

Aim

The **2020 Quality Strategy** builds a firm foundation but expects us to **do things differently** to stop wasteful activity and to focus on **evidence based activities** which yield **maximum benefit**

My aim was to evaluate the provision of equipment to **identify opportunities** for an **improved**



Results

- ✓ No patients reported that they were not managing at home. This provided us with **confidence** this new approach was **workable**
- ✓ Equipment now **not routinely prescribed** for patients scheduled for **knee appointments**
- ✓ We **reduced patient's dependency** on non essential equipment adopting an **enabling approach**
- ✓ There is now a **permanent change** of **OT practice** reflecting the **audit outcomes**
- ✓ **Significant reduction** in time spent ordering equipment & some reduction in time spent with patients
- ✓ **Associated reduction** in delivery & collection costs
- ✓ **Reduction** of the equipment budget spent

Why

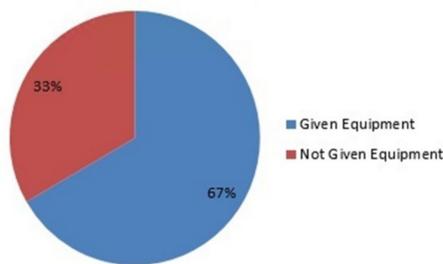
Following a successful bid for funding from NES I spent time at the **Golden Jubilee Hospital** shadowing the OT team. It became apparent that there were **discrepancies** in equipment provision between the two Health Boards for patients receiving **knee replacements**

When considering **The National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes** and **Professional Standards for OT Practice**, I realised there needed to be a **review and audit** of the equipment

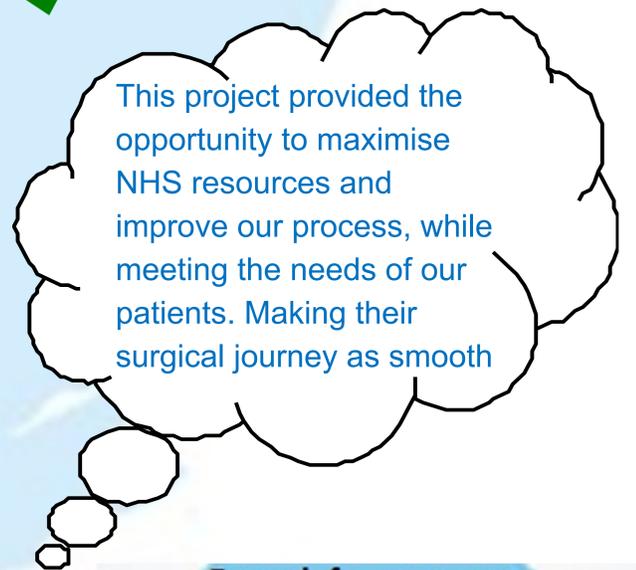
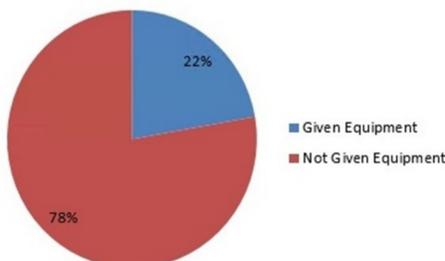
Methodology:-

- Reviewed **equipment data** stored in OT patient folder.
- Identified months to **audit**
- Talled up equipment prescribed in chosen **two months**
- **Compared** the two months of data.
- **Considered** any patient concerns
- Created charts to demonstrate **variance**
- Results discussed with supervisor

Percentage of Patients Issued Equipment in May



Percentage of Patients Issued Equipment in June



How

I met with my supervisor to discuss how I might review and audit our equipment provision. It was agreed:-

- **Each patient** would be assessed on their **functional ability** at their Occupational Therapy Pre-assessment appointment for a total knee replacement
- If patients were currently **managing** without equipment it was assumed they would continue to manage post surgery
- Occupational Therapy contact details would be provided in case they did not manage at home



Future

This work has the **potential** to be expanded to the review of **all equipment** provided by OT services in **Shetland**