

Early Psychosis:  
Interventions &  
Clinical detection

# Transdiagnostic risk calculator for automatic detection of individuals at-risk of psychosis

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1. Issues in detection of individuals at clinical high risk for psychosis
2. Development and validation of transdiagnostic risk calculator for psychosis
3. Implementing the calculator in clinical routine
4. Future work



## **Clinical high risk for psychosis (CHR-P)**



Subtle symptoms and functional impairment



Identified using CHR-P assessments e.g. CAARMS



20% probability of developing psychosis over 2 years



Potential to alter course of psychosis

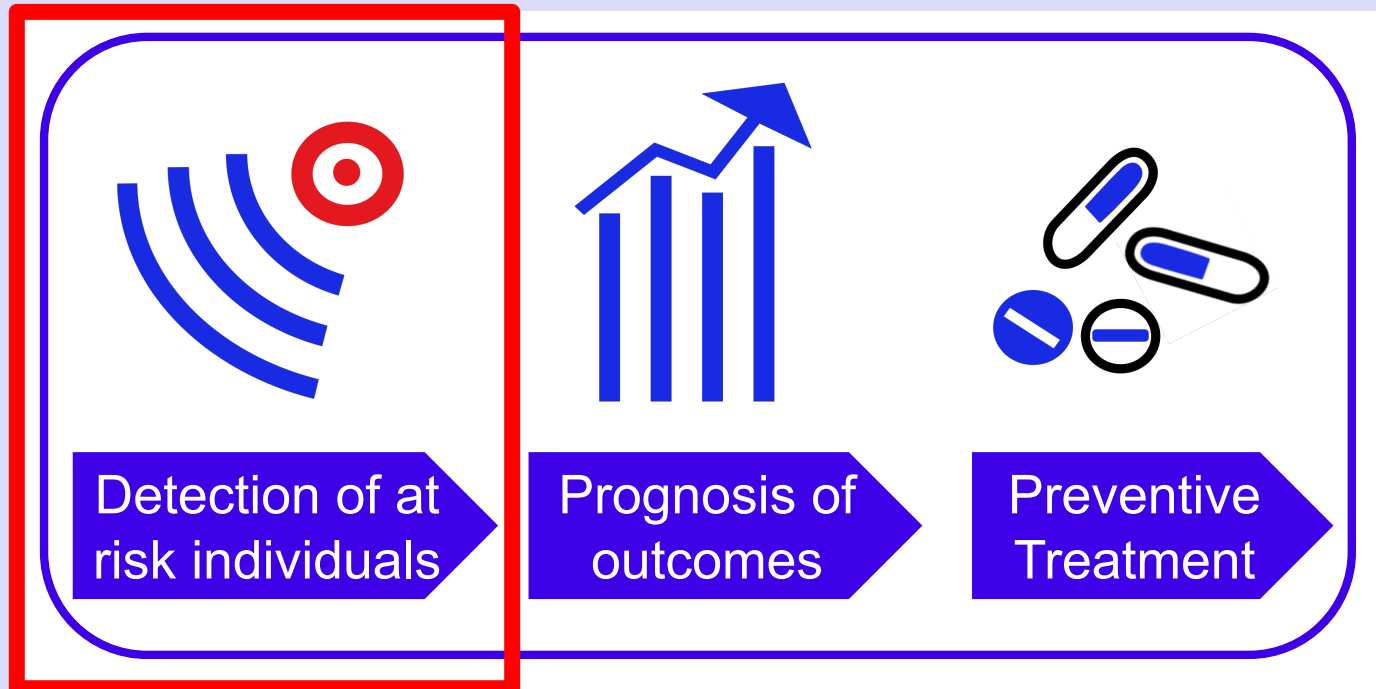


Reduce duration of untreated psychosis



# Clinical High Risk for Psychosis CHR-P

- Impact is determined by:

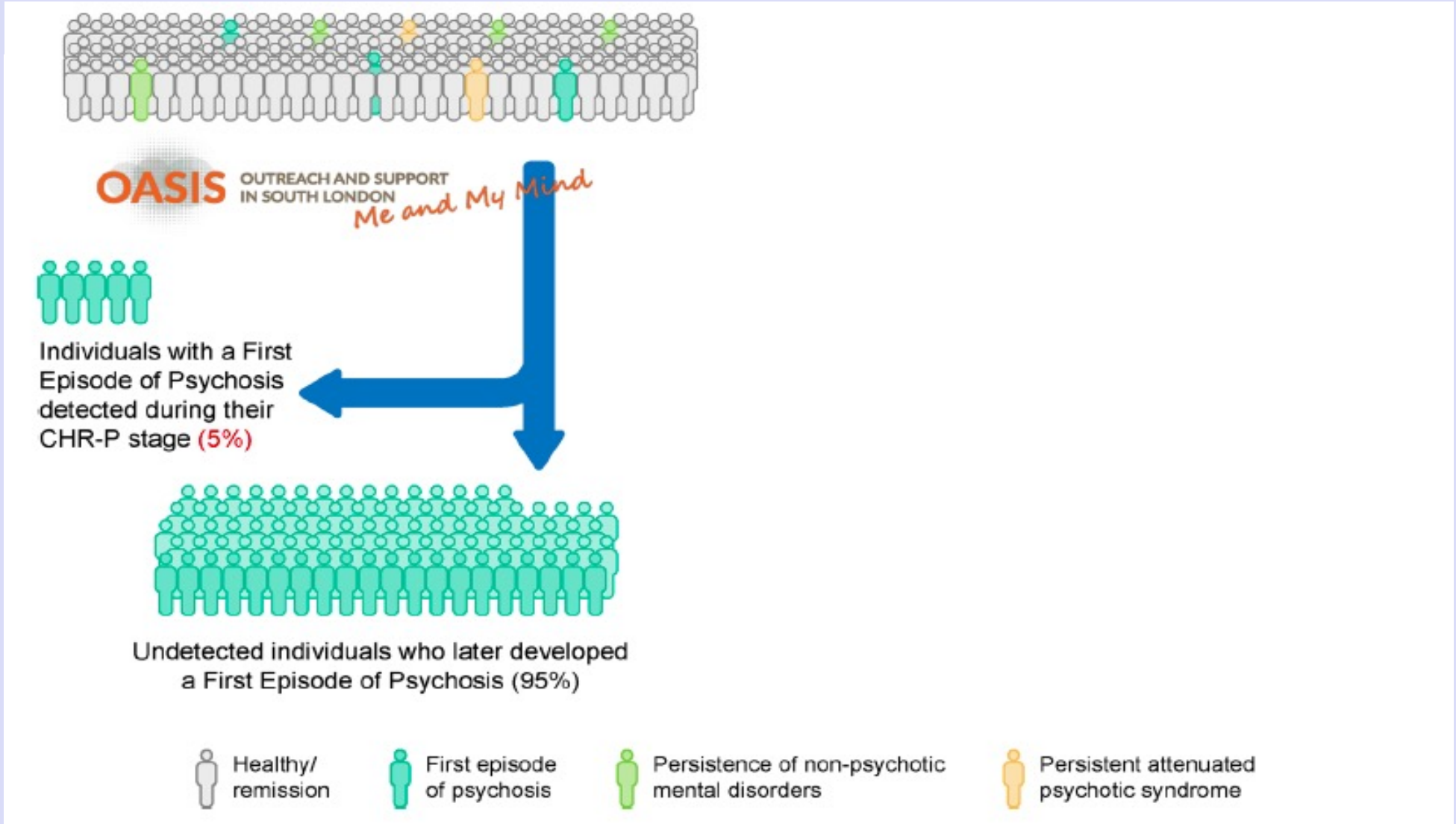




# Detection

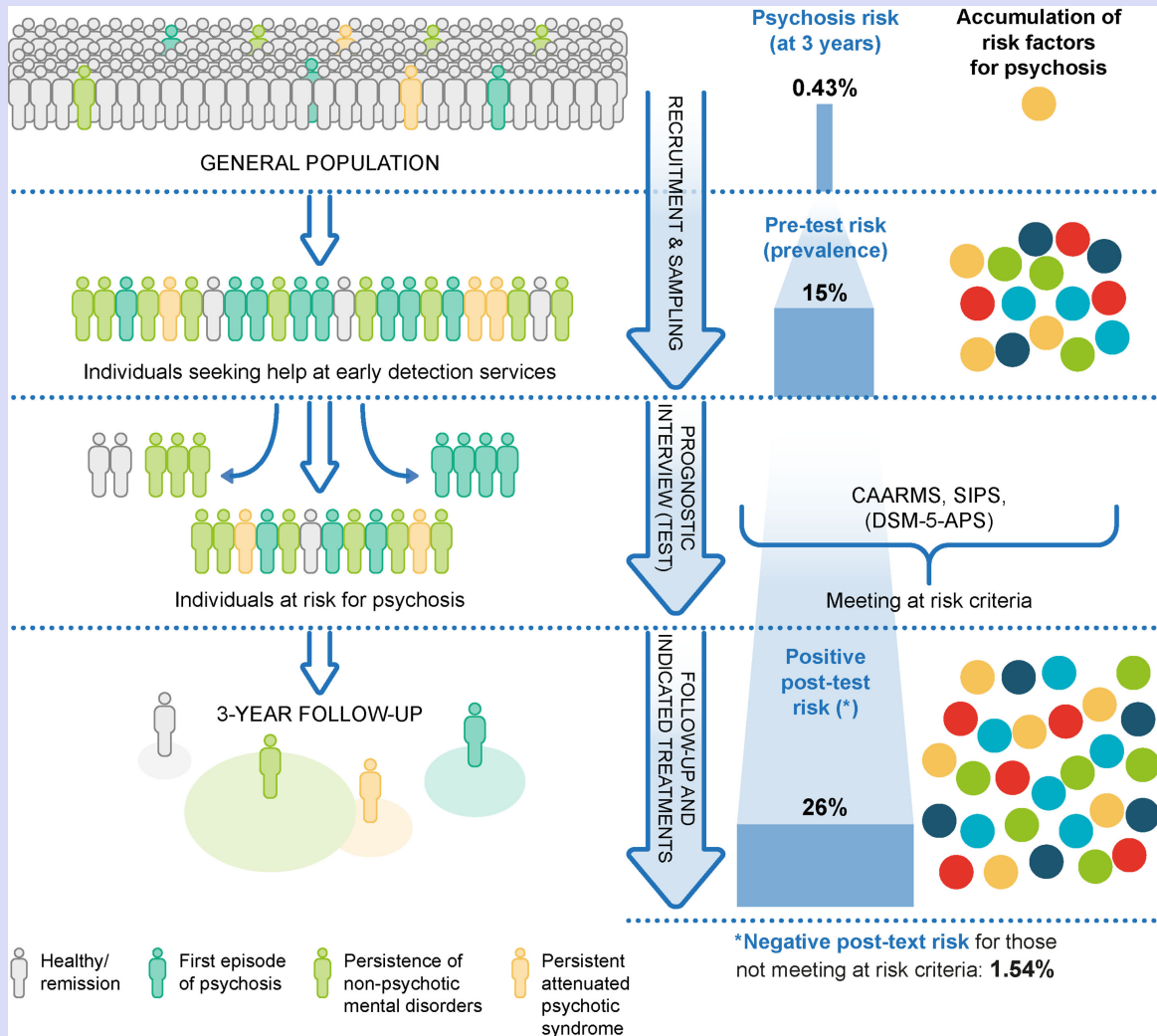
- First rate-limiting step
- Inefficient detection has big impact
- If you have the most accurate prognostic model and most effective preventive treatment, this would only help a small proportion of people who could benefit







# Recruitment strategies



- Recruitment affects the level of pre-test risk
- Pre-test risk affects post-test risk
- If CHR-P tools used in general population: 5% CHR-P+ (at 3 years)



# Improving detection

- Outreach can boost number of people detected<sup>1</sup>
- But also increases number of false positives, diluting risk<sup>2</sup>
- Need solutions that boost our ability to detect people early while maintaining risk enrichment



<sup>1</sup>McGorry et al., 2018  
<sup>2</sup>Fusar-Poli et al., 2019





# Different, complementary targets



Community



Primary care



Secondary care



# Different, complementary targets



Community

- Low psychosis risk
- If everyone assessed, lots of false positives
- Enrich sample with pre-screening tools
- PRIME, PQ-16 etc.



