

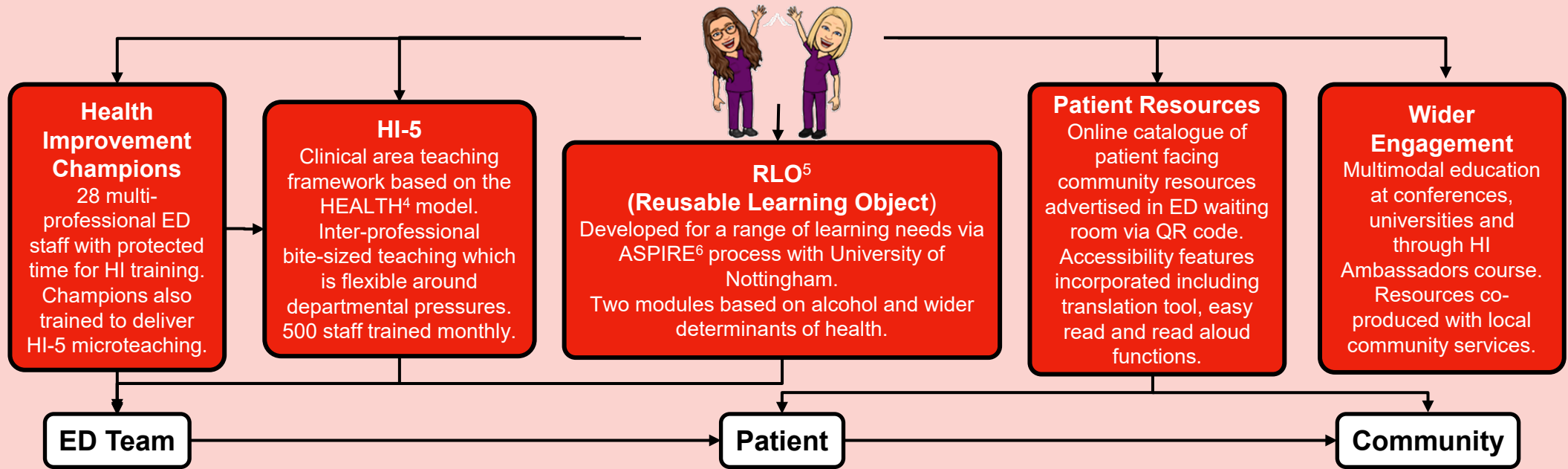
Implementing a Health Improvement Curriculum in the Emergency Department

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Background

Our Emergency Department (ED) recorded 180,000 attendances last year, each providing an opportunity to Make Every Contact Count¹. Yet, staff working in ED were often unsure how to speak to patients about Health Improvement (HI) topics, and were unaware of local community services². The HI Curriculum was established to empower staff to **S**creen patients for wider determinants of health, provide a **B**rief Intervention and **R**efers to a relevant **T**reatment or support service in the community (**SBIRT**)³. With only 0.5 WTE staff members with dedicated time to design and deliver this curriculum, how do you educate over 500 ED staff?

Method



Outcome

One year into this project the following outcomes were recorded. Full evaluation is ongoing following completion of curriculum roll out.

40% increase
In staff confidence
in providing HI
interventions

9x increase to
social prescribing
services

3x increase in
smokers referred
to local services

100+
monthly 'hits' to
patient
resources

