

History, Practice and Performance of Advanced Practice Clinician Colposcopists in the United Kingdom and Ireland

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Disclosures

- Zilico: Clinical support to Zedscan device



United Kingdom and Ireland



Colposcopy UK

- 1972 BS CCP set up by Joe Jordan, Albert Singer and Archie Crompton
- 1988 UK screening programme commenced
- Insufficient doctors to perform Colposcopy
- 1996 Birmingham UK first accredited Nurse Colposcopist



Colposcopy Ireland – Non physician

- Late 1990s nurse training in Colposcopy commenced in Ireland
- 2003 first accredited Nurse Colposcopist Ireland
- 2008 Cervical Check Ireland



Accredited Nurse Colposcopists

- 2016 UK and Ireland 240 trained Nurse Colposcopists
- Early resistance to training from Nurse Management
- Now accepted
- Must work within 'Scope of Practice'



Training...

- Same as for physician
- Increased formal Cytology and Histology training
- Diagnostic only or diagnostic and treatment
- Reaccreditation 3 yearly



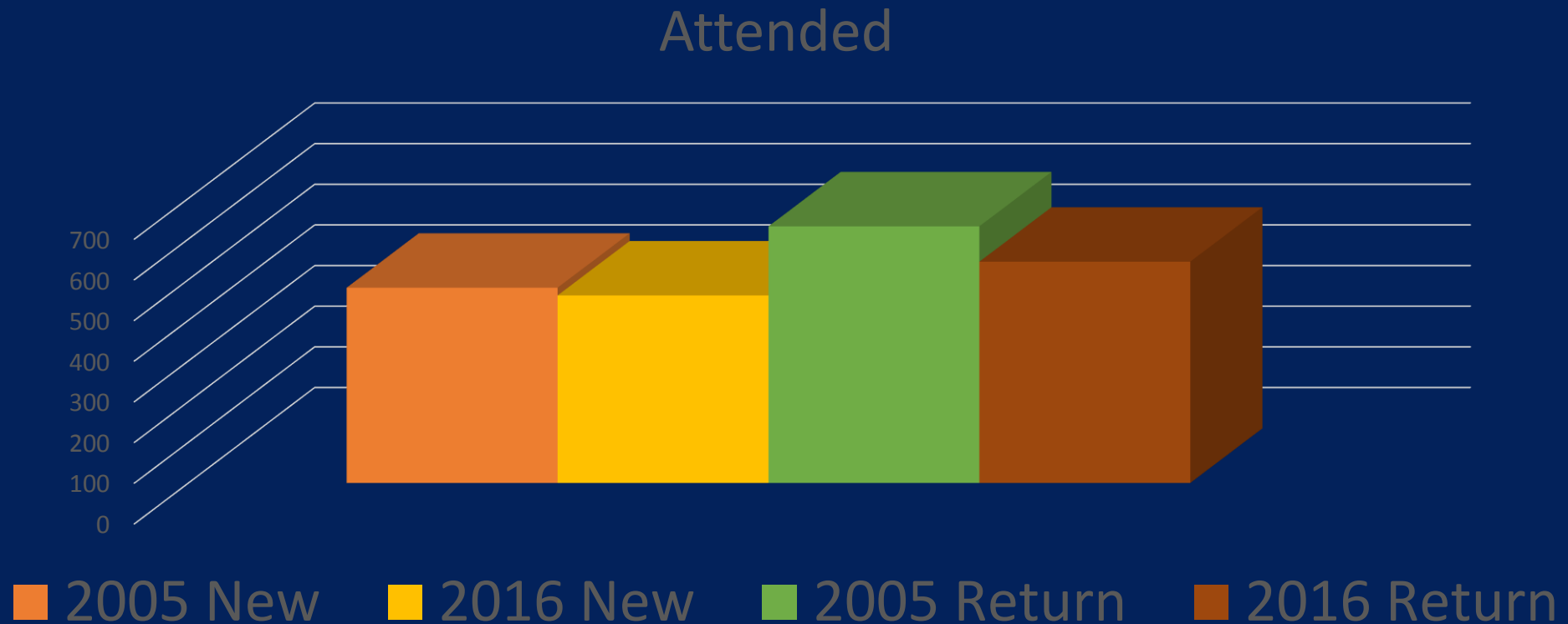
Training

- Mentor
- Basic and Advanced Colposcopy courses
- Log book
 - Observation
 - Direct supervision
 - Indirect supervision
 - Treatment module
- OSCE

