

What is next for UK Private Healthcare

Private Acute Healthcare Conference 11 October 2023



Matthew Swindells

- **Chair of the Board for the North West London Acute Provider Collaborative**
- **Founder of MJS Healthcare Consulting**
- **Visiting Professor at the Institute of Global Health Innovation, Imperial College, London**

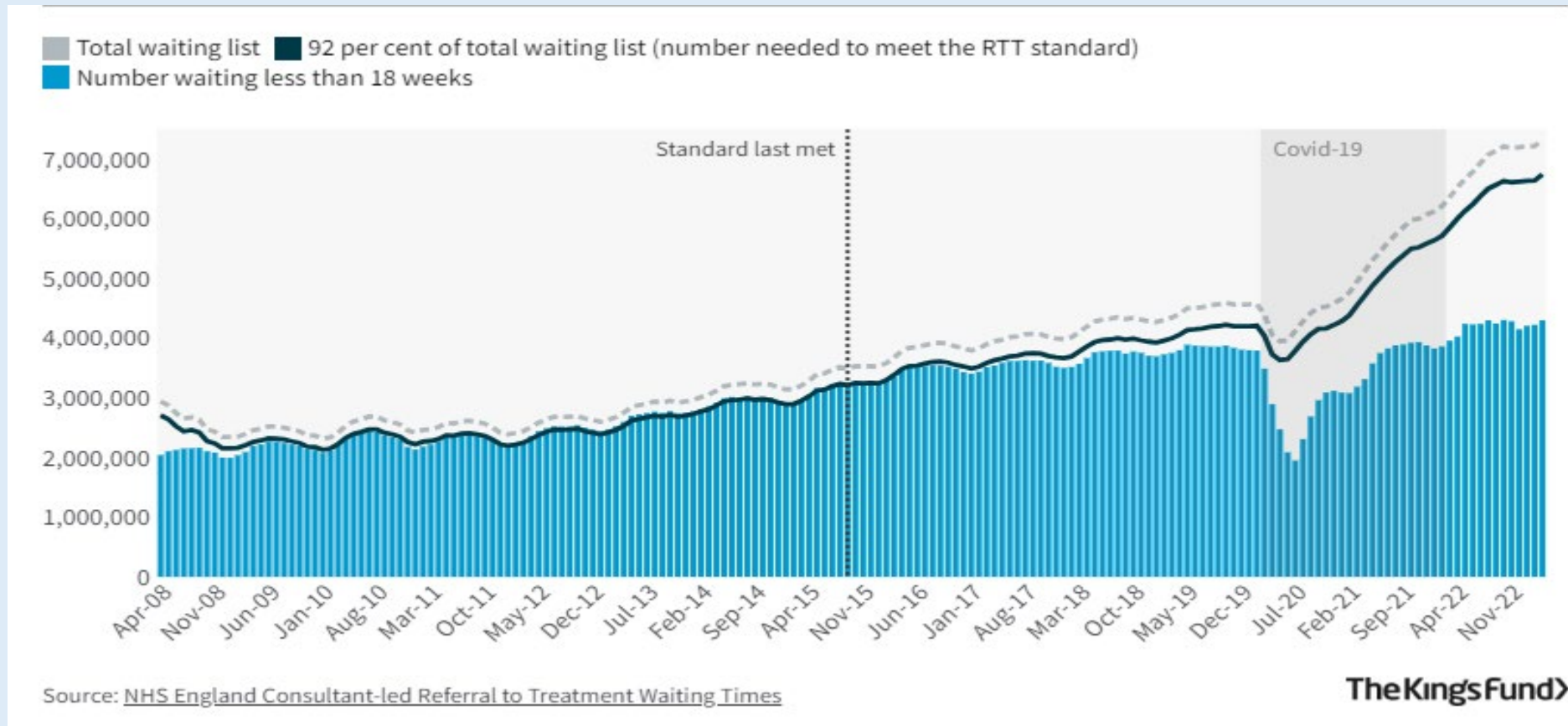
Formerly:

- Deputy Chief Executive and National Director of Operations and Information, NHS England.
- Senior Vice President for population health and global strategy at Cerner Corporation.
- Chief Information Officer for the NHS
- Senior Policy Adviser to the Secretary of State for Health under Tony Blair's premiership
- Chief Executive, Royal Surrey County Hospital
- Principal Advisor, Prime Minister's Office for Public Service Reform

- Elective Recovery challenge
- How the NHS and private sector can work together in the future

