



British Heart  
Foundation  
Scotland

# Physiology: The patient experience

**"THESE GLOVES CAME FREE WITH MY  
TOILET BRUSH"**





POLITICAL SCIENCE



1961





Today



Around

**700,000**

people are living with heart and circulatory diseases in Scotland



Around **48,000** people in Scotland have been diagnosed with heart failure by their GP



Heart and circulatory diseases cause nearly **50 deaths** each day in Scotland



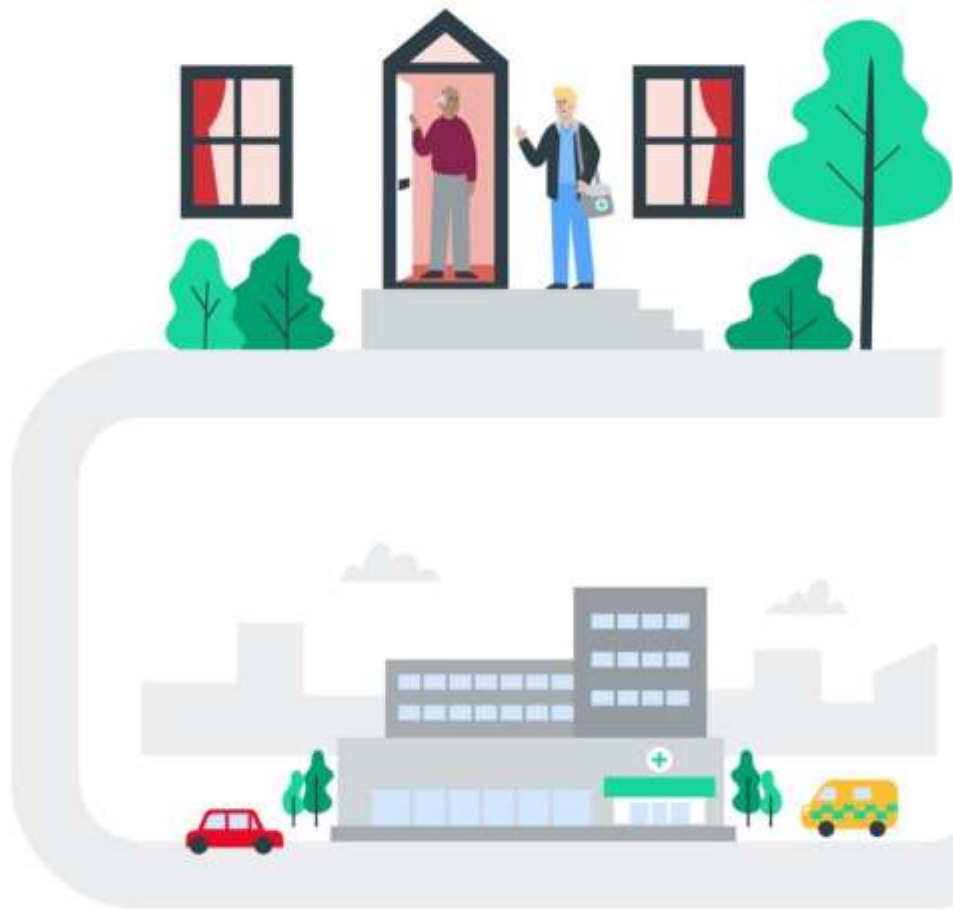
Around **50,000** people in Scotland have a faulty gene that can cause an inherited heart-related condition

The total annual  
healthcare cost  
of heart and  
circulatory disease  
in Scotland is









