



**Kent and Medway
Cancer Alliance**

Cancer Update

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1.0 Purpose

- To give an overview of the Cancer Waiting Times in Kent and Medway in relation to National and Provider Level Performance.

2.0 Background

- In June 2019, Kent and Medway Alliance, treated 76.4% of cancer patients within 62 days from referral. 76.7% was the National Average and 85% the National Target.
- Nationally, no Alliances nationally met the 85% standard.
- Kent and Medway are currently ranked 11 out of 19 Alliances.

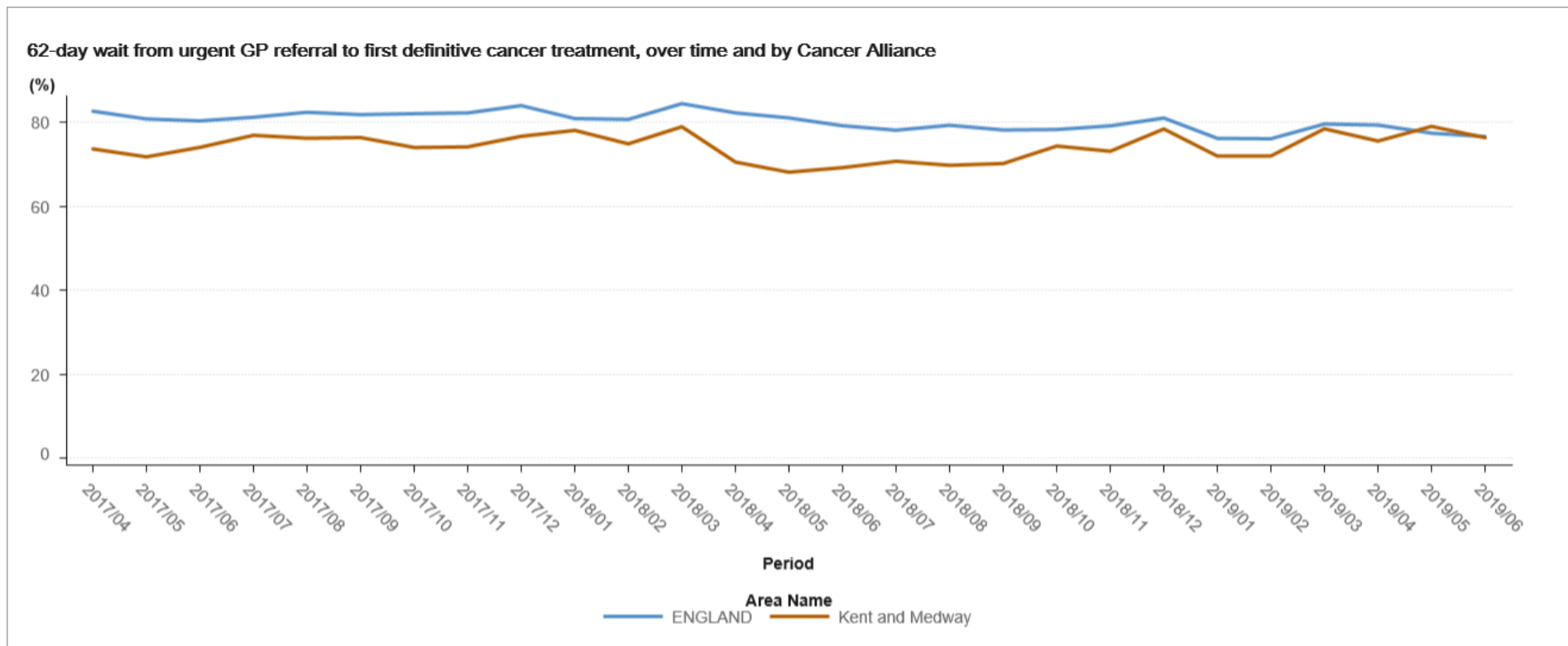
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2.0 Background

- Performance since April 2017 is detailed below and Kent and Medway have latterly improved against a National decline in performance.
- All Trusts are experiencing a background of increased demand for 2 week wait referrals, and diagnostic (radiology, pathology and endoscopy) services.



