



# Building the Foundations of a Medication Safety Programme in an Acute Hospital

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## DEFINE

Avoidable harm caused by medication is one of the most commonly reported adverse events in healthcare settings.

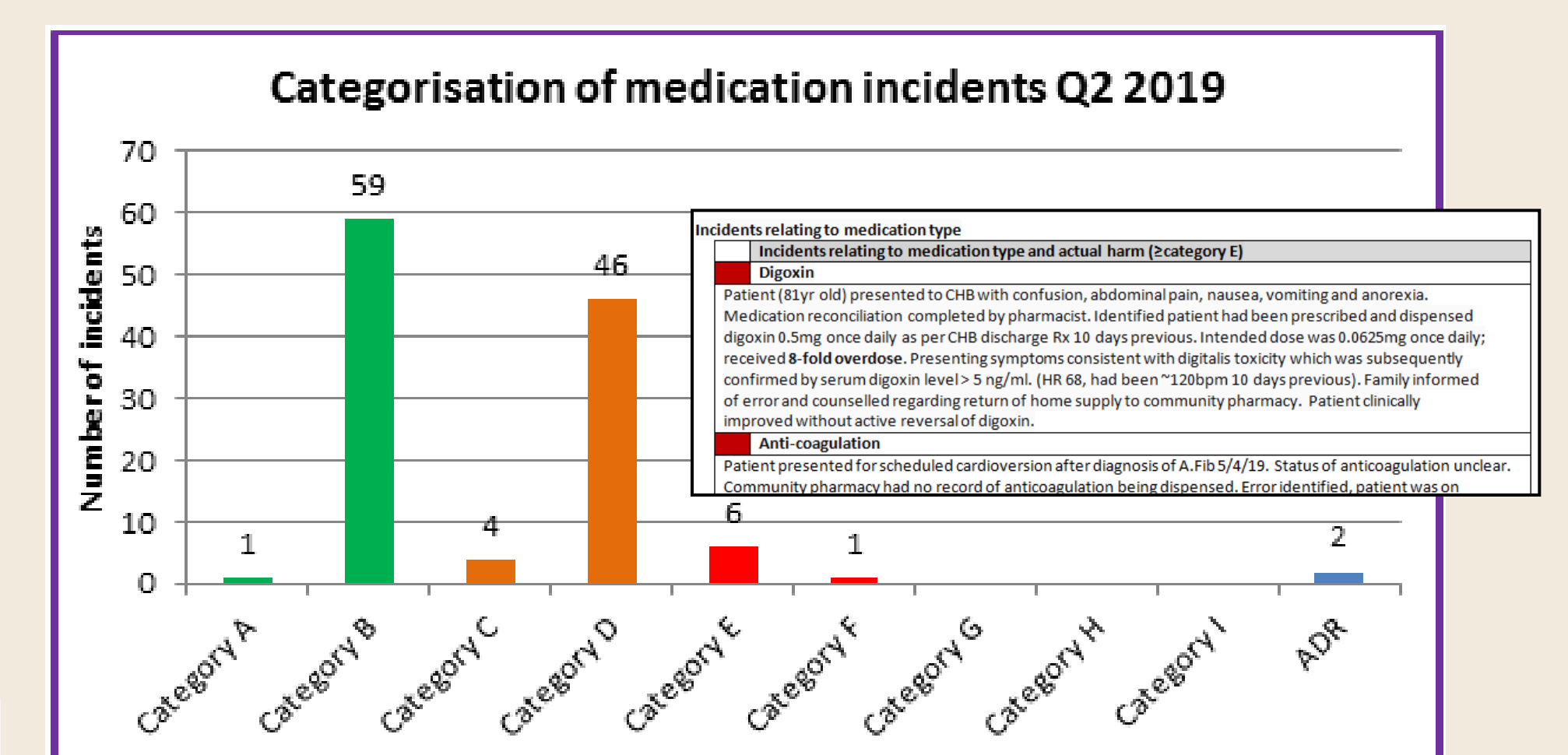
