

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NURSE LED, EAR CLINIC IN A RURAL PRIMARY CARE ENVIRONMENT

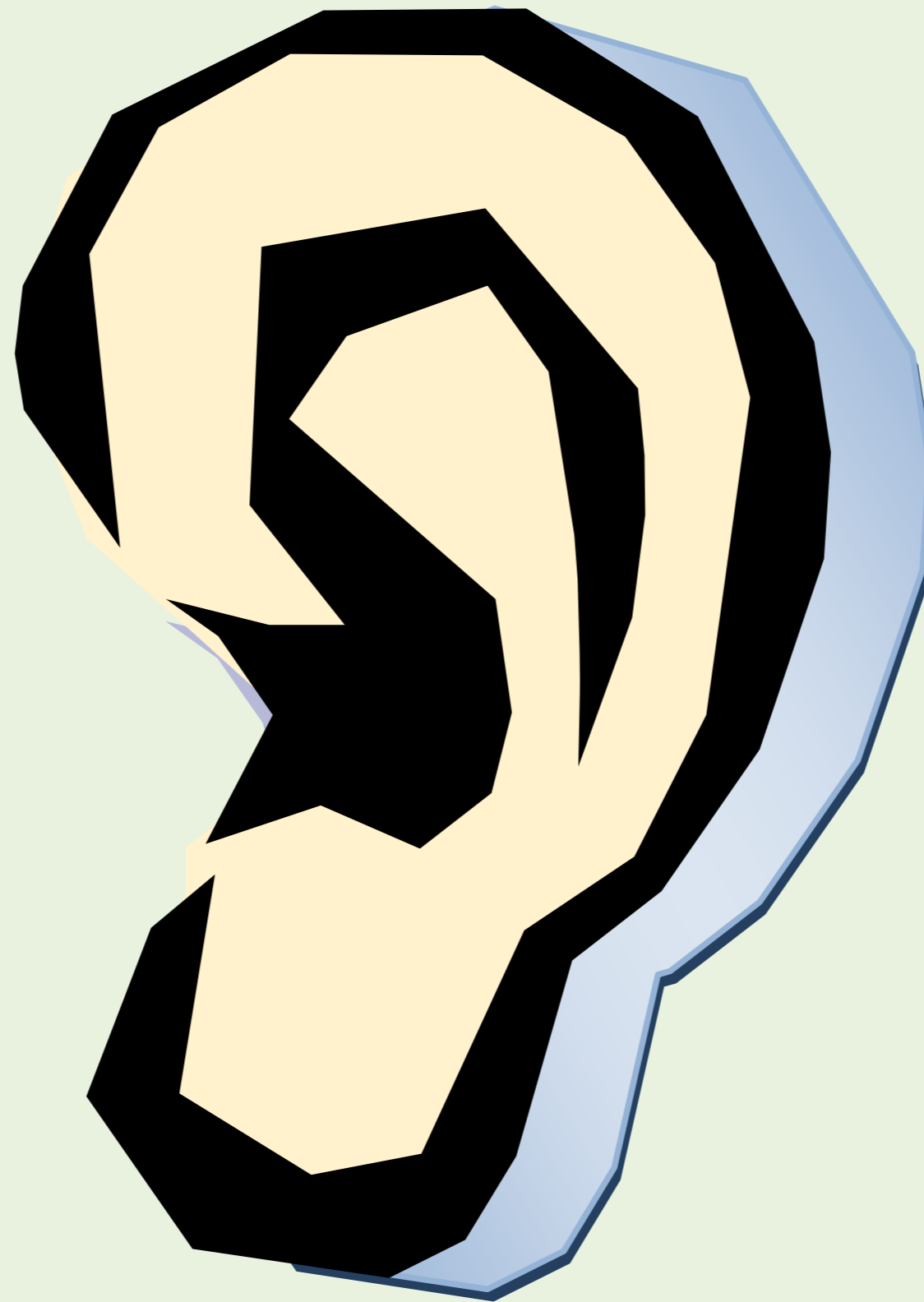
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OBJECTIVES

To make ear suctioning a more affordable & accessible option for our local communities

To build capacity within the nursing team, promoting a nurse led approach as a model of service delivery in primary care

To promote ear suctioning as the 'best practice' method of wax removal



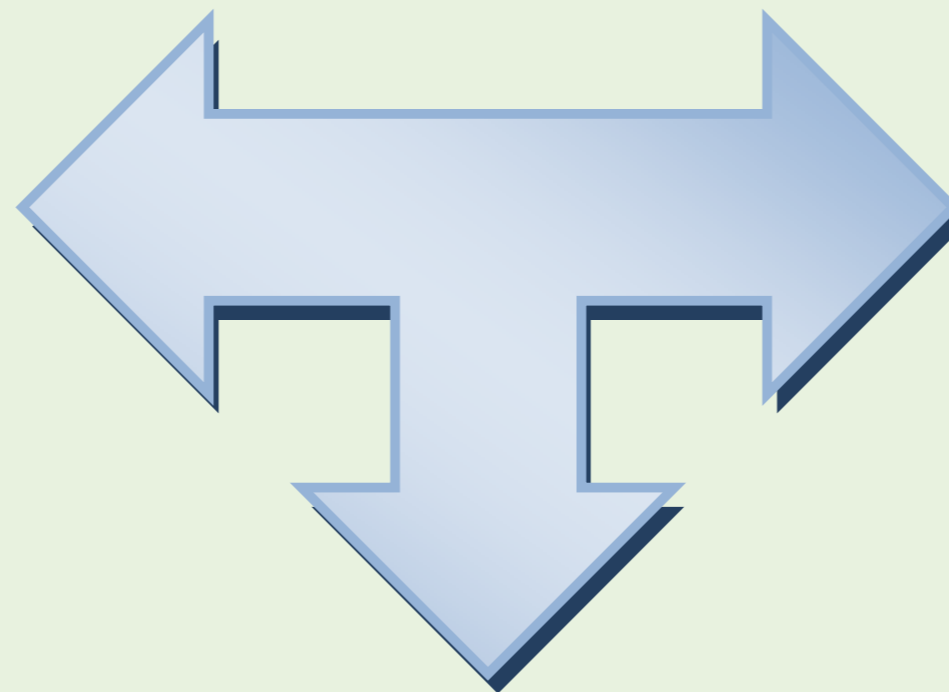
METHOD

The proposal was supported by the providers within Coast to Coast PHO

An existing microscope was utilized & further equipment was purchased

A registered nurse was funded to attend the training programme endorsed by the Ear Nurse Specialist Group

Practice policies & protocols were revised to support the integration of this service into primary care



OUTCOMES

- ✓ Two clinics per week operating at full capacity
- ✓ Ear suctioning is now more affordable for our enrolled population
- ✓ Improved access to ear care services
- ✓ Implementation of best practice guidelines for management of wax/otitis externa
- ✓ Promotes an interdisciplinary approach to ear care
- ✓ Implementation of an effective nurse led model of service delivery
- ✓ Improved patient outcomes
- ✓ Positive patient/staff feedback



"To develop and facilitate a comprehensive health service to the people of our rohe"

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