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3.0 Interventions

- Urology referrals reached peak levels in Summer 2018 (internal review, process changes, equipment for different procedures procured.)
- 28 Days to Diagnosis Event – Training and Advice from proven vanguard sites.
- Investment in Straight to Test Nurses and Pathway Navigators.
- Relationship building with South East London clinical colleagues, with a series events in Lung and Upper Gastrointestinal Cancers regarding the transfer of care and treatments of Kent and Medway patients.
- Tumour Site Specific Groups (TSSGs) challenging norms e.g. Lung has a Consultant who has improved the pathway acting as a pathway advisor to other colleagues across the region to lead improvement.

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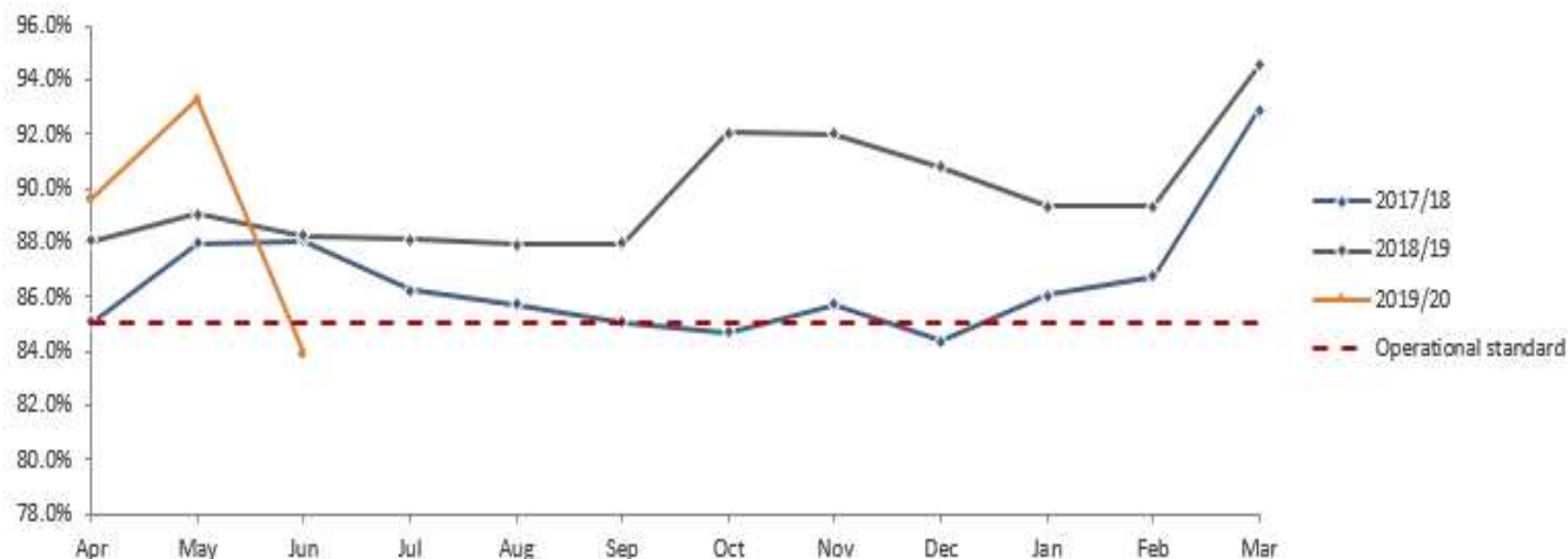
4.0 Future

- Early Diagnosis Workstream – funding to support 28 Day Pathways, Vague Symptoms clinic and the Low Risk Symptomatic Bowel Cancer Patients (qFIT) programmes of work in order to accelerate access to the healthcare system, enabling faster diagnostics and therefore faster diagnosis and treatment.
- Operational Managers and Delivery Group Meetings monitoring, supporting and challenging performance
- 28 Day Pathway Performance Tracking.