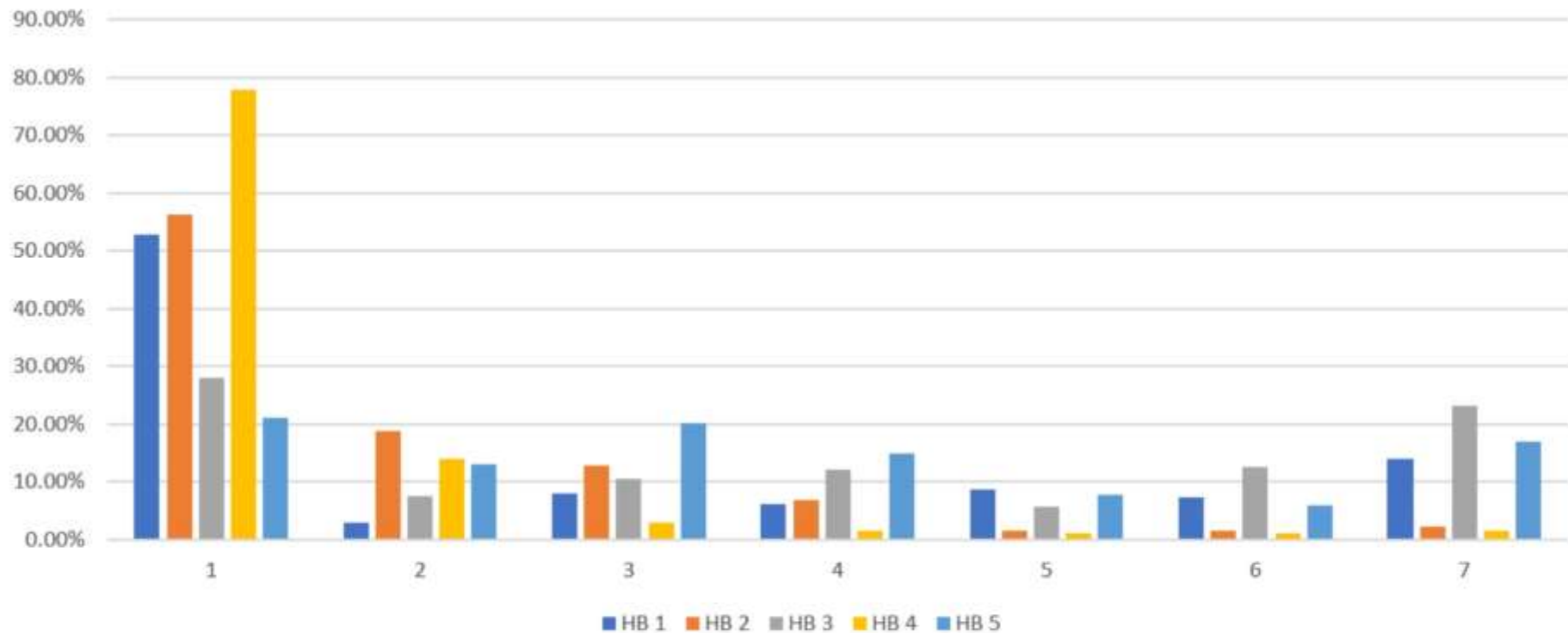
# A draft plan for Scotland



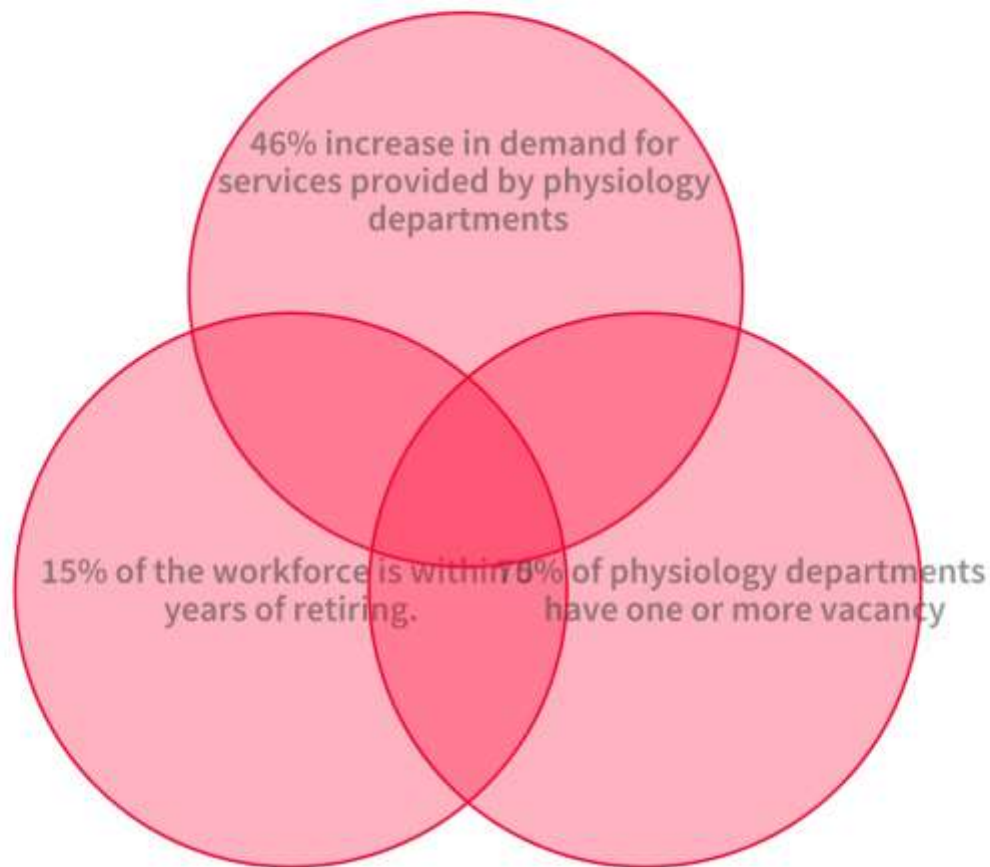
## Three main priorities

1. Better diagnosis, treatment and care of high risk conditions
2. Equitable & timely access to diagnosis, treatment and care
3. Effective collection and use of health data