# Different, complementary targets



Primary care

- 60% young people seen by GPs once a year
- Key referral source (21% at OASIS)
- Higher number of primary care visits result in reduced DUP in FEP
- GPs don't feel they have the skills to identify CHR-P
- Particularly in areas with limited outreach
- Decision support could be beneficial (e.g. P-risk)



# Different, complementary targets



Secondary care

- Already help-seeking
- Highest psychosis risk
- Receiving treatment for mental health conditions
- Could be accessing more targeted support through CHR-P services



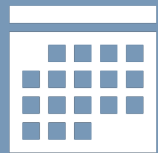
# Precision psychiatry



Individual prediction of **disease onset**, clinical outcomes or treatment response



Information from genetics, neuroimaging or **electronic health records (EHRs)**

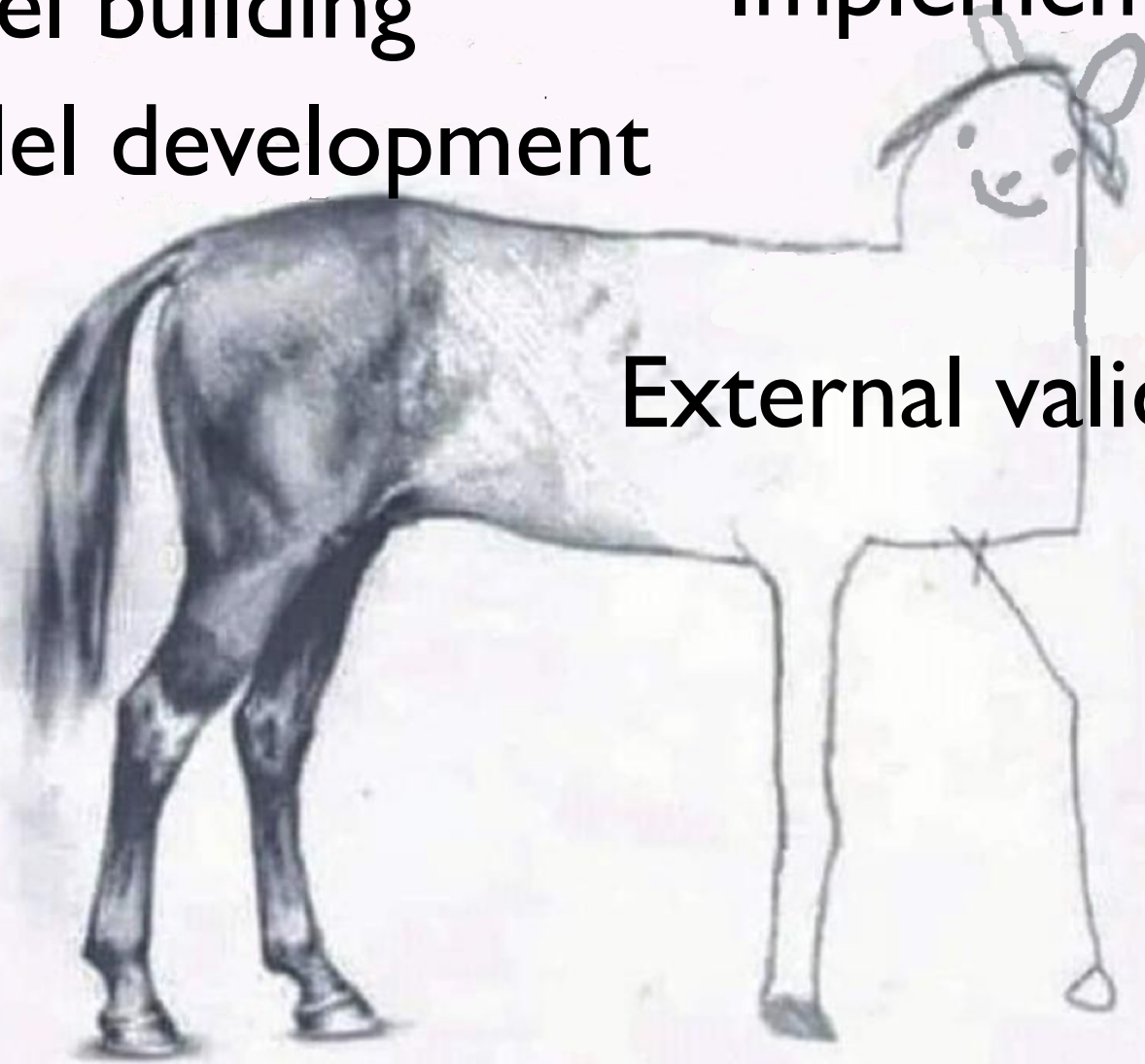


No prediction models have entered clinical practice in psychiatry: a **clear implementation challenge**

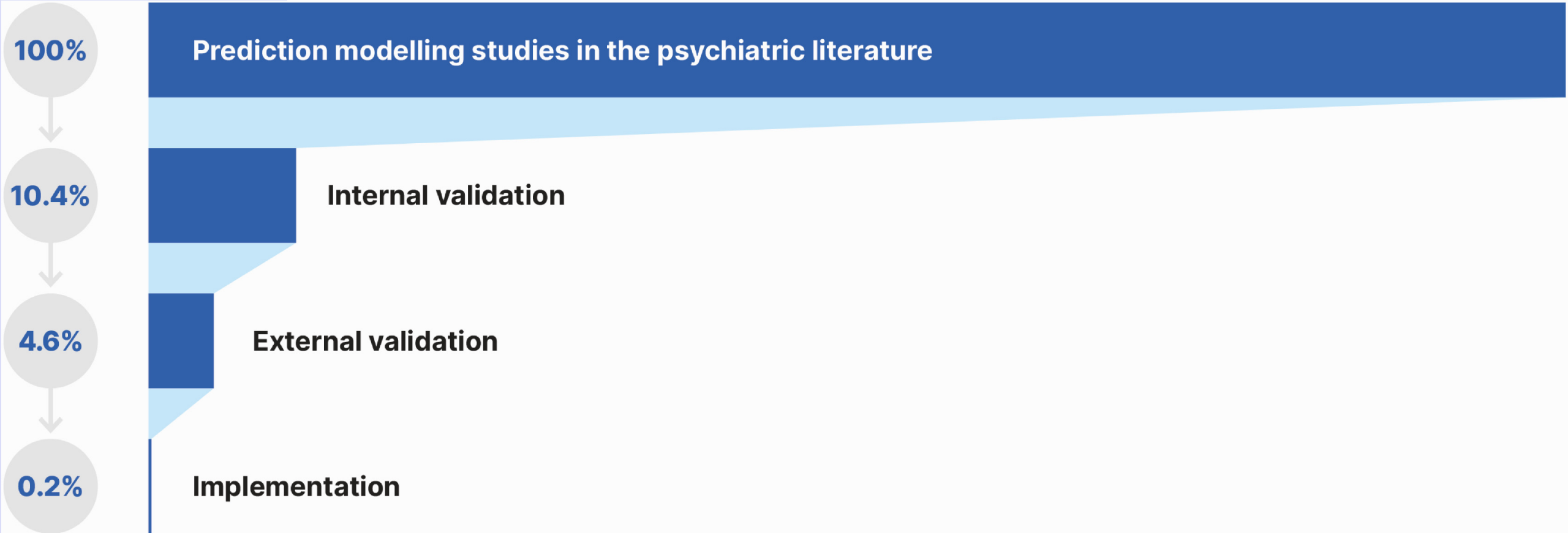


Model building  
Model development

Implementation



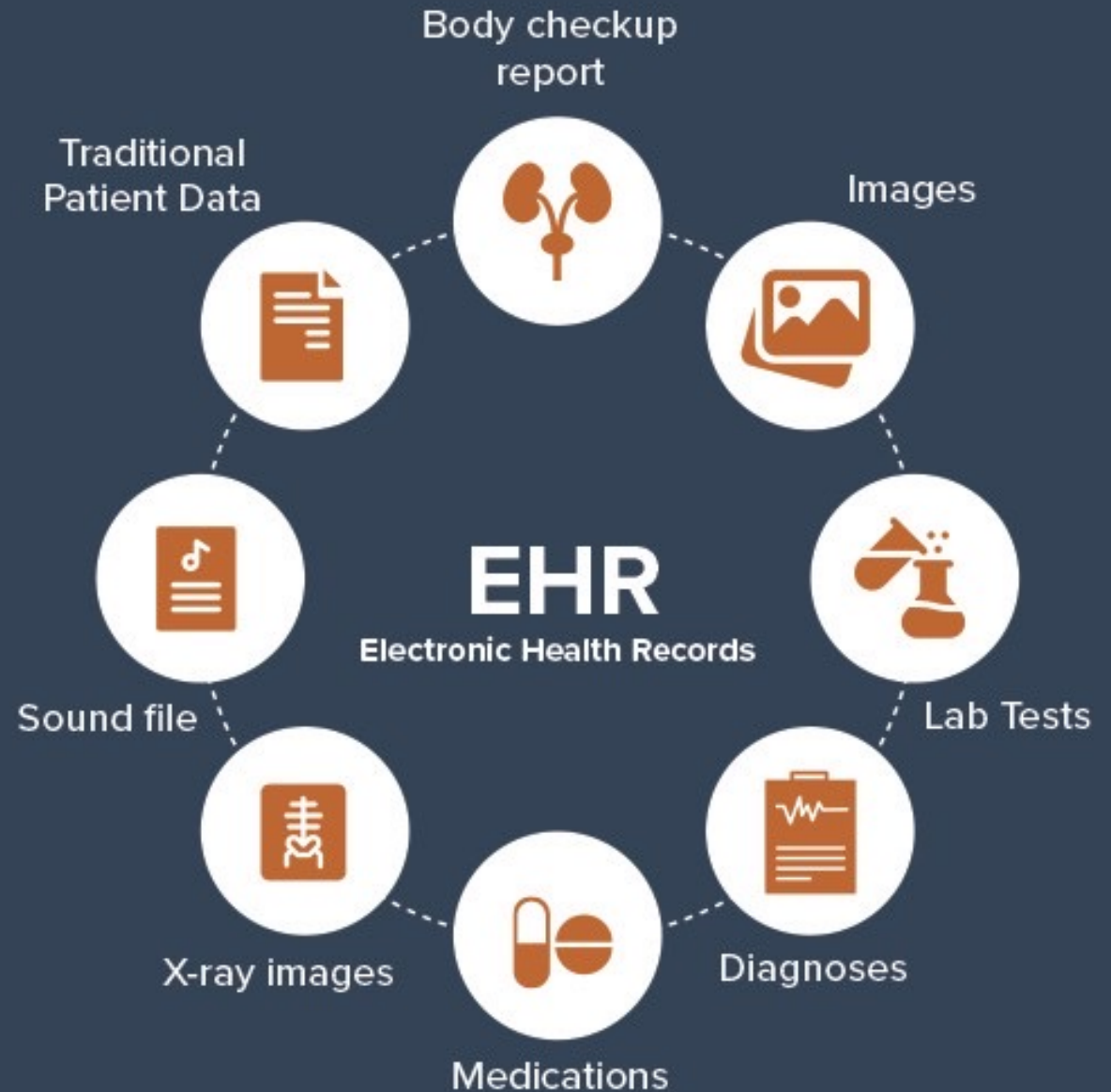
External validation





# Why EHRs?

- Rich in detail
- No need for additional procedures
- Low additional financial and labour costs
- Large scale







# Model development

- Predictors chosen *a priori*:
  - Index diagnosis
  - Age
  - Gender
  - Age\*gender
  - Ethnicity
- Kaplan-Meier failure function for incidence of psychosis
- Cox proportional hazards multivariate complete-case analyses
- Outcome: hazard ratio of developing psychotic disorder within 6 years of index diagnosis



