

# How do we avoid another winter like last one?

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# Winter 2022...





***“We know there are better ways of doing this but sometimes its hard to get off the treadmill to achieve change”***

Staff nurse

***From those who are apart from a loved one for the first time, to others - who feel utterly alone in their lives – the majority are simply very anxious of the unfamiliar and the unknown...”***

Discharge Facilitator

***“We all have lives too, sometimes patients forget that, and we genuinely care that they achieve the goals to get home asap”***

Physiotherapist

***“We can’t keep doing things in isolation, in short we are better together. Thank goodness for the hospital social work team”***

Care of Elderly Consultant

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# What do you think is the most important thing that will help improve things for this coming winter?

1. Redirecting people who don't need to come to hospital
2. Planning for discharge as early as possible
3. Better co-working across NHS, social work and social care teams
4. Earlier assessment of what a patient's care needs will be when they leave hospital
5. More social care capacity
6. Having someone senior dedicated to overseeing patient discharge
7. Something else

# The Effects of **BED REST** ON OLDER PEOPLE

## Dizziness / Fainting

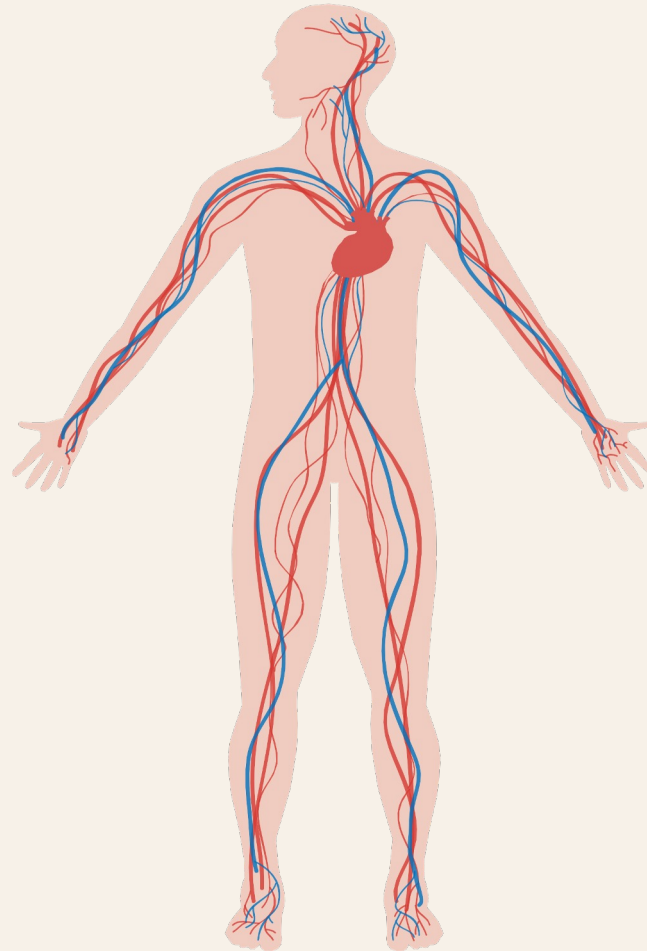
Postural Hypotension (drop in blood pressure on standing) noted after as little as **20 hours** bed rest

## Reduced Muscle Strength

A muscle at complete rest loses **5%** muscle strength **every day**

**3 weeks** in bed reduces fitness equal to **30 years** of aging

On-going muscle weakness  
**3-5 years** after discharge



## Delirium

**Sensory deprivation** (no glasses or hearing aid) can lead to **confusion & delirium**

## Fragile Skin

**70%** of older patients can acquire pressure ulcers within **2 weeks** of admission to hospital

## Institutionalisation

**5 times** more likely to be admitted to a **care home** on discharge

# You never know when your last 1000 days will start

“But then a nurse comes in and says:  
Hello, my name is Kate and together we’re going to get  
you home soon”

“These days are yours that we must help look after”