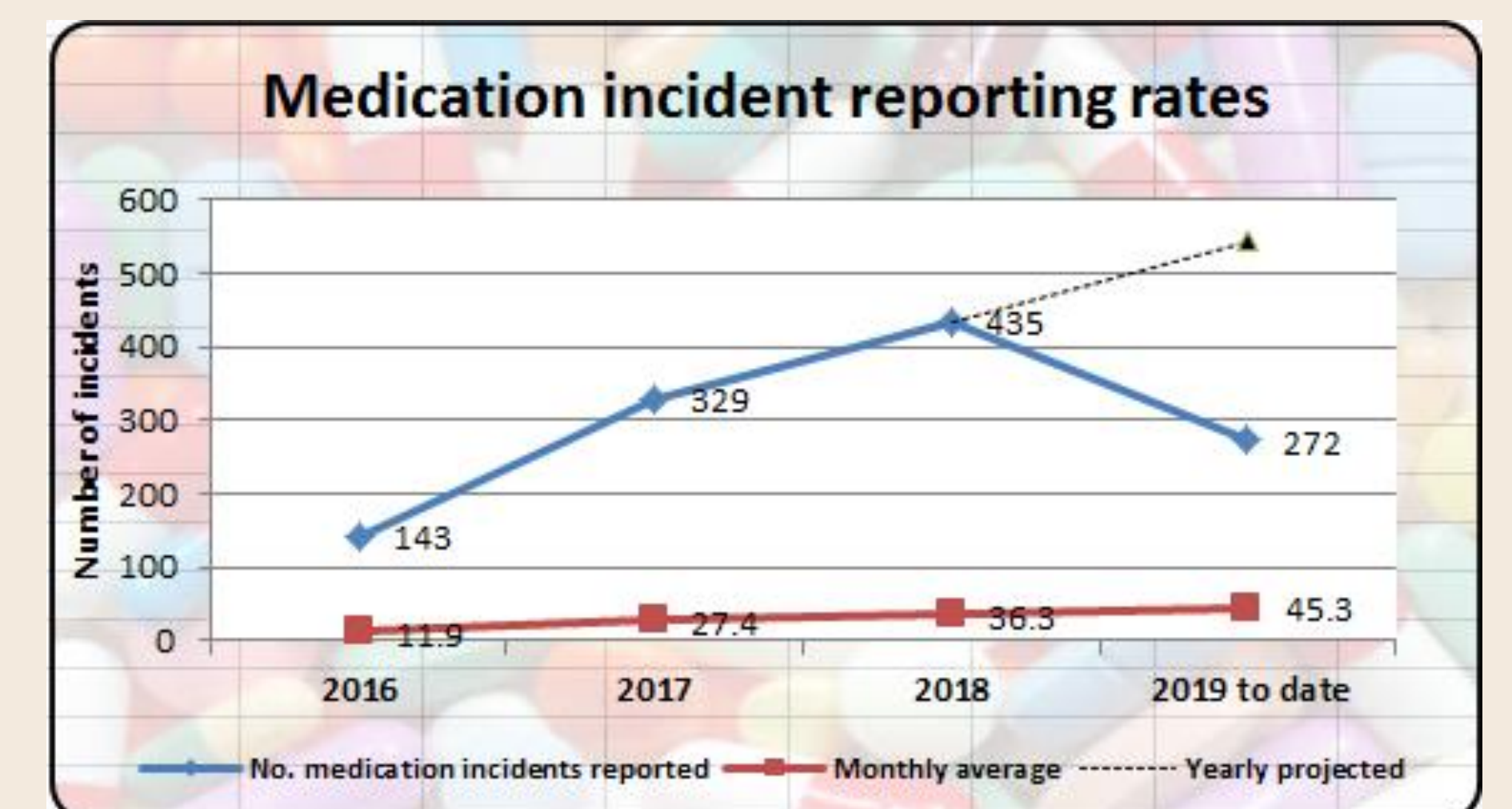
CHB launched a formal Medication Safety Programme in November 2017 with the establishment of a multi-disciplinary Medication Safety Committee to promote and support the safe use of medications and appointment of a Medication Safety Facilitator.