# Core characteristics

<b>Robust</b>	Predictors selected through <i>a priori</i> clinical knowledge
<b>Pragmatic</b>	Not interested in causes of psychosis
<b>Cheap</b>	Predictors routinely collected by clinicians
<b>Automatic</b>	Electronic health records as well as manual entry of predictors
<b>e-Health</b>	Implemented online
<b>Scalable</b>	Screens large electronic health records
<b>Optimisable</b>	Further refined by the inclusion of other predictors

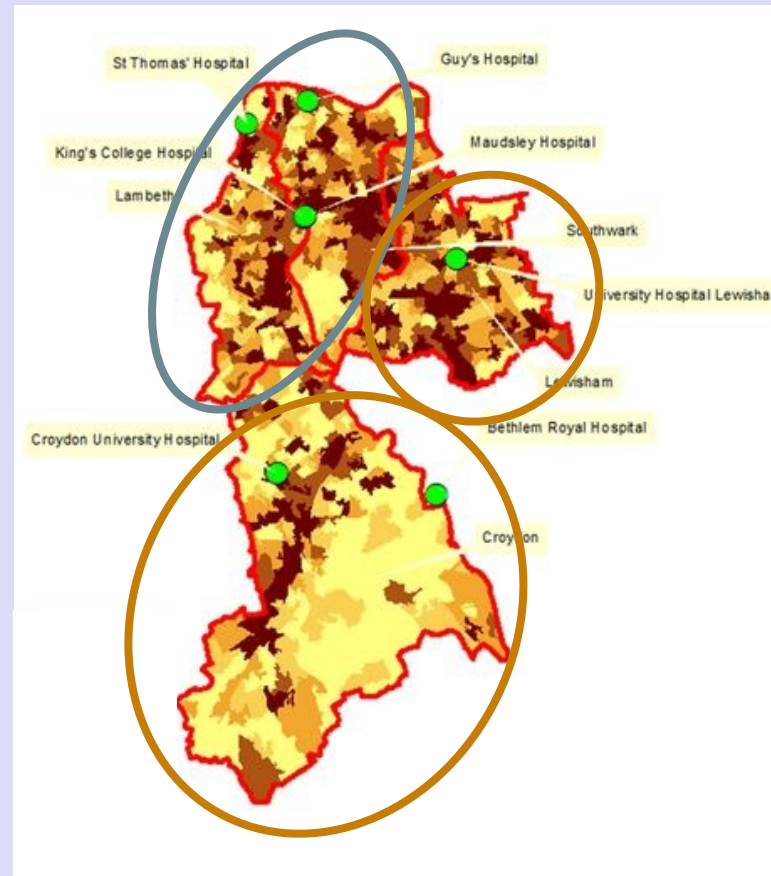


# Derivation & validation sets

Data was split by geographical location, not random selection  
**Better for model generalisability**

## Derivation

Lambeth & Southwark  
N = 33,820



## Validation

Croydon & Lewisham  
N = 54,716



# TRANSDIAGNOSTIC PREDICTION OF PSYCHOSIS IN SECONDARY MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Online Calculator.

PROGRESS

A horizontal orange progress bar is shown below the 'PROGRESS' label, indicating the current step in the calculator's workflow.

Your entry was;

Age: **14**

Gender: **Female**

Ethnicity: **White**

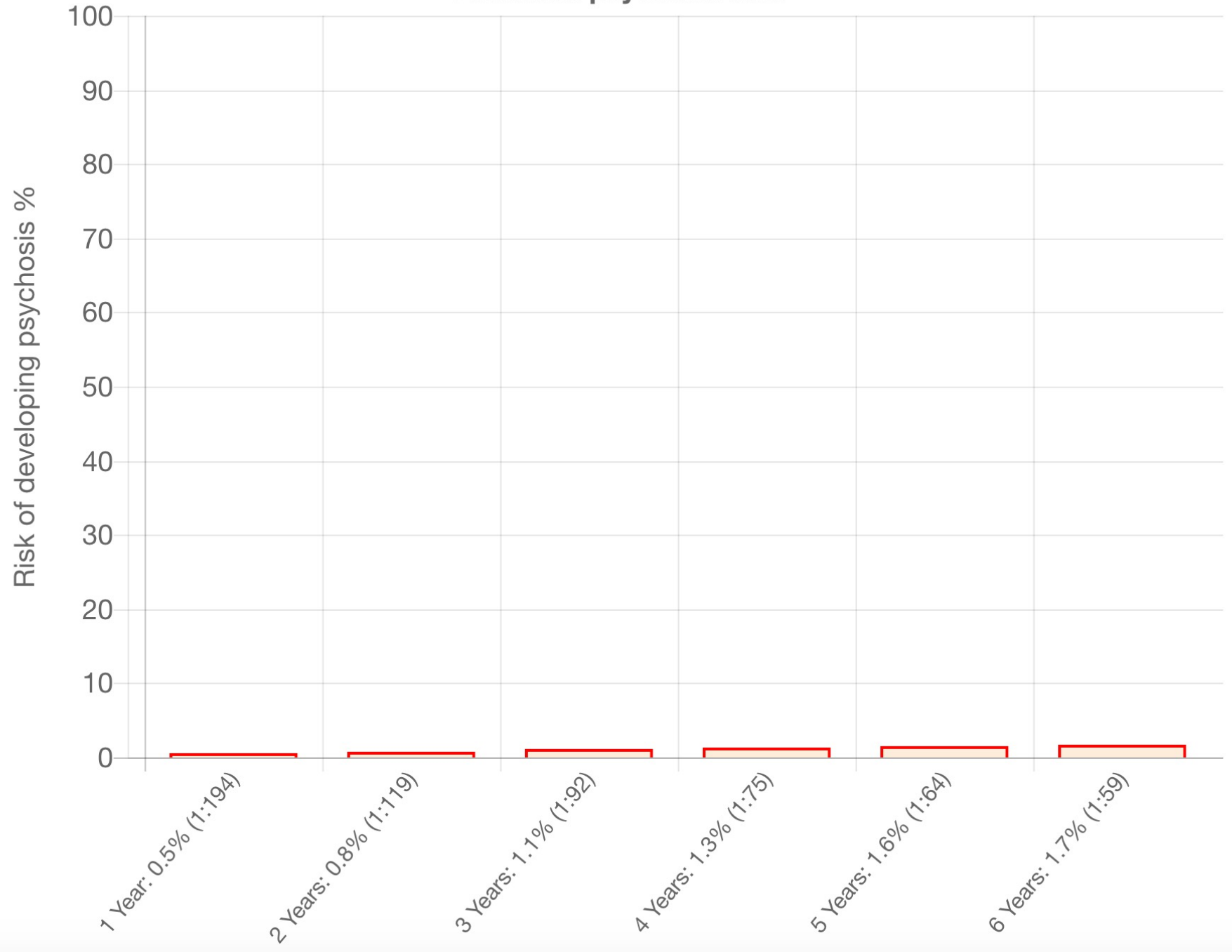
Diagnosis Category: **Non bipolar mood disorders**

Diagnosis Name: **Mild depressive episode**

[www.psychosis-risk.net](http://www.psychosis-risk.net)