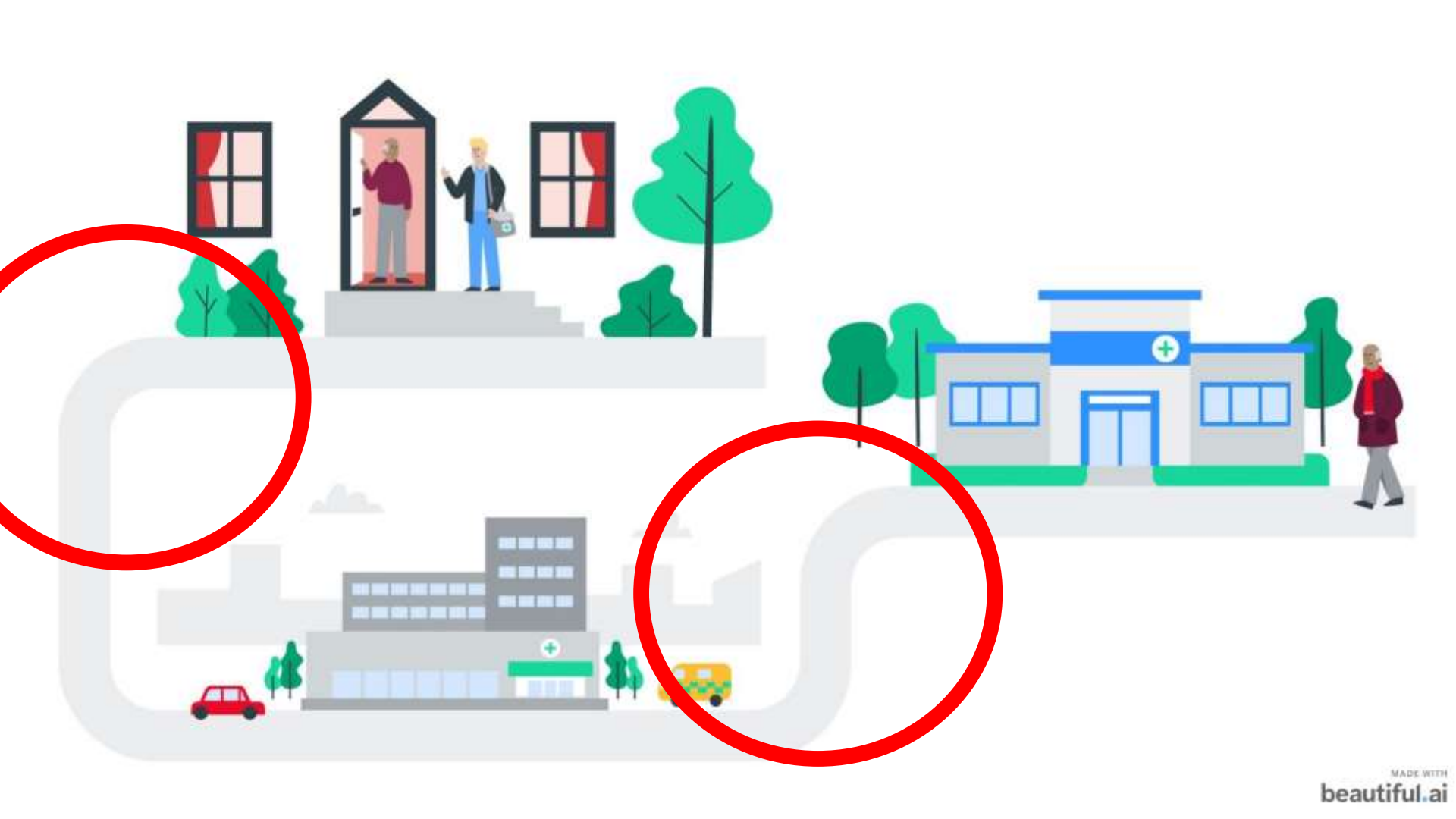
### Time from referral to results for echo where cardiac is the reason for referral (in months)



# Cardiac Physiology: The perfect storm







## What's the solution?



A nationally co-ordinated approach to addressing workforce and training issues for physiology services should be taken.

# Why a national approach?



- Support workforce planning
- Deliver gold standard services
- Support patient pathway
- Improve patient outcomes
- Eradicate unwarranted variation

# What's next?



- **Scottish Government publishing new heart disease plan**
- **Healthcare Science a greater voice in Government (Chief Healthcare Scientist)**
- **BHF Scotland developing work to promote and advocate on the Healthcare science workforce.**





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