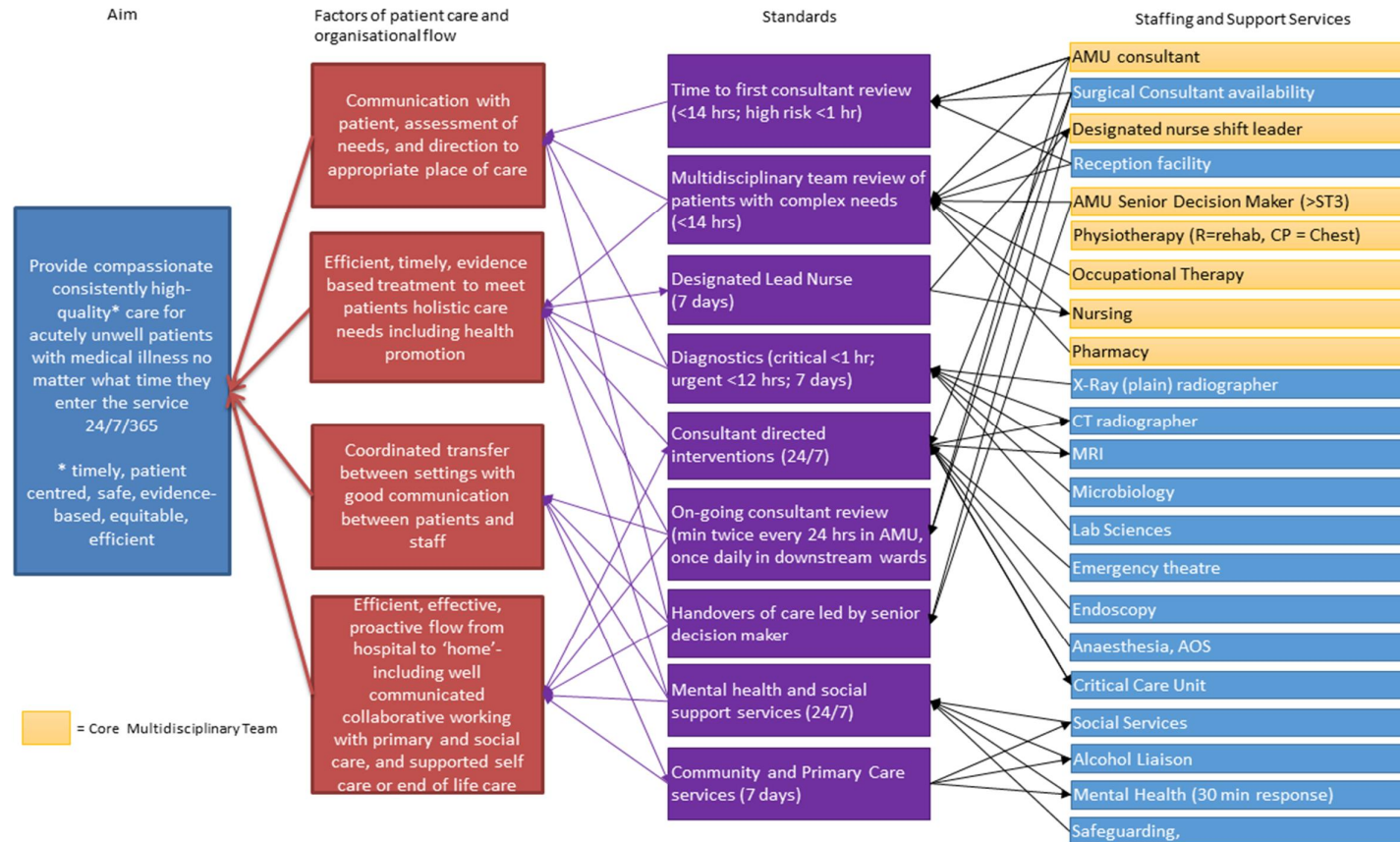


Diagram 1: The Action Effect Diagram framed by the Acute Medical and Surgical Standards



Explanation: Underpinning the AED is a cause effect chain which, moving from left to right, demonstrates *how* the overall aim will be achieved if all contributing factors are in place. Moving from right to left, we answer the question of *why* the interventions should be implemented. Delegates agreed the aim and the factors of patient care and organisational flow during the workshop, and the Standards and Staffing and Support Services were mapped on later.