## Predicted psychosis risk





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Age: **35**

Gender: **Male**

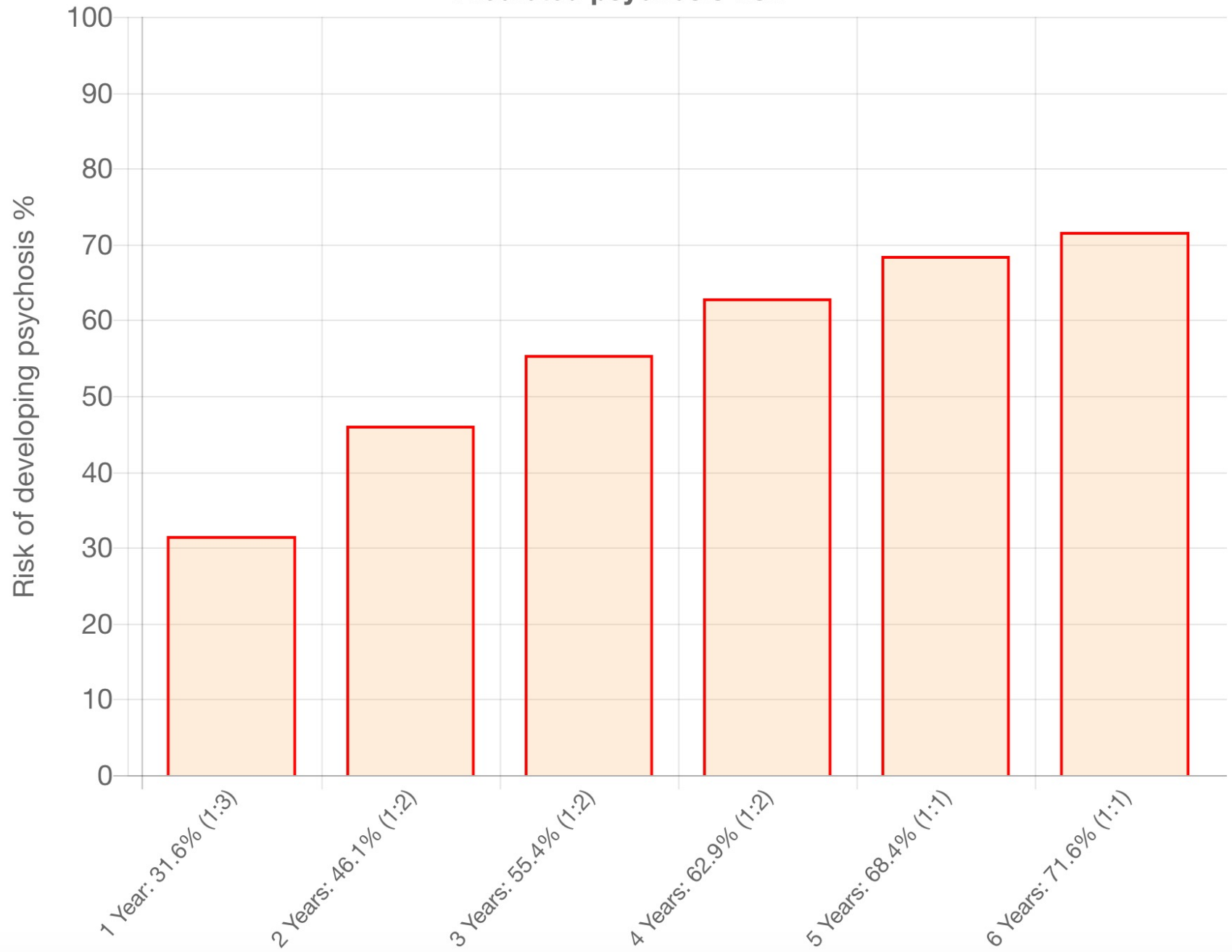
Ethnicity: **Black**

Diagnosis Category: **Acute and transient psychotic disorders**

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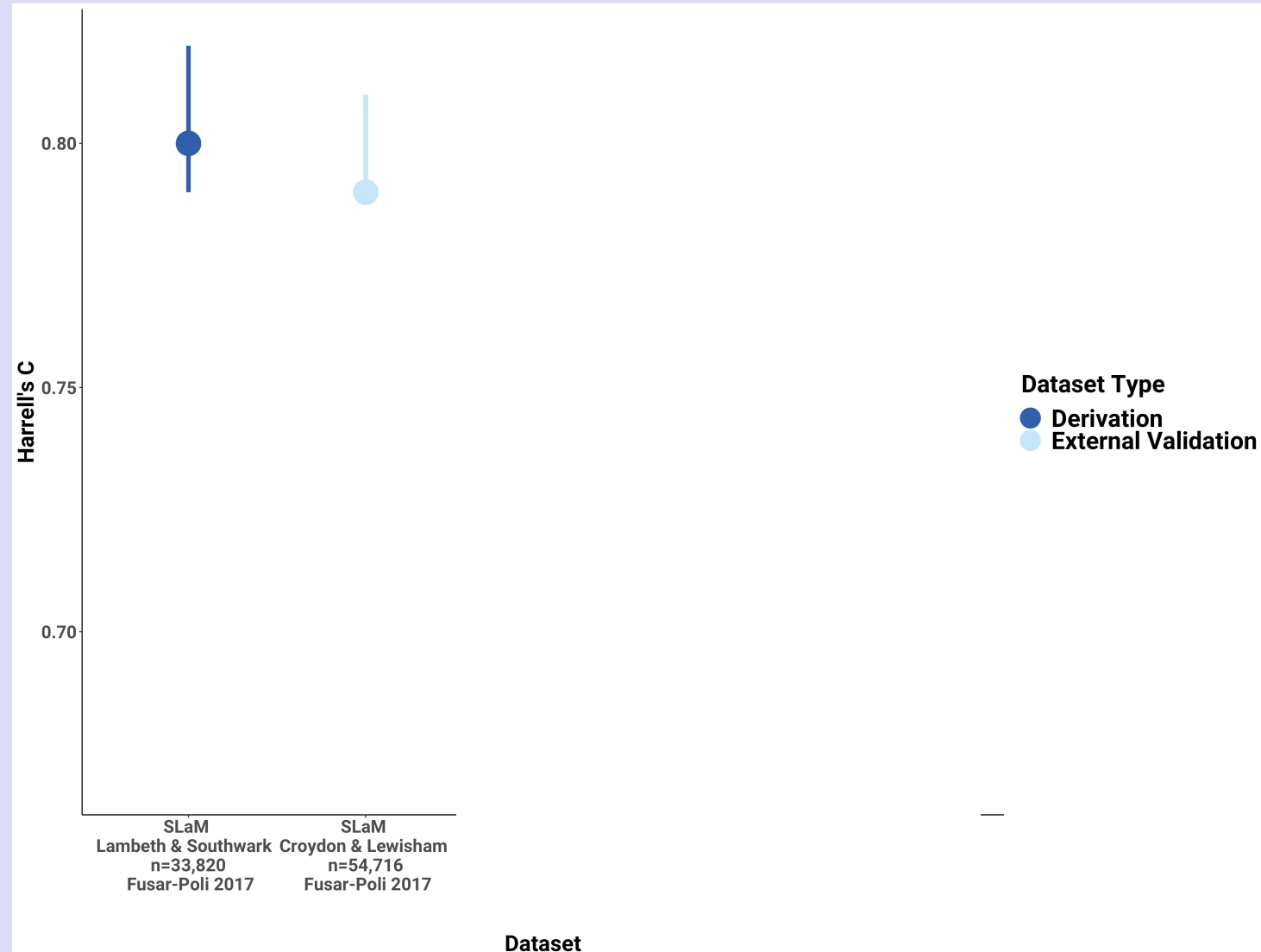
### Predicted psychosis risk





# Model performance

- Developed and validated on retrospective EHR data
- Harrell's C = 0.80 in derivation set
- Harrell's C = 0.79 in validation set







# UK replications

Camden and Islington

NHS Foundation Trust



No CHR-P services

No CAMHS

Fewer patients of black ethnicity

Lower incidence of psychosis (vs SLaM)

Oxford Health

NHS Foundation Trust



No CHR-P services

No specialist addiction services

More patients of white ethnicity

Lower incidence of psychosis (vs SLaM)

More rural area



# US replication



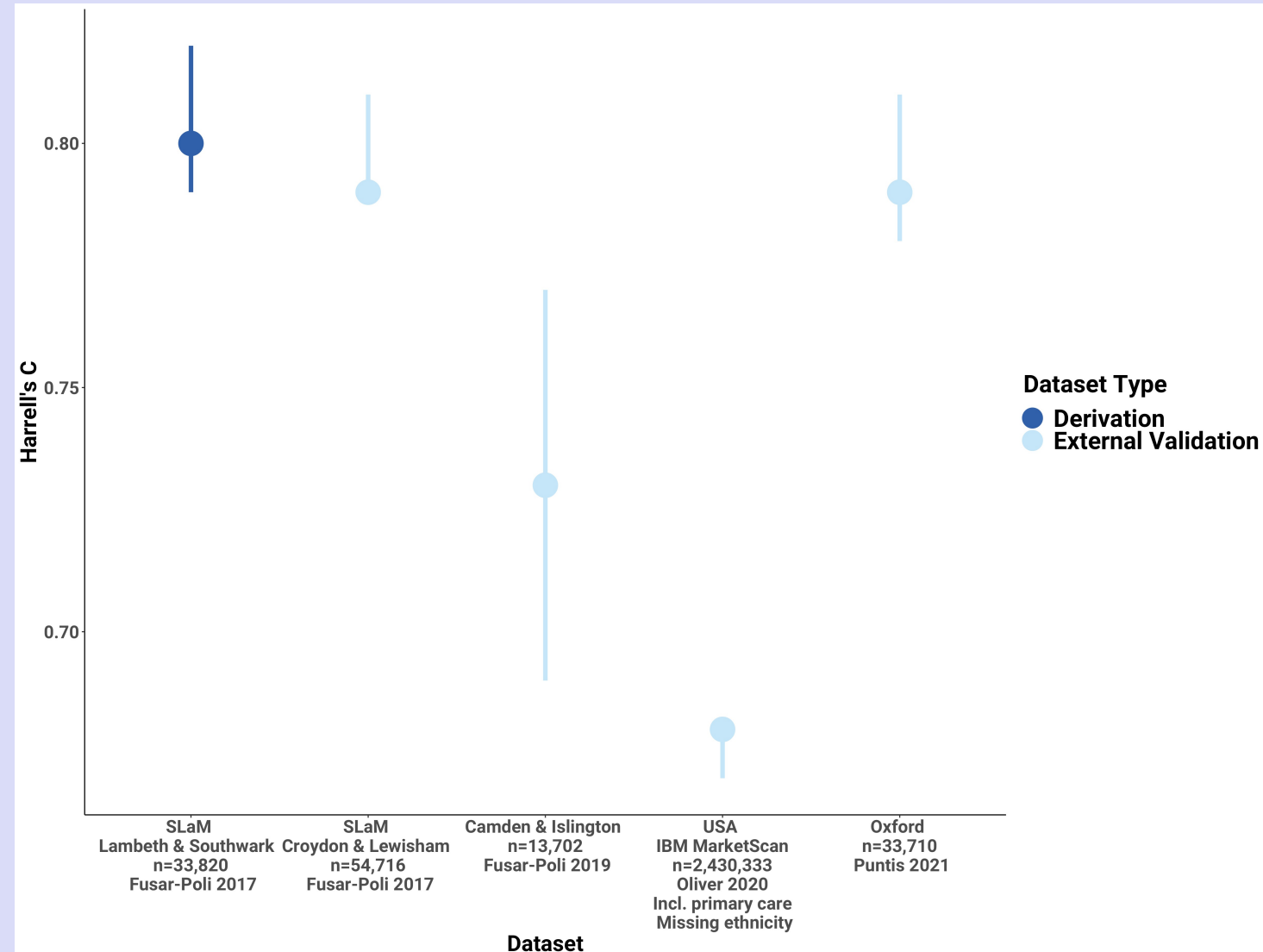
- Huge sample (2.4m patients)
- No CHR-P services
- No patient-level ethnicity data - imputed based on area-level ethnicity data
- Limited follow-up time (mean = 461 days vs 1560 in SLaM)
- Mix of primary and secondary care data





# Model performance

- Harrell's C = 0.80 in derivation set
- Harrell's C = 0.79 in validation set
- Good performance replicated in other settings (0.68-0.79)





**Is it feasible to implement  
the transdiagnostic risk  
calculator in real-world  
clinical care?**



## In-vitro phase



Integrated risk calculator  
in local EHR for  
prospective use



Consulted with patient  
support groups



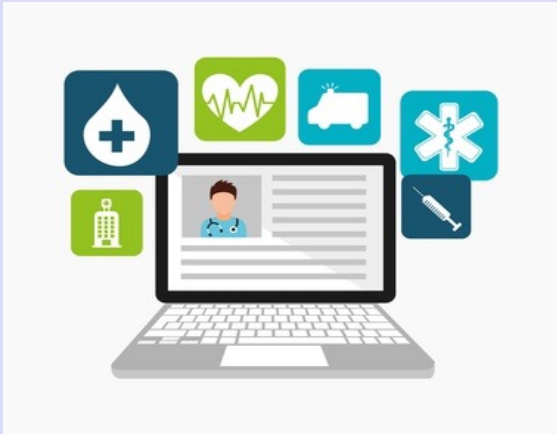
Consulted with local  
clinicians



# In vivo phase



Any new patient accessing secondary mental health care



Clinician-entered variables:

