if improvements have been since initial audit in 2020
Suggest what improvements can be made

OBJECTIVES/AIMS

Re-audit of referrals made to DAU to ensure trust and national guidelines are being followed.
To identify where any improvements to the service can be made

METHODS

The data was collected by reviewing Electronic Patient Records for the patients who attended a DAU appointment in January- March 2024, collected various categories of data pertaining to these appointments.

CONCLUSIONS

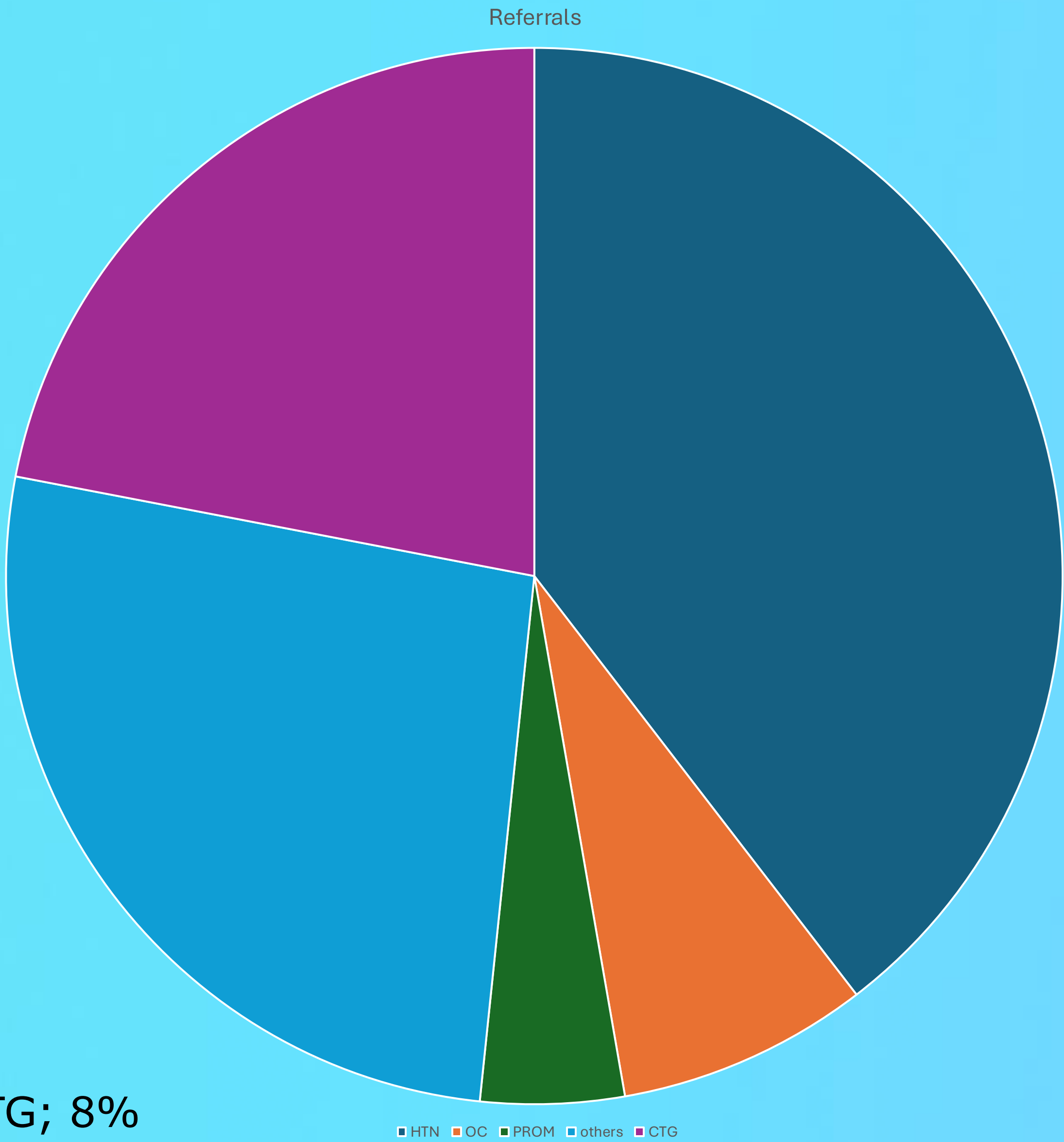
- DAU is a well utilised service within CUH
- Very few inappropriate referrals
- Incomplete documentation in some cases – 2 Feb/1 Mar
- Appropriate escalation and referral to obstetric team for review when required
- Due to high risk antenatal population, frequent DAU follow up is required
- BP monitoring places a high burden on DAU (36% of all appointments in Feb/Mar 24)
- Women given home BP monitoring required less frequent DAU appointments – the number of attendances for BP monitoring has reduced (36% 2024 vs 62% in 2020)
- CTG use has remained consistent between 09/20 and this current review period (72% in 2020 vs 52% Feb and 71% in March)

RESULTS

Reasons for referral
February 24
•36% of appointments for BP monitoring; 20% for CTG; 8% for OC;11% for PPROM and 25% for other reasons
•52% of attendees had CTG monitoring regardless of referral
March 24
•36% of appointments for BP monitoring; 29% for CTG; 7% for OC monitoring; 4% for PPROM and 24% for other reasons
•71% of attendees had CTG monitoring regardless of referral

REFERENCES

<https://intranet.croydonhealthservices.nhs.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93ijjm4n11974.pdf&ver=14927>
[Policies and Procedural Documents Template \(croydonhealthservices.nhs.uk\)](#)
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg62/chapter/1-Guidance#provision-and-organisation-of-care>



CONTACT INFORMATION

ahmed.hassaan@nhs.net