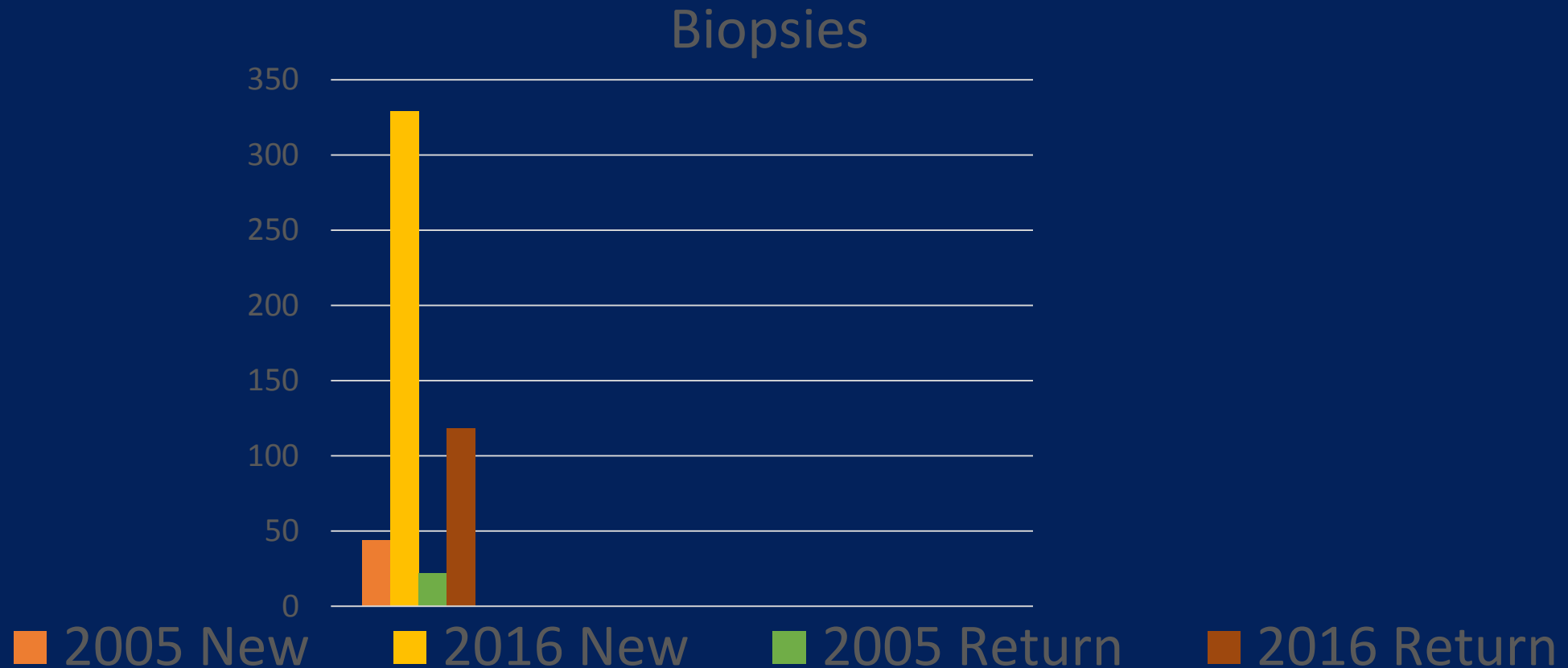
Independent caseload



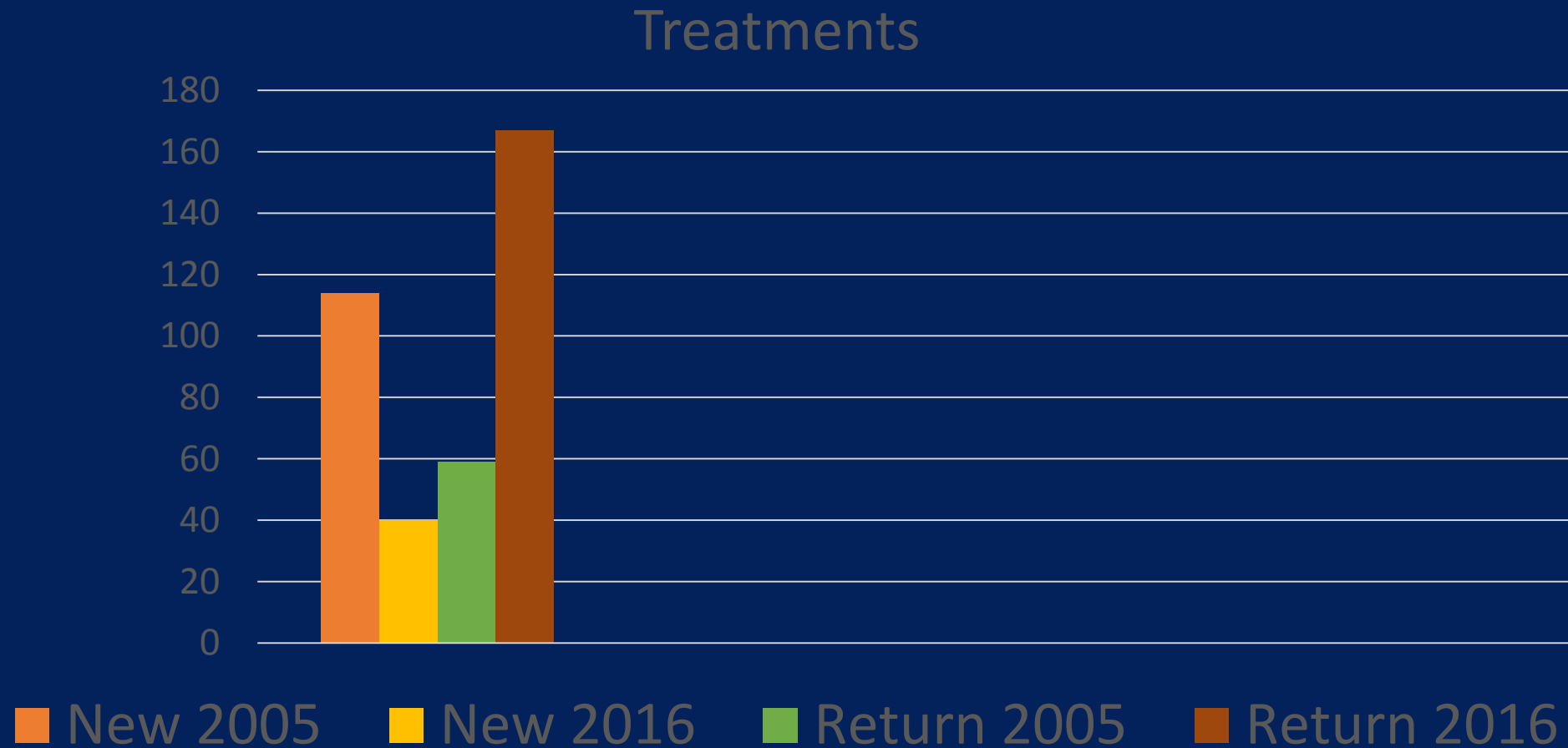
Caseload 2005 and 2016 attended



Caseload 2005 and 2016 biopsies



Caseload LLETZ treatments 2005 and 2016



Caseload...

2016 Audit

- 100% Biopsy Histology adequate (standard > 95%)
- 100% CIN detected in 1st visit treatments (standard >80%)
- 4% failure of treatment (standard <5%)
- 94% cytoreversion at 8 months (standard >90%)



Caseload

- 5 clinic sessions per week
varies between hospitals
- Approx 10 patients per clinic
- Mix new, return and treatments
- Staff nurse run colposcopy smear clinics to support Colposcopy
All nurses have an approved smear takers course (scope of practice)



Additional roles

Hysteroscopy and Scanning

Management of glandular abnormalities



Job titles/Roles...

Different pathways UK and Ireland

No Consultant Nurse in Ireland

- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Registered Advanced Nurses and Midwives



Job titles/Roles

Registered Advanced Nurse Practitioner

Hospital or clinic owns the post/title – cannot carry

- Independent case load
- Educated to Master level or higher
- Must have a clinical component to education and role
- Must participate in audit and research
- Teaching
- Further education



UK

- Variations within each country (England/Scotland/Wales/NI)
- 2002 Skills for Health framework
- Salary banding – variations within different trusts
- New standards for ANP accreditation
- May be accredited by some Health Education Institutions (HEIs) with prior academic and practical experience



Nurse Colposcopist as trainer

Doctor or Nurse may be trainer

1. Certification through attendance at a 'Training the Trainers' or 'Educational Supervisor' course
2. Certification in training through an E-learning course
3. Certified attendance at any 3 BSCCP Trainers Meetings

Must maintain skills as a Trainer by recertifying 3 yearly



Reaccreditation

3 yearly for everyone

- Audit
 - 12 months cases
 - A minimum of 25 new cases with abnormal cytology
 - A maximum of 25 new cases referred with abnormal symptoms
- Attendance at minimum 1 BS CCP recognized scientific meeting or course



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