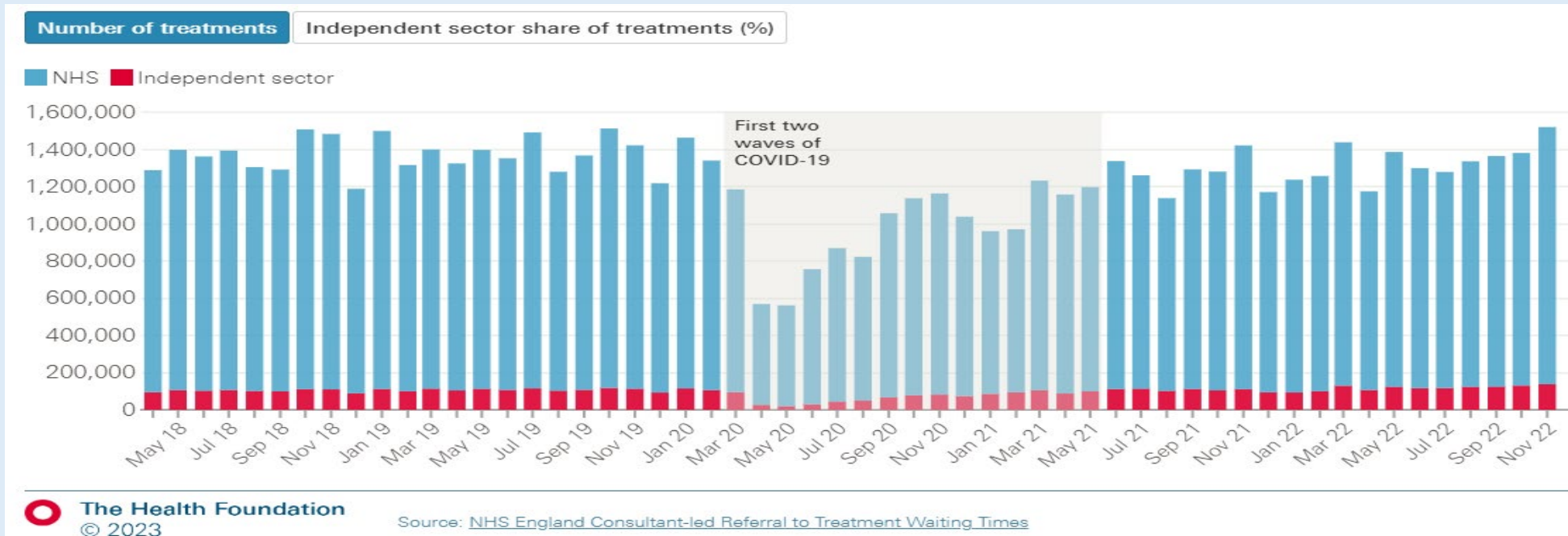
Waiting lists in the NHS

The waiting list for planned hospital care – which stood at 7.68 million in July 2023 – has grown by 58% since just before the start of the pandemic



Number of people on the referral-to-treatment (RTT) waiting list

NHS and Independent Sector treatment and spend



Monthly volume and share of treatments started in England, NHS compared with independent sector

Government spend on Independent sector 2006-2019



Ophthalmology and orthopaedic treatment

In ophthalmology the independent sector has recovered from the pandemic disruption and expanded capacity whereas in orthopaedics, treatments remain below pre-pandemic levels