Poem by Molly Case, 2017

# We can't turn the tap off...



**BUT there are  
proven actions we  
know work that can  
reduce pressure at  
every point in our  
health and social  
care system**



# ...these are the proven levers we can use

## ADMISSION AVOIDANCE

- Right Care, Right Place
- Pharmacy First
- SAS Triage
- NHS 24 and NHS Inform
- Hospital at Home

## PLANNED DATE OF DISCHARGE

- Discharge discussion with patient and family/carers in first 48 hours
- PDD for every patient reviewed daily
- Early identification of complex discharges by multi-agency team
- Clinical frailty score on admission

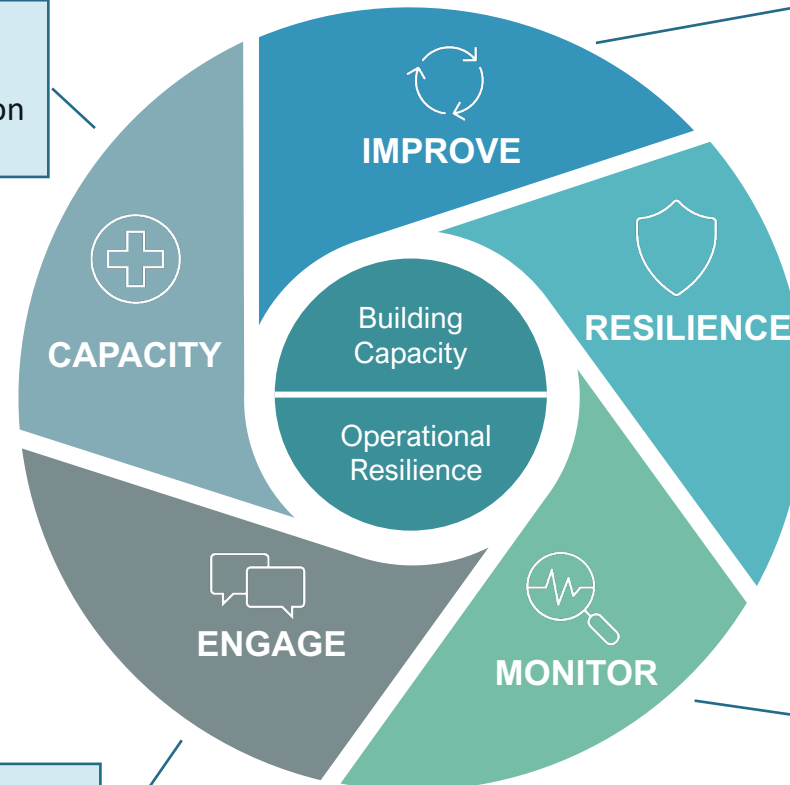
## DISCHARGE WITHOUT DELAY

- Service managers/care at home managers attend ward rounds
- Social work input into wards with high frailty and ongoing care needs
- Discharge to assess models and intermediate care
- Community rehabilitation as the preferred place of recovery
- Use of discharge lounge

# These actions need to be embedded as we move towards winter

## BUILD CAPACITY WHERE POSSIBLE

Across local and national services, we are building additional capacity: Hospital at Home, more information for public to self-manage, NHS 24 services, etc.



## CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Ongoing continuous improvement across health and social care to manage services effectively in readiness for surge.

## MANAGE RESILIENCE PLANNING

Improved operational resilience, with enhanced testing across local and national services, increasing business resilience.

## INCREASED MONITORING OF SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

Building national level data reporting alongside our demand & capacity modelling, providing early performance insight to support surge responses.

## GREAT PUBLIC AND SYSTEM ENGAGEMENT

Coordinating and aligning key messaging across services for the public will support patient flow, prevent wrong pathways and provide patient reassurance.

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# So what can we do? What can I do?

To make this winter different, we need a whole system response but we also need everyone: patients, families, staff, managers and leaders to make individual commitment to act.

What are we individually willing to commit to do to be the difference this winter?



What is the key thing you pledge to do following these sessions?