

Neurological palliative care: a one stop shop approach



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BACKGROUND

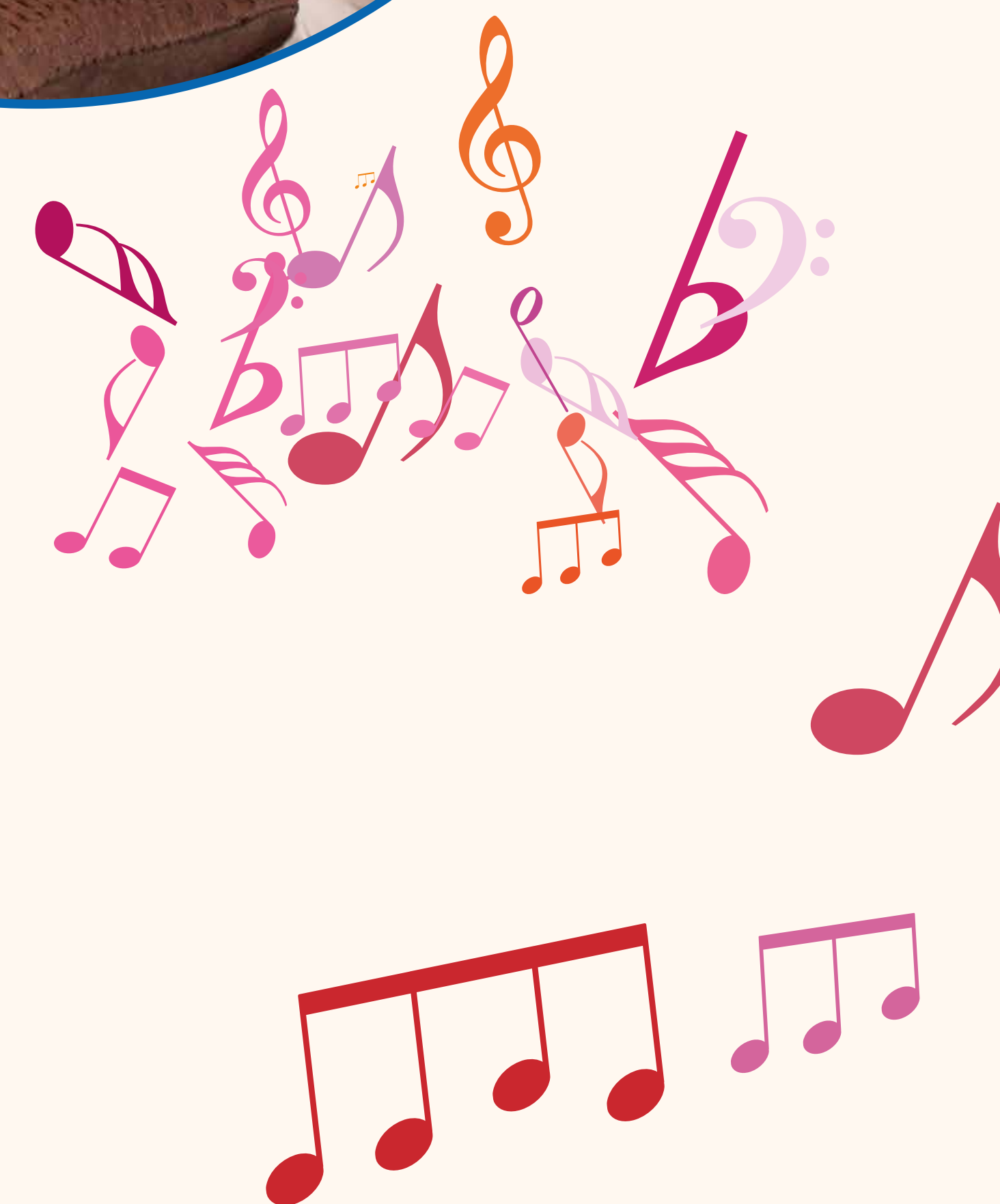
- Patients with non-cancer diagnoses often need access to a myriad of services.
- We wanted to streamline their experience, but ensure access to less traditional interventions, such as music therapy.

AIM

- To introduce a model of care with a 'one stop shop' approach, which could be rolled out across different disease groups.
- This would result in discrete, commissionable services.