- Age
- Gender
- Age\*Gender
- Self-assigned ethnicity
- ICD-10 diagnosis



Automatic risk estimation  
Risk >5% at 2 years



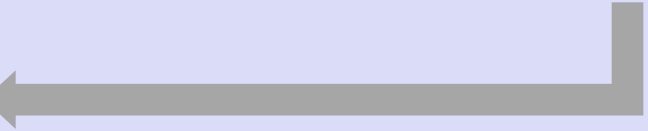
Email/phone prompts to clinician



Patient referred to CHR-P service



Treatment as usual



Non-response/non-initiated referral

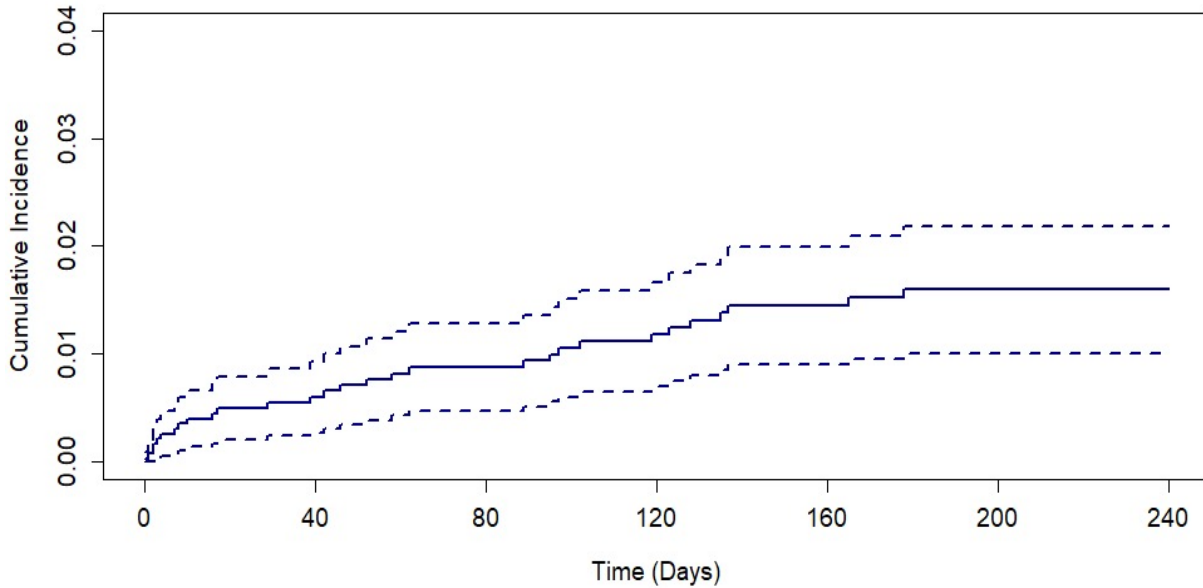


# Higher cumulative incidence of psychosis in those detected

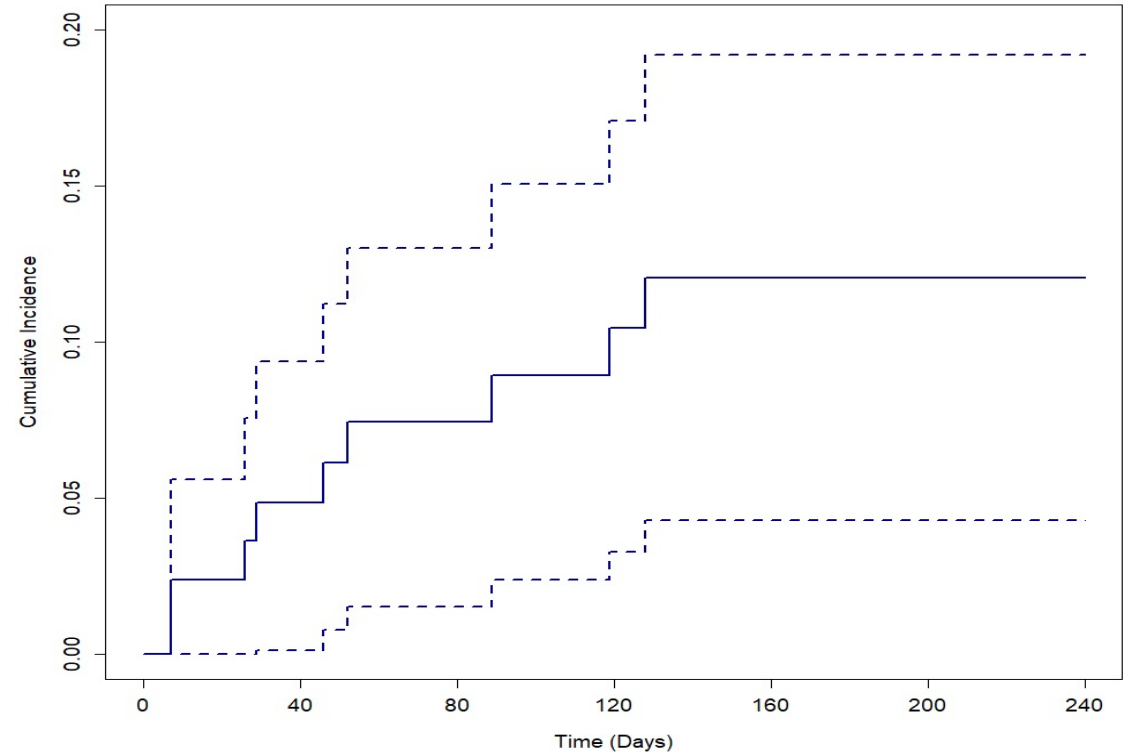
Screened (n=3,640)  
Cumulative incidence = 0.016

Detected (n=101)  
Cumulative incidence = 0.12

Kaplan-Meier failure estimate

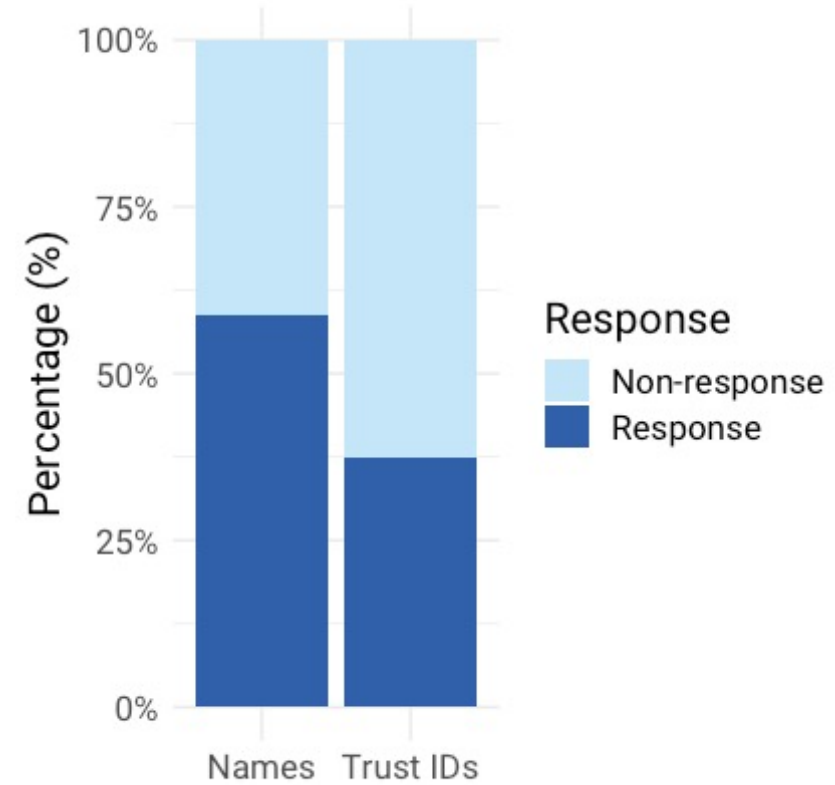
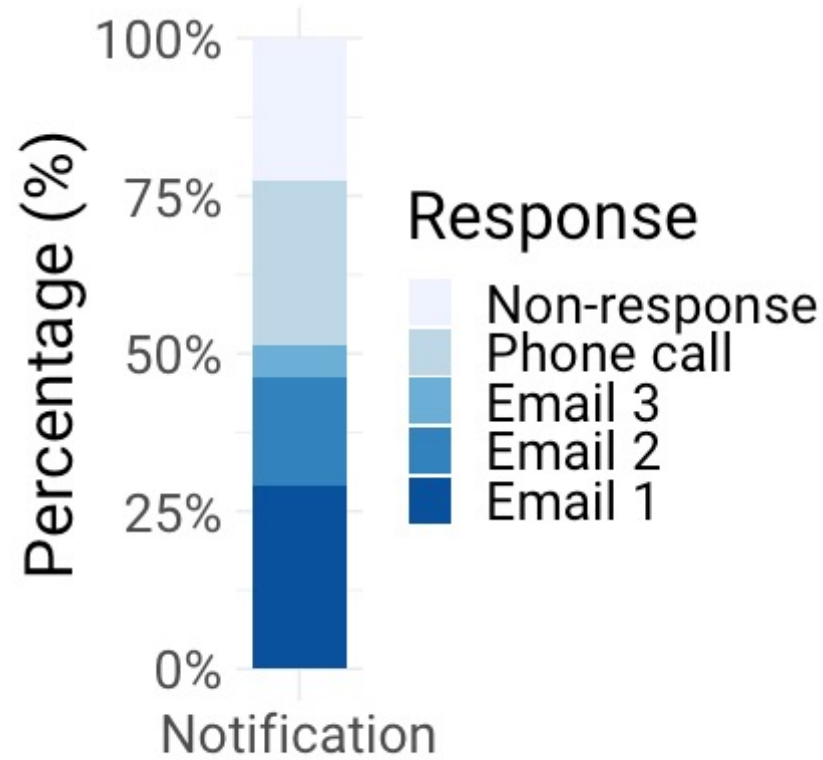
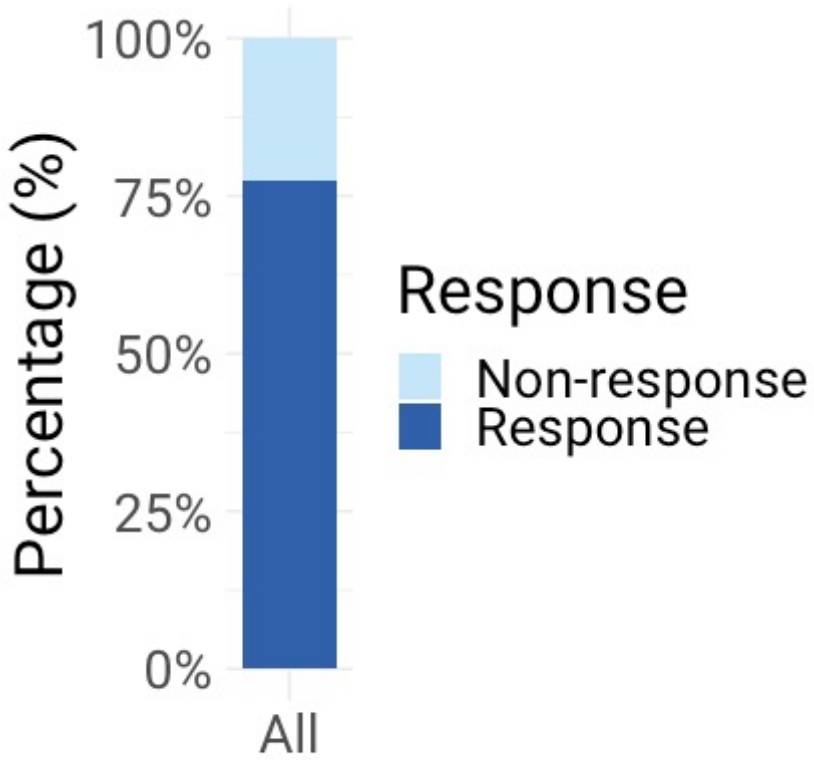