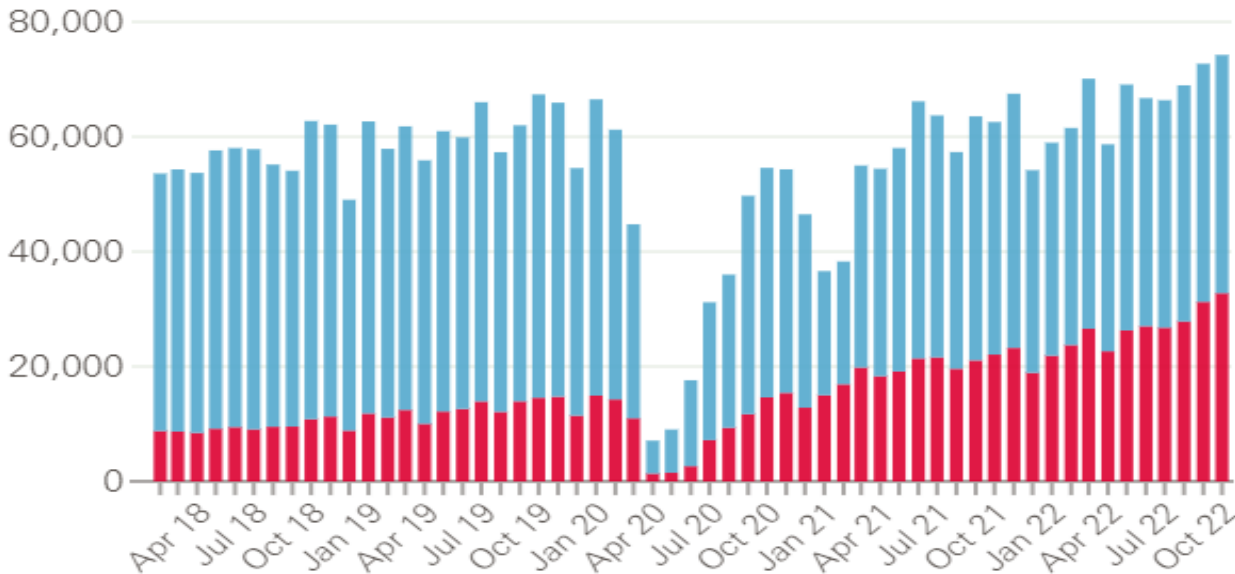
The Independent Sector delivered 31.2% of NHS funded orthopaedic care in February 2022

Number of treatments

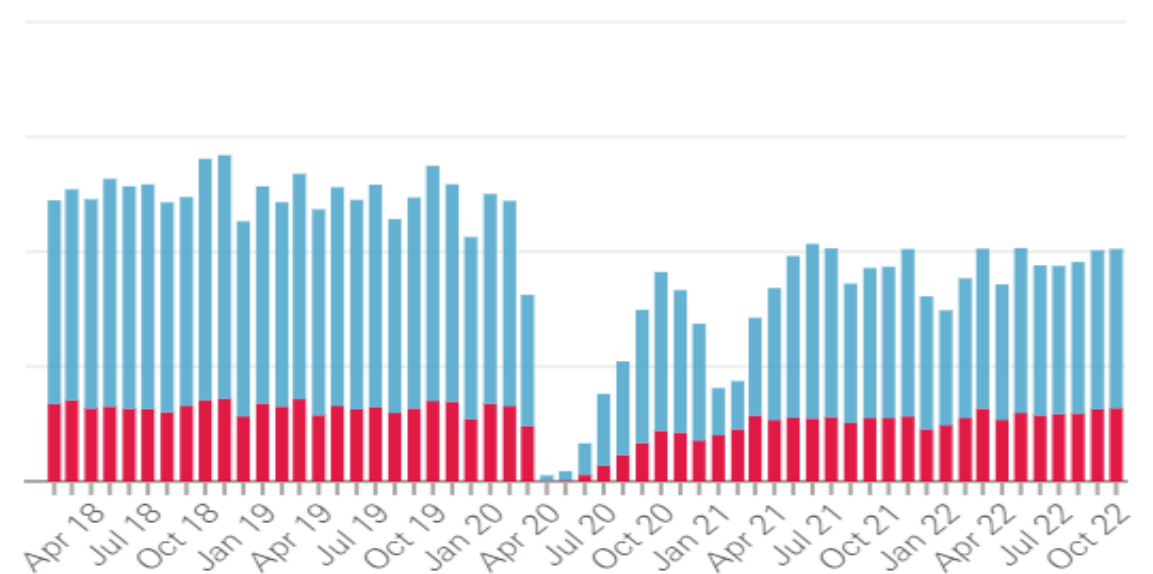
Independent sector share of total treatments (%)

NHS Independent sector

Ophthalmology



Orthopaedics



Election in 2024

"More private and third sector providers should be used by the NHS to help cut post-Covid waiting lists" Steve Barclay Guardian 4 August 23

"It's completely unjust that only those who can afford to pay to go private are being treated on time, while everyone else is left behind. Labour would use the spare capacity in the private sector to get patients seen faster" Wes Streeting BBC 19 May 23

"He sees the private sector, for instance, as 'one of the levers' for tackling the backlog in treatment. 'The Labour party can't just rely on the same old hackneyed slogans on the NHS. We've got to demonstrate that it's rescue and reform.'" Wes Streeting Spectator 24 September 22

"Every patient should be able to easily choose where they go to receive treatment " Steve Barclay Gov.uk 25 May 23

Labour has announced £1.6 billion of health policies, including £1.1 billion for overtime payments to cut the 7.7 million-long waiting list for hospital treatment in England.

Wes Streeting's proposals to use private sector in NHS condemned by Socialist Health Association - Jan 23