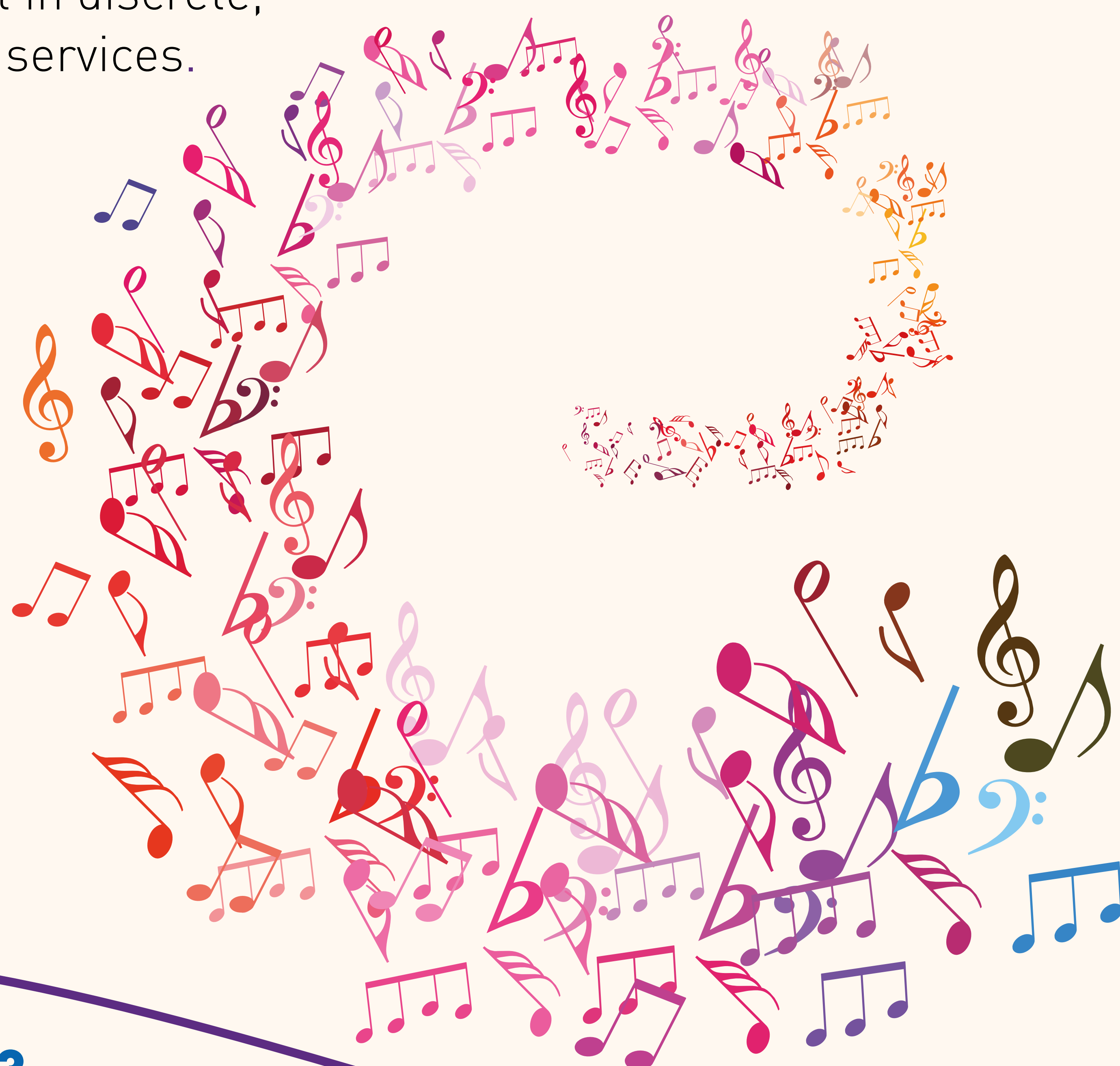
METHOD

- We implemented a multidisciplinary Motor Neurone Disease group which was open to both patients and families.
- It included teams from the acute and community sectors, hospice team, alternative and voluntary sectors.
- Professionals from a range of services came together to implement early interventions, maximising independence within the perimeters of the disease and avert crises.



RESULTS

- The qualitative feedback is that the group has created a safe environment in which to have open discussions about all aspects of the progression of the disease.
- It has resulted directly in integration of professional teams across organisational boundaries and increased partnership with other charities.
- It has allowed us to test a model that we can develop across other disease groups.



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