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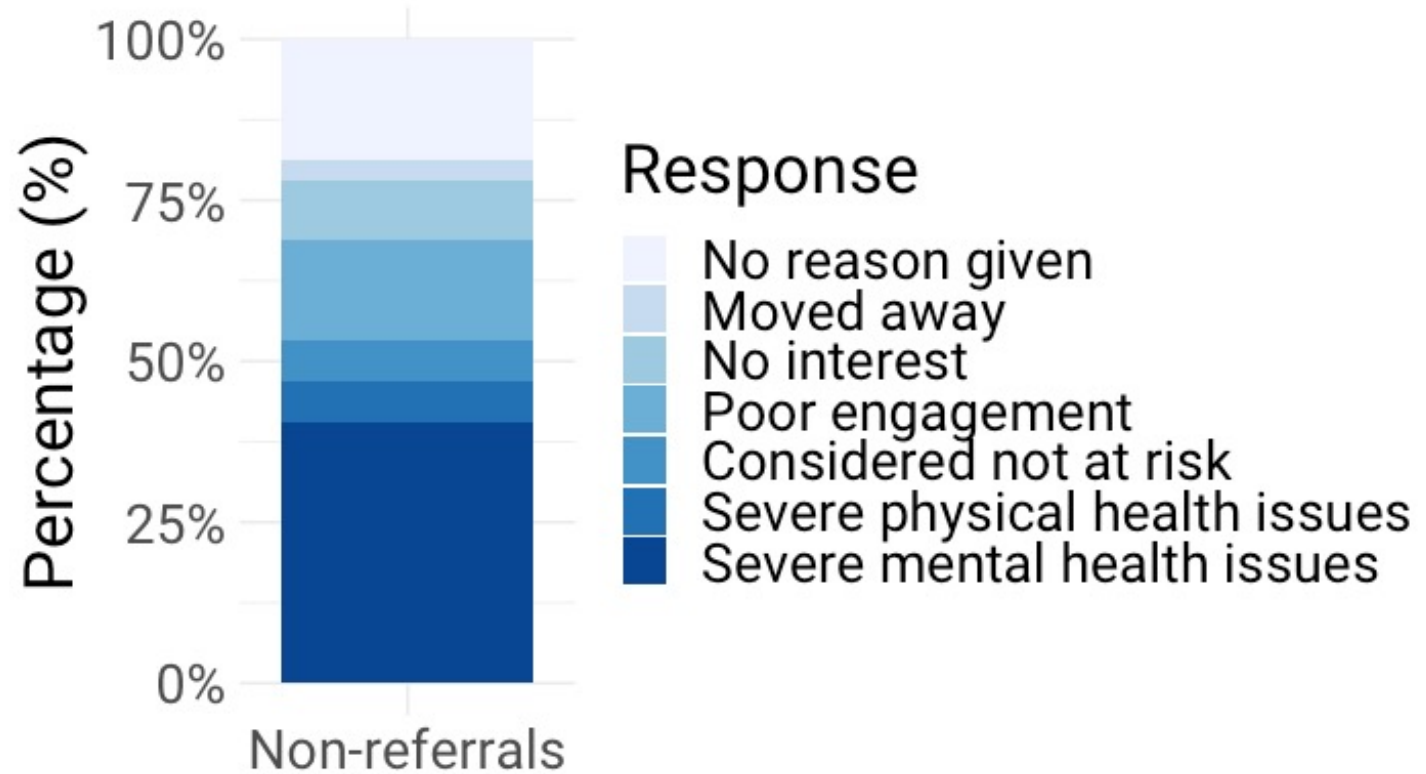
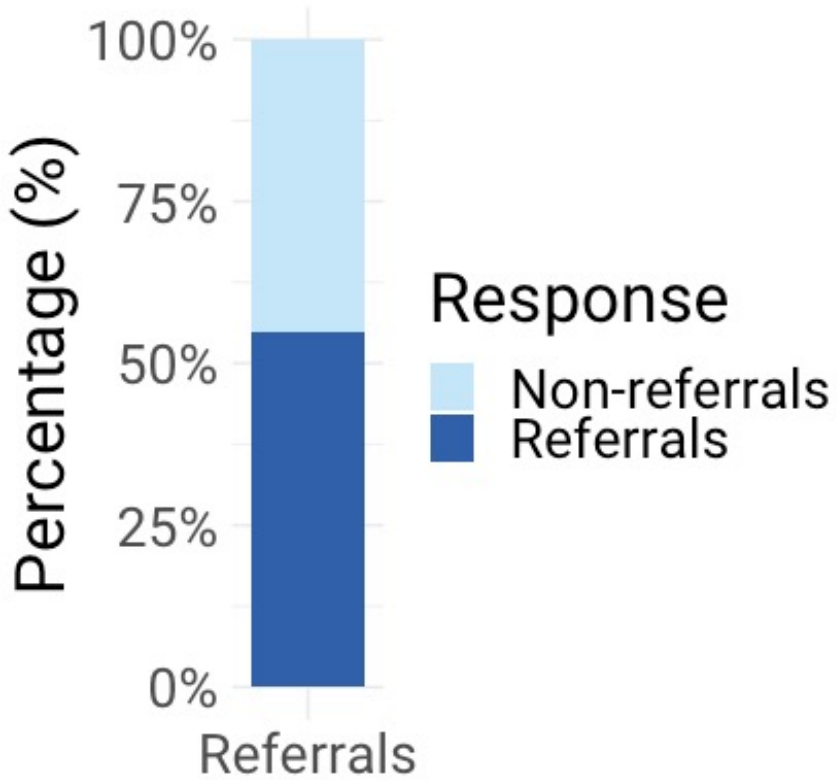
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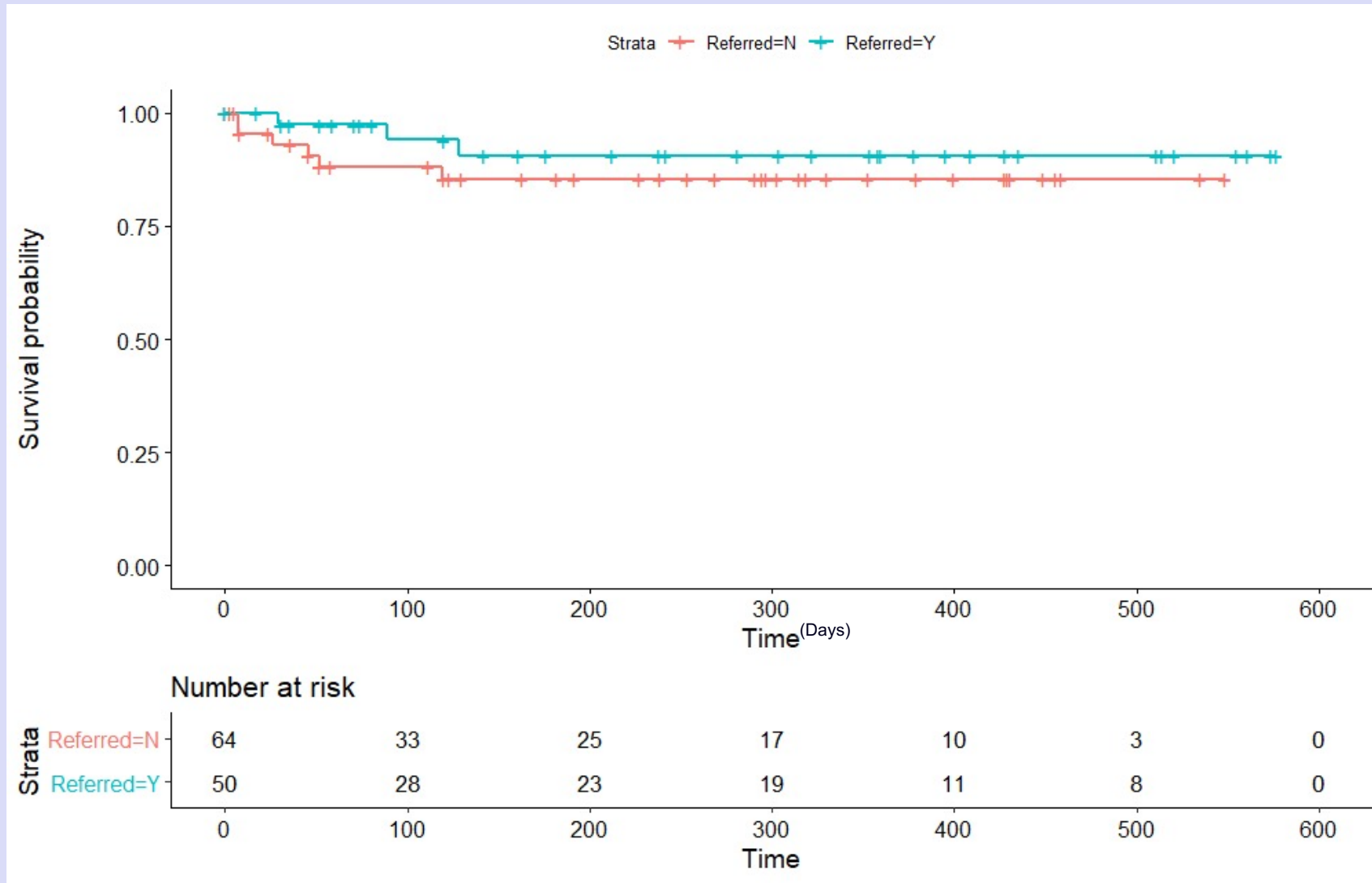


# Referrals





# No significant differences in incidence of psychosis in those referred/not referred





## Future work



Automated alerting/referral pathway (Wang et al., 2020)



Refining current predictors (e.g. non-linear age, Fusar-Poli et al., 2019)



Adding new predictors using advanced data mining methods (e.g. NLP symptom data, Irving et al., 2020)