## DESIGN

The Medication Safety Committee undertook a number of activities to design and establish the programme in the hospital.

- An evidence-base literature review was completed to understand scope, breadth and to collaboratively discuss direction of the programme.
- A baseline in-depth analysis of medication incidents (2016/2017) reported locally on the National Incident Management System(NIMS) was conducted to identify initial targets for improvement. Analysis was undertaken using NCC-MERP, a recognised and validated tool used specifically for medication incidents.
- An annual work-plan (short-term strategy), incorporating necessary elements of a medication safety programme, was devised by the committee with intended goals for the year.

## DELIVER



**Medication Safety Bulletin** (September 2019)

**Know, Check, Ask**

**Double, Double, Toil & Trouble for Paracetamol**

**CATCH OF THE DAY**

**MEDICINES INFORMATION SHEET**  
Pharmacy Department  
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Tablet	Apixiban	Rivastigmine	Edoxaban	Dabigatran
<b>Apixiban</b>	10mg/20mg/30mg/40mg/50mg/60mg/70mg/80mg/90mg/100mg/110mg/120mg/130mg/140mg/150mg/160mg/170mg/180mg/190mg/200mg/210mg/220mg/230mg/240mg/250mg/260mg/270mg/280mg/290mg/300mg/310mg/320mg/330mg/340mg/350mg/360mg/370mg/380mg/390mg/400mg/410mg/420mg/430mg/440mg/450mg/460mg/470mg/480mg/490mg/500mg	1mg/2mg/3mg/4mg/5mg/6mg/7mg/8mg/9mg/10mg/11mg/12mg/13mg/14mg/15mg/16mg/17mg/18mg/19mg/20mg/21mg/22mg/23mg/24mg/25mg/26mg/27mg/28mg/29mg/30mg/31mg/32mg/33mg/34mg/35mg/36mg/37mg/38mg/39mg/40mg/41mg/42mg/43mg/44mg/45mg/46mg/47mg/48mg/49mg/50mg	10mg/20mg/30mg/40mg/50mg/60mg/70mg/80mg/90mg/100mg/110mg/120mg/130mg/140mg/150mg/160mg/170mg/180mg/190mg/200mg/210mg/220mg/230mg/240mg/250mg/260mg/270mg/280mg/290mg/300mg/310mg/320mg/330mg/340mg/350mg/360mg/370mg/380mg/390mg/400mg/410mg/420mg/430mg/440mg/450mg/460mg/470mg/480mg/490mg/500mg	100mg/150mg/200mg/250mg/300mg/350mg/400mg/450mg/500mg/550mg/600mg/650mg/700mg/750mg/800mg/850mg/900mg/950mg/1000mg/1050mg/1100mg/1150mg/1200mg/1250mg/1300mg/1350mg/1400mg/1450mg/1500mg/1550mg/1600mg/1650mg/1700mg/1750mg/1800mg/1850mg/1900mg/1950mg/2000mg/2050mg/2100mg/2150mg/2200mg/2250mg/2300mg/2350mg/2400mg/2450mg/2500mg/2550mg/2600mg/2650mg/2700mg/2750mg/2800mg/2850mg/2900mg/2950mg/3000mg/3050mg/3100mg/3150mg/3200mg/3250mg/3300mg/3350mg/3400mg/3450mg/3500mg/3550mg/3600mg/3650mg/3700mg/3750mg/3800mg/3850mg/3900mg/3950mg/4000mg/4050mg/4100mg/4150mg/4200mg/4250mg/4300mg/4350mg/4400mg/4450mg/4500mg/4550mg/4600mg/4650mg/4700mg/4750mg/4800mg/4850mg/4900mg/4950mg/5000mg



### What next?

The structural aspects established for the Medication Safety Programme have been successful in establishing a programme in the hospital and are reproducible by other centres. Work continues in Connolly Hospital to identify themes of incidents, audit of practice and implementation of quality improvement initiatives.

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