Current Position by Trust

5.0 Current Position

- **Dartford** – 83.9% in June 2018, versus 88.2%, only this June figure appears to be an anomaly, given the this is the first time they haven't made the 85% target since December 2017. (Dartford is a smaller site and for scale this 1.1% under target represents 5 patients who have breached the target out of 31 treated patients)



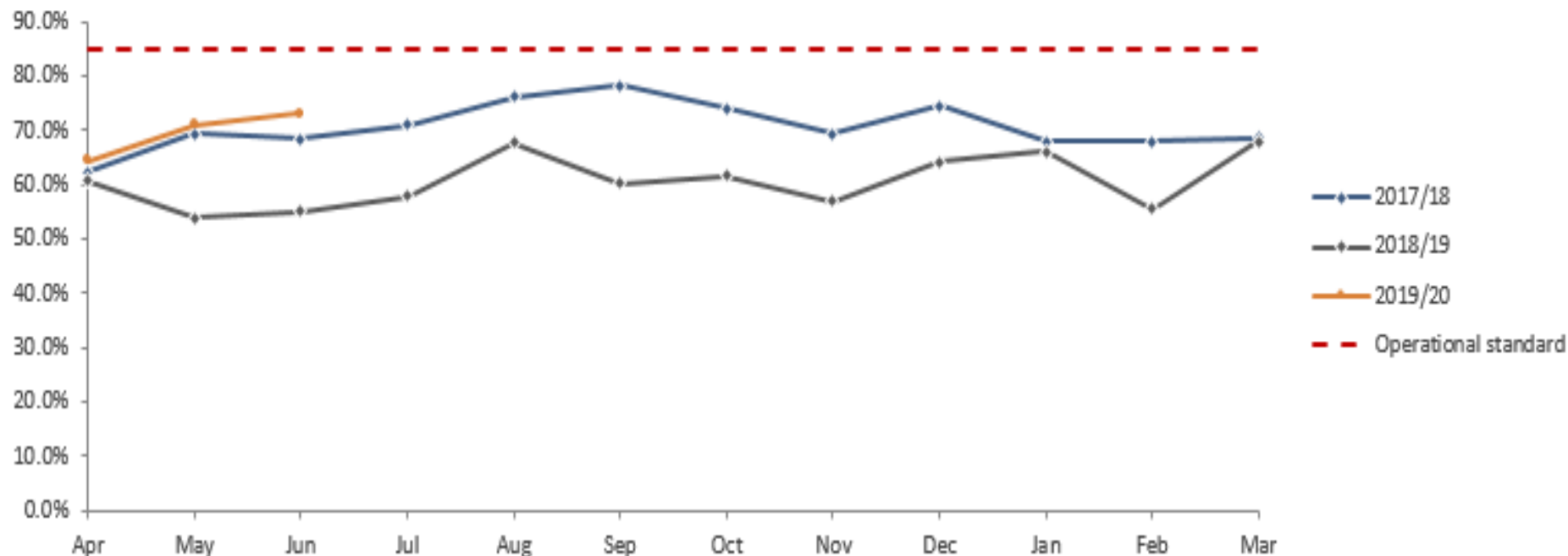
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- **EKHUFT** – Since October 2018, 7 out of 8 months have been reported at over 70%, for the first time since March of that year. A significant change within the management, diagnosis and treatment of Urology referrals (62 Day performance at June 18 : 39% versus 73% in June 19)



5.0 Current Position

- **Maidstone** – 73.1% in June, versus 55.6% in February, which shows 4 months of continuous improvement. Overall in 2018/19 the Trust was tracking on average 10% lower than its own 2018/19 performance. This was owing largely to an overwhelming increase in referrals.



5.0 Current Position

- Medway** – In August 2018 Medway dipped under target to 79.2%, which they had previously met or exceed for the preceding 8 months. The last 11 months have continued to be under target challenging, largely owing to delays in the diagnostic phase of the pathway, especially within endoscopy.