Further feasibility work

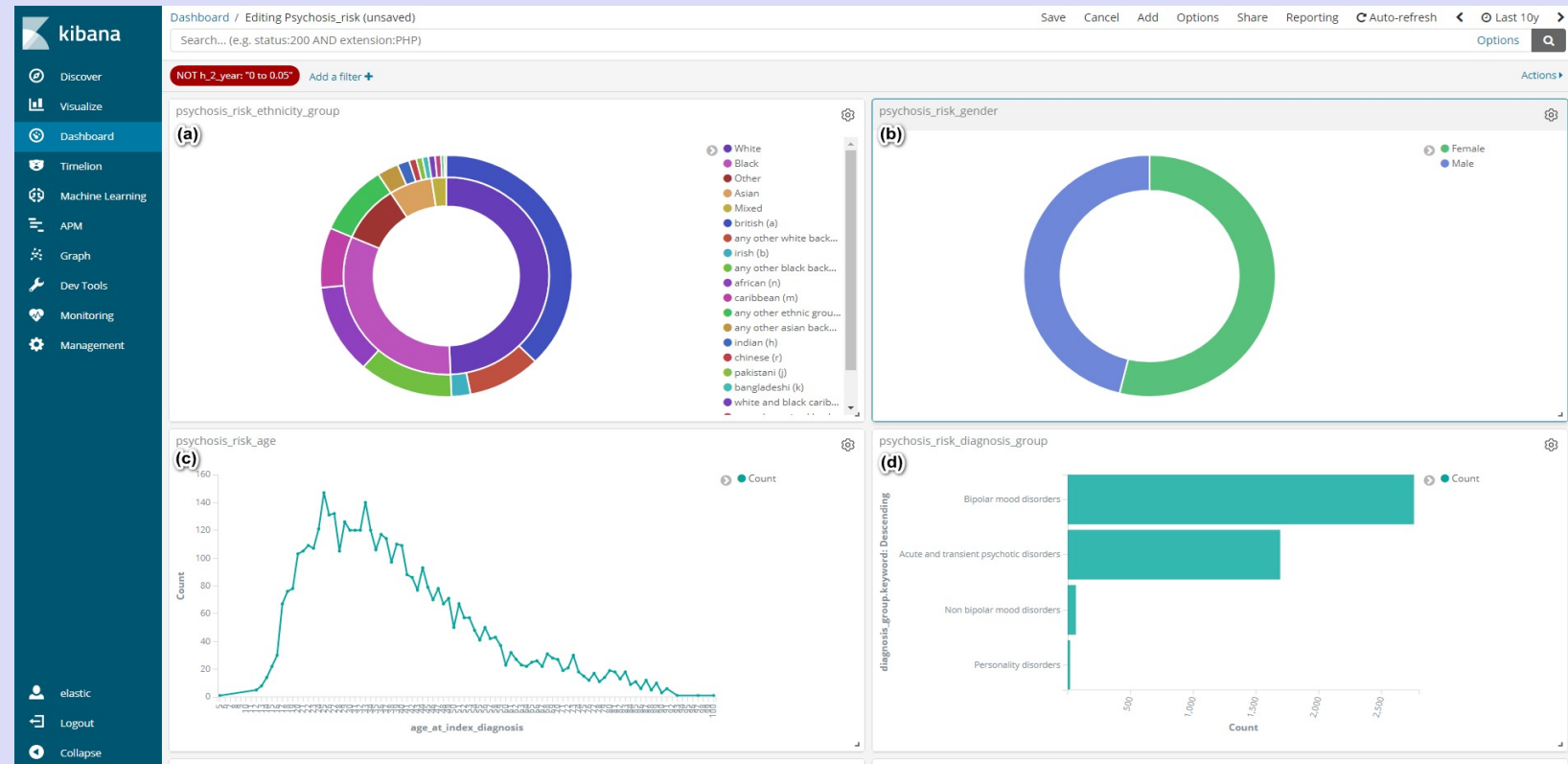


Dynamic refinement with updating risk estimates as new information is entered



# Automated alerting & streamlining referral

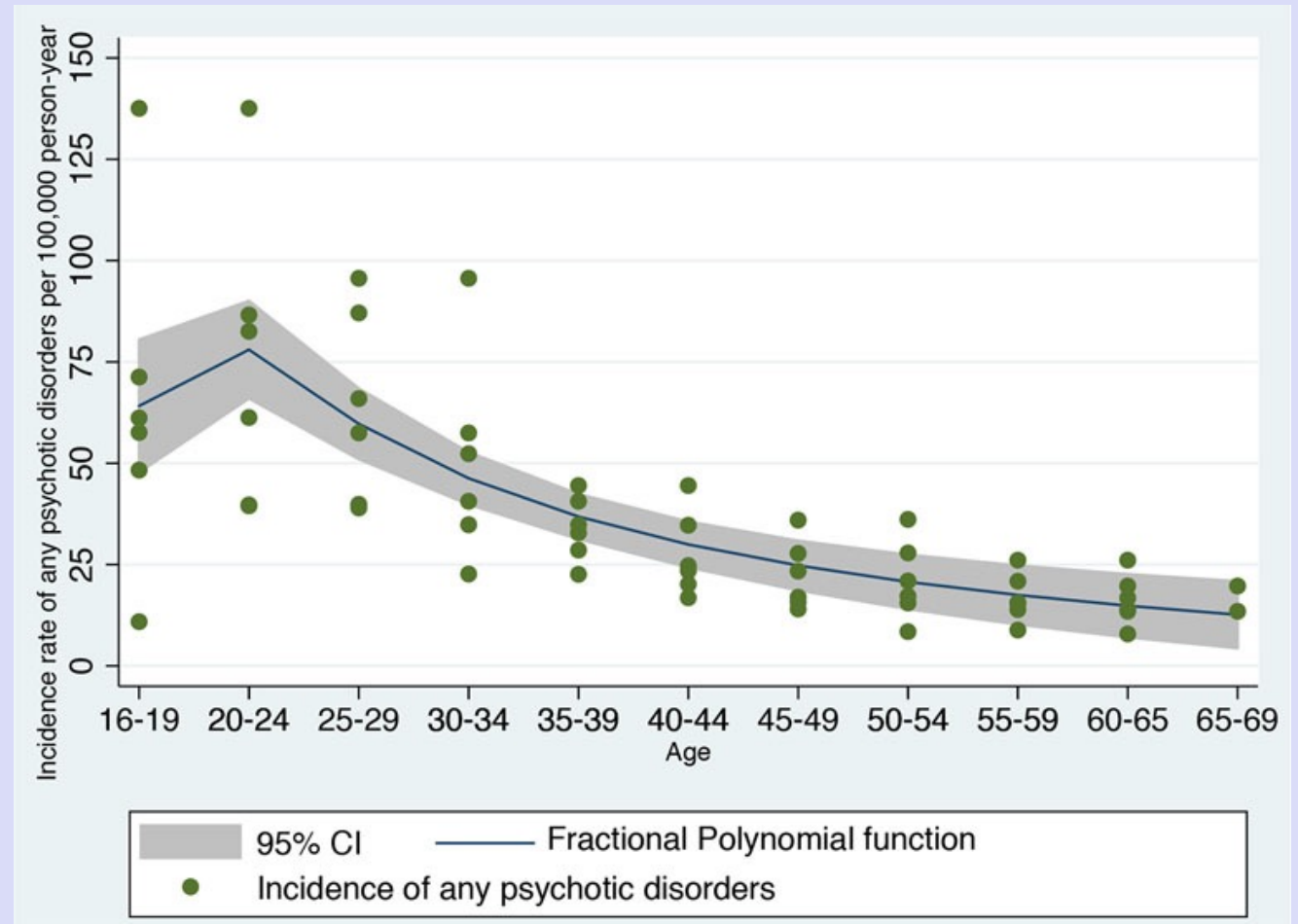
- Real-time updating
- Automated alerting when individual above threshold
- Psychosis VIEWER piloted in SLAM to have interactive dashboard for caseload summaries
- Patient-level alerts with integration with case notes





# Optimising age

- Non-linear modelling had better fit compared to original model
- Modest but significant improvement in performance
- May have been hampered by lower risk of psychosis and reduced variation in validation dataset



**Harrell's C = 0.79 -> 0.81**



# Natural language processing (NLP) apps

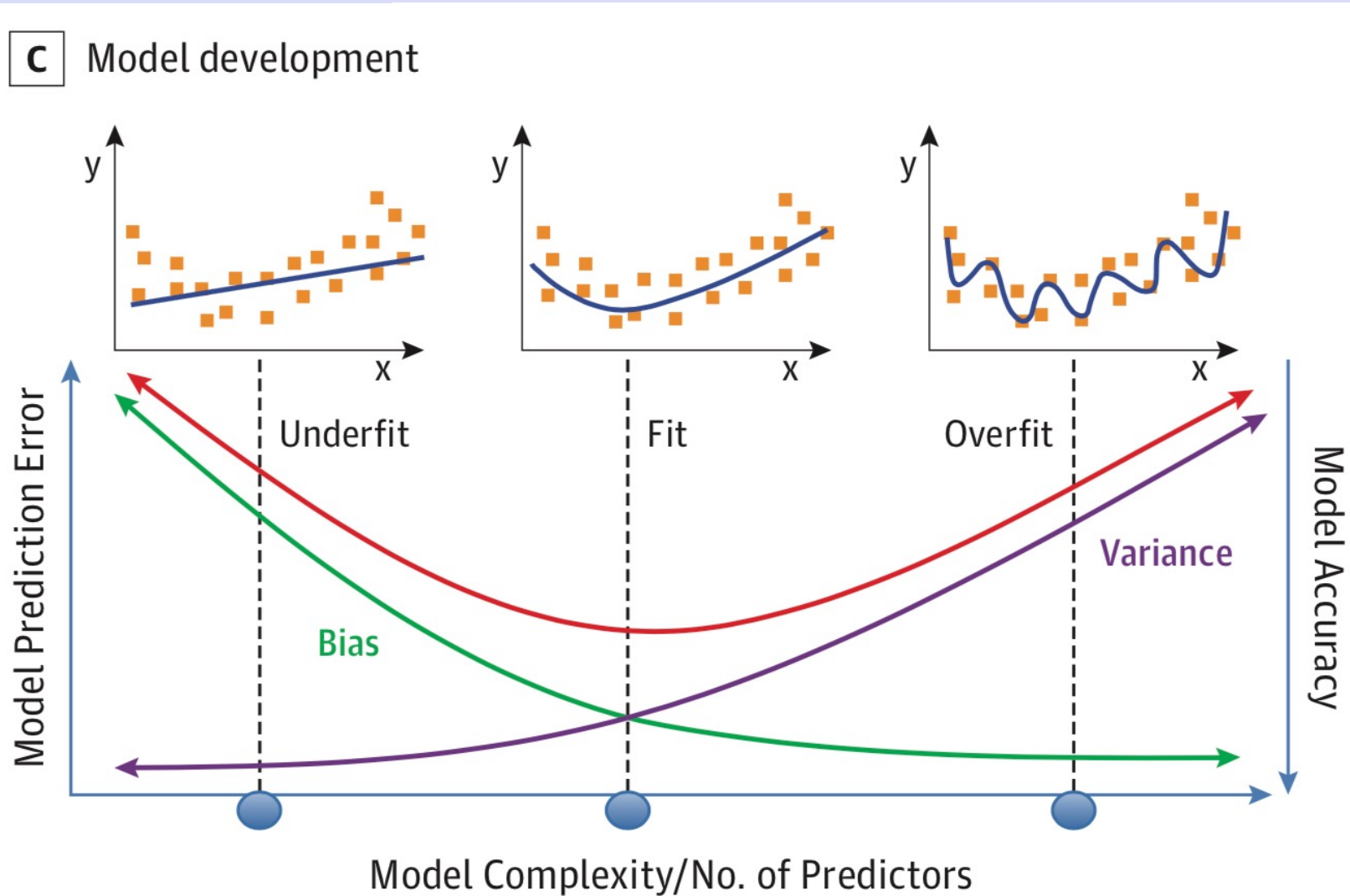
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28,000+ annotations (world's largest clinical training set)

- Machine learning applications trained to pick up use of specific words in clinical notes
- Over 50 symptoms shown here grouped by symptom type
- The symptom apps range in precision from 65% - 99%



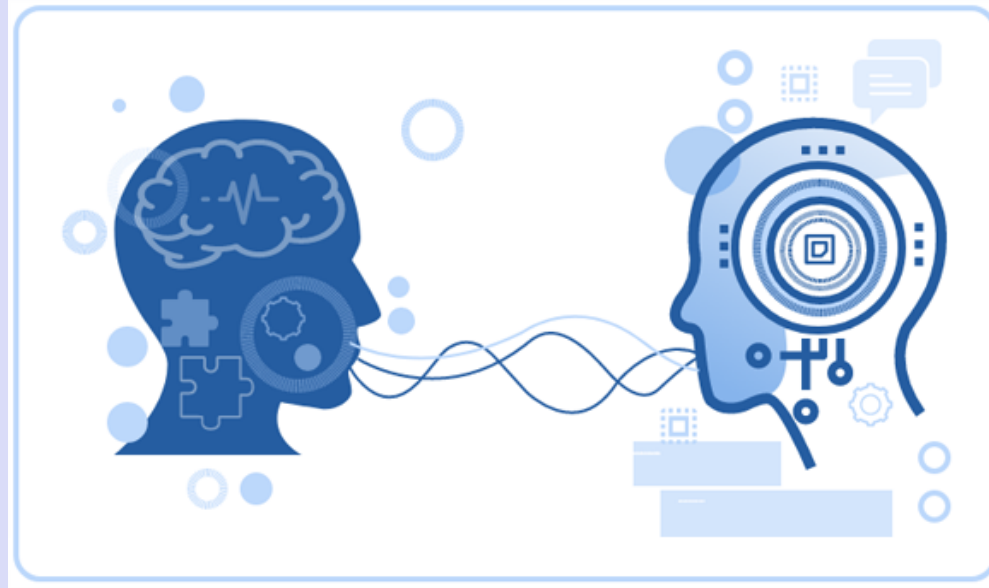
# Overfitting



- Key issue in prognostic research is **bias-variance tradeoff**
- Use of 50 NLP apps could lead to overfitting and poor generalisation



# Natural language processing (NLP) apps



1. Agitation
2. Appetite loss
3. Cannabis
4. Cocaine
5. Delusions
6. Disturbed sleep
7. Guilt
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12. Paranoia
13. Tearfulness
14. Weight loss

Restricted to NLP apps with >80% precision

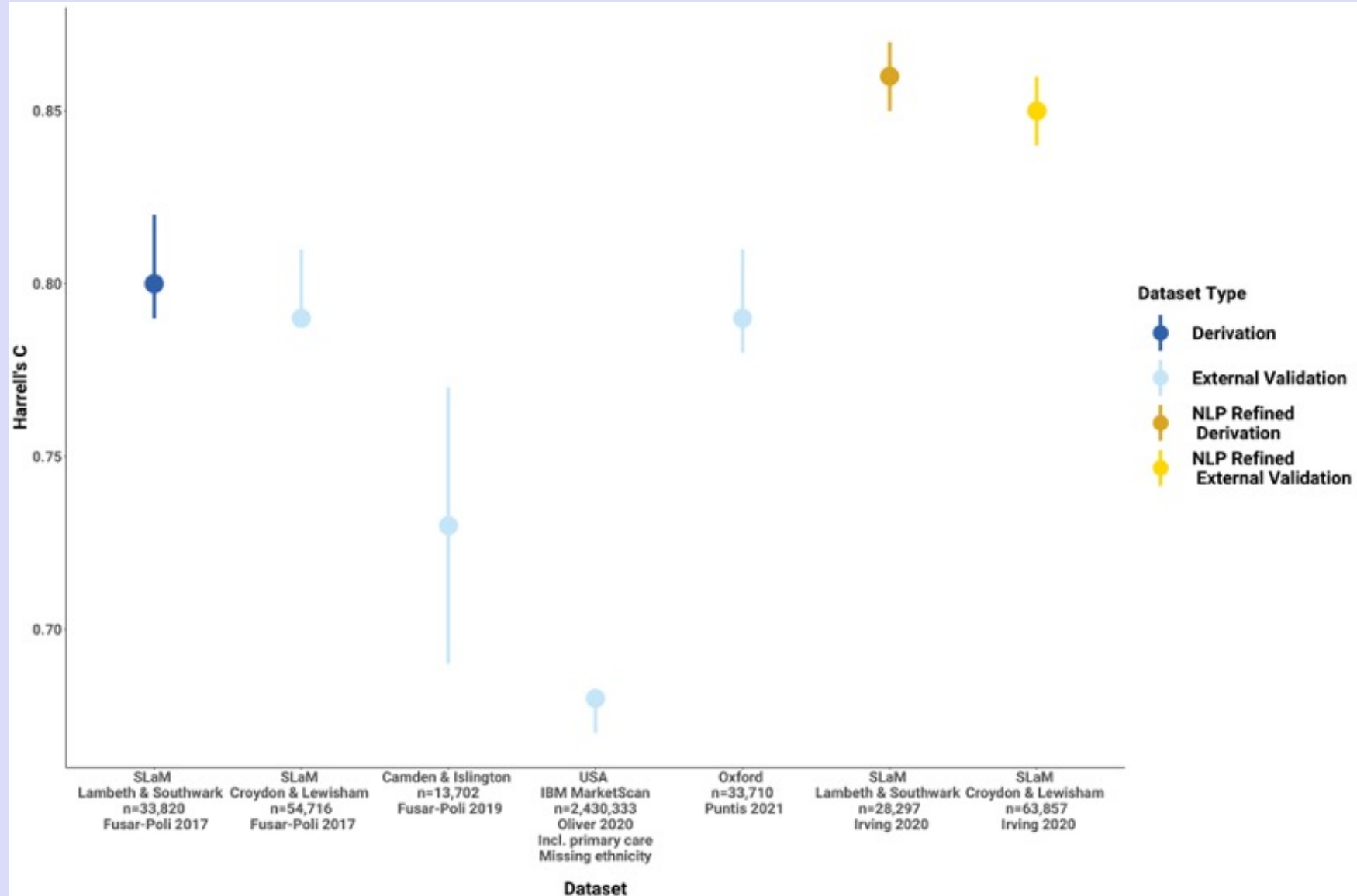
LASSO used to prevent overfitting

14 NLP predictors retained by model





# Better performance with NLP predictors





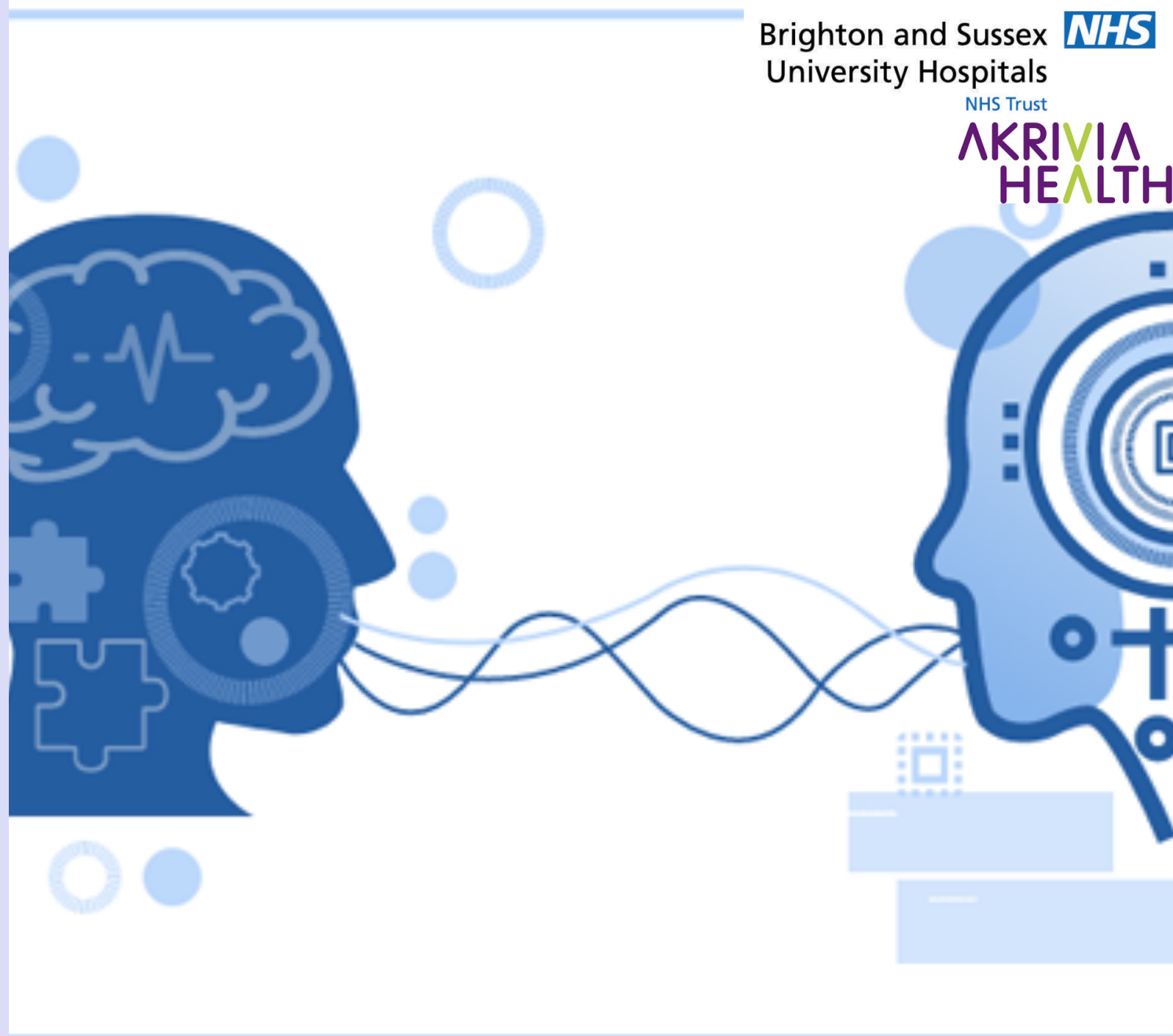
# Sussex feasibility

- NIHR funded grant awarded to Professor Kathryn Greenwood
- NLP-refined model to be replicated in Sussex EHR data
- Prospective feasibility study
- To be completed later this year



## NLP apps

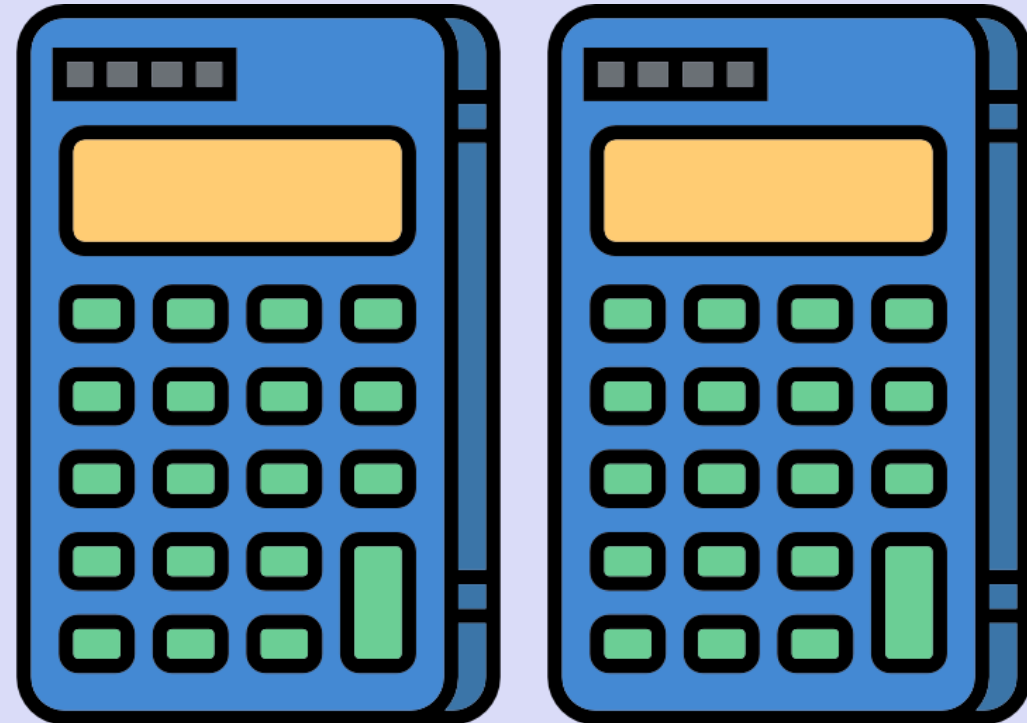
- Akrivia developing NLP library to replicate model performance
- Same constructs as SLaM model, developed using Sussex database





# Replication

- Replicating model using SLaM NLP apps
- Replicating model using Akrivia NLP apps
- If performance is similar, model is not reliant on original NLP apps and is more flexible

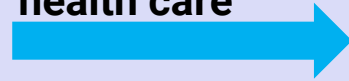




# Feasibility study



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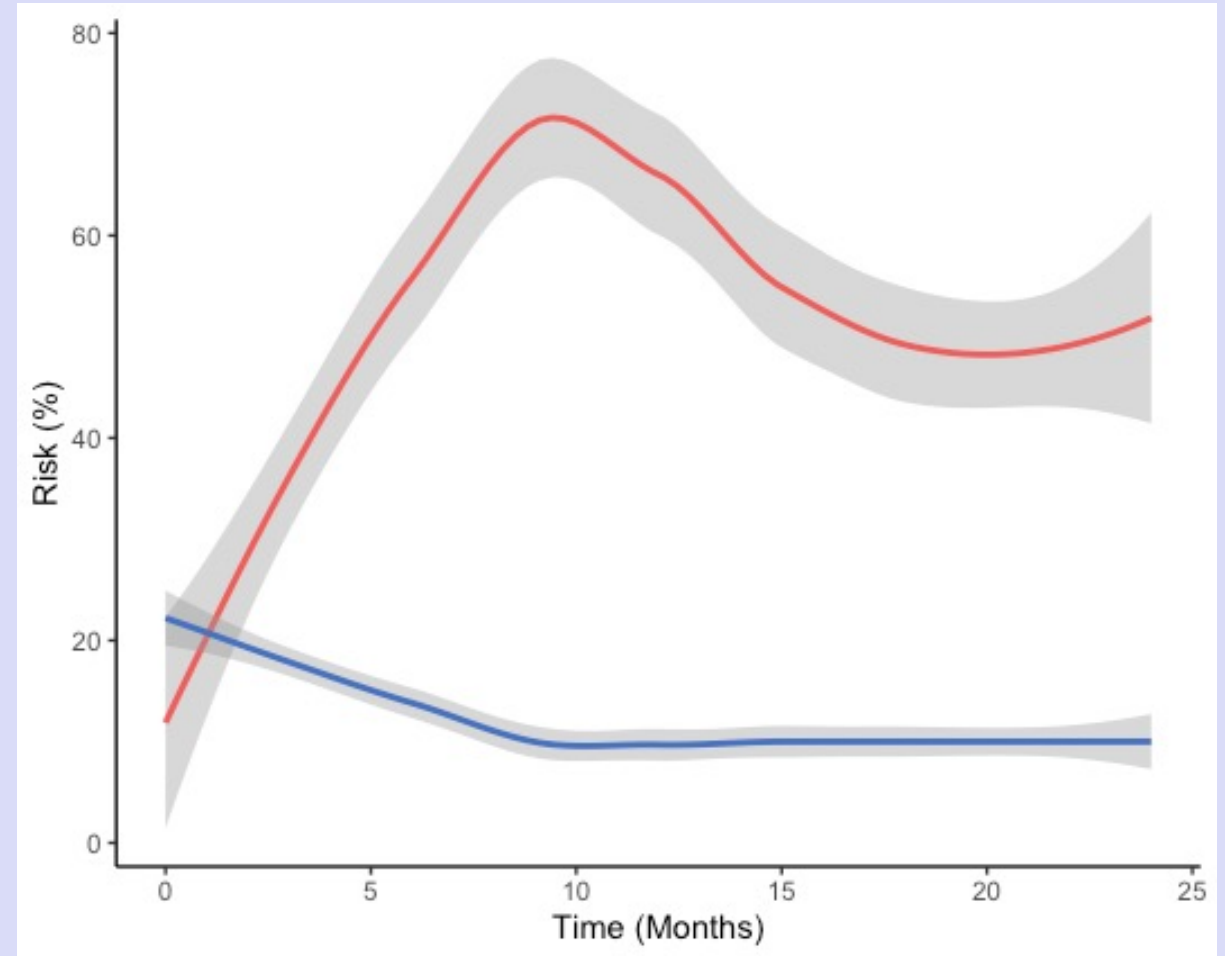


Evidence-based information posted to patient



# Dynamic refinement

- Assumption with original model that psychosis risk is static
- Risk may go up and down as different symptoms are experienced or resolved
- NLP predictors and machine learning to update psychosis risk with new information over time
- New area, need feedback from service users and clinicians for how this would work





# Summary



Implementation is under-researched in precision psychiatry



Feasible for implementation in clinical care



The most accurate prediction tool is useless in the real world if clinicians don't use it



Work ongoing to improve clinician experience



Our transdiagnostic risk calculator has performed well in multiple settings



Work ongoing to further refine and implement the model



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