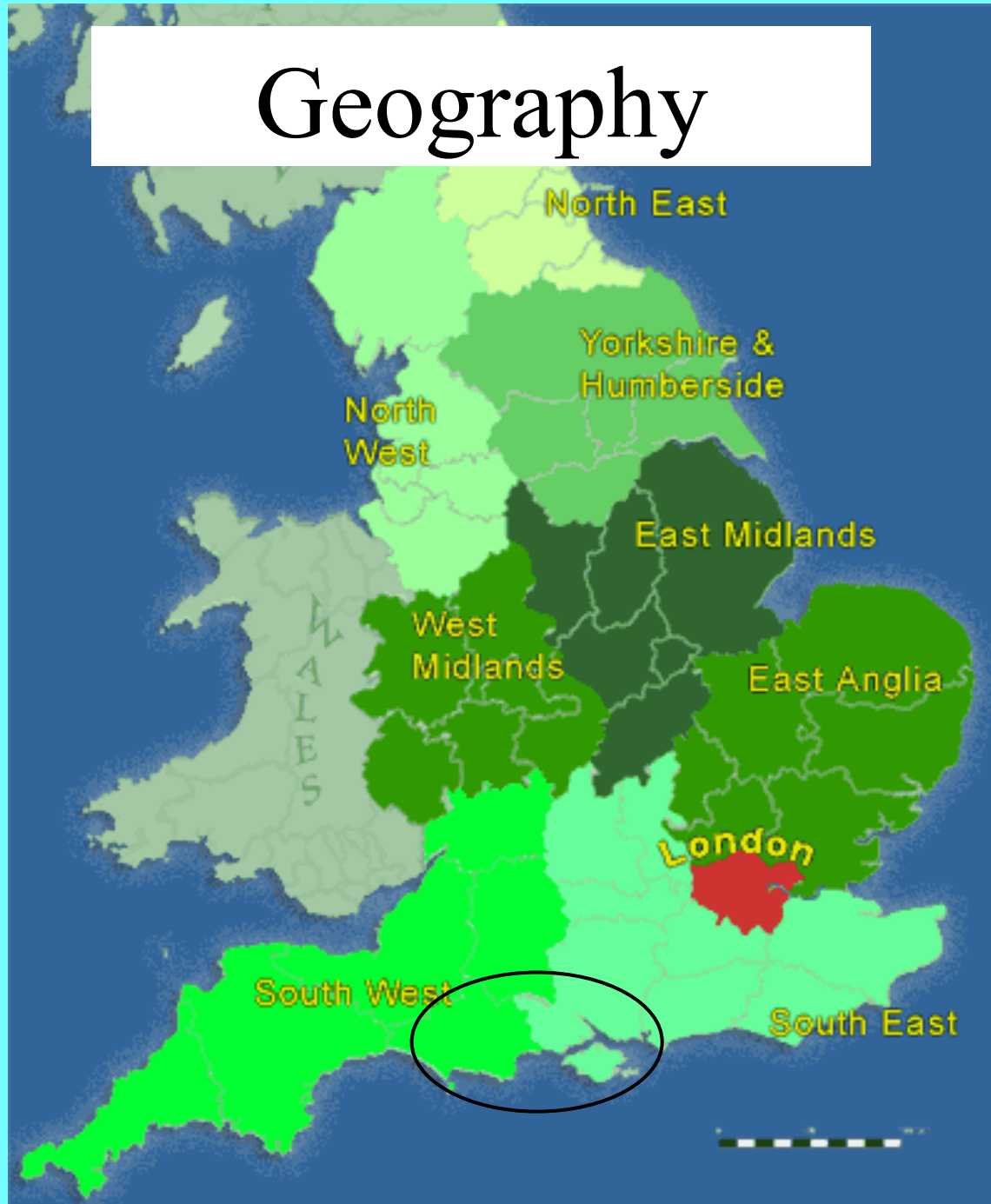


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- Geography
- History / Funding
- Role Development
- Current Role and Remit
- What makes it work?

Geography



Geography



Demographics

- 8th Largest Acute Trust in England with 1000 beds
- Each Year treat 4000 inpatients and 13,000 outpatients
- Wessex Neurological Centre serves 2.8 million people
- Admit approx. 130 patients with traumatic brain injury – minor, moderate and severe

History



- RGN/BN @Southampton University
- Cardiac/Plastic and Burns/A&E/ ICU
- Research Position in Neurosciences
- Roald Dahl Foundation Grant 2 years
'1996-1998'
- Nurse Specialist Post funded by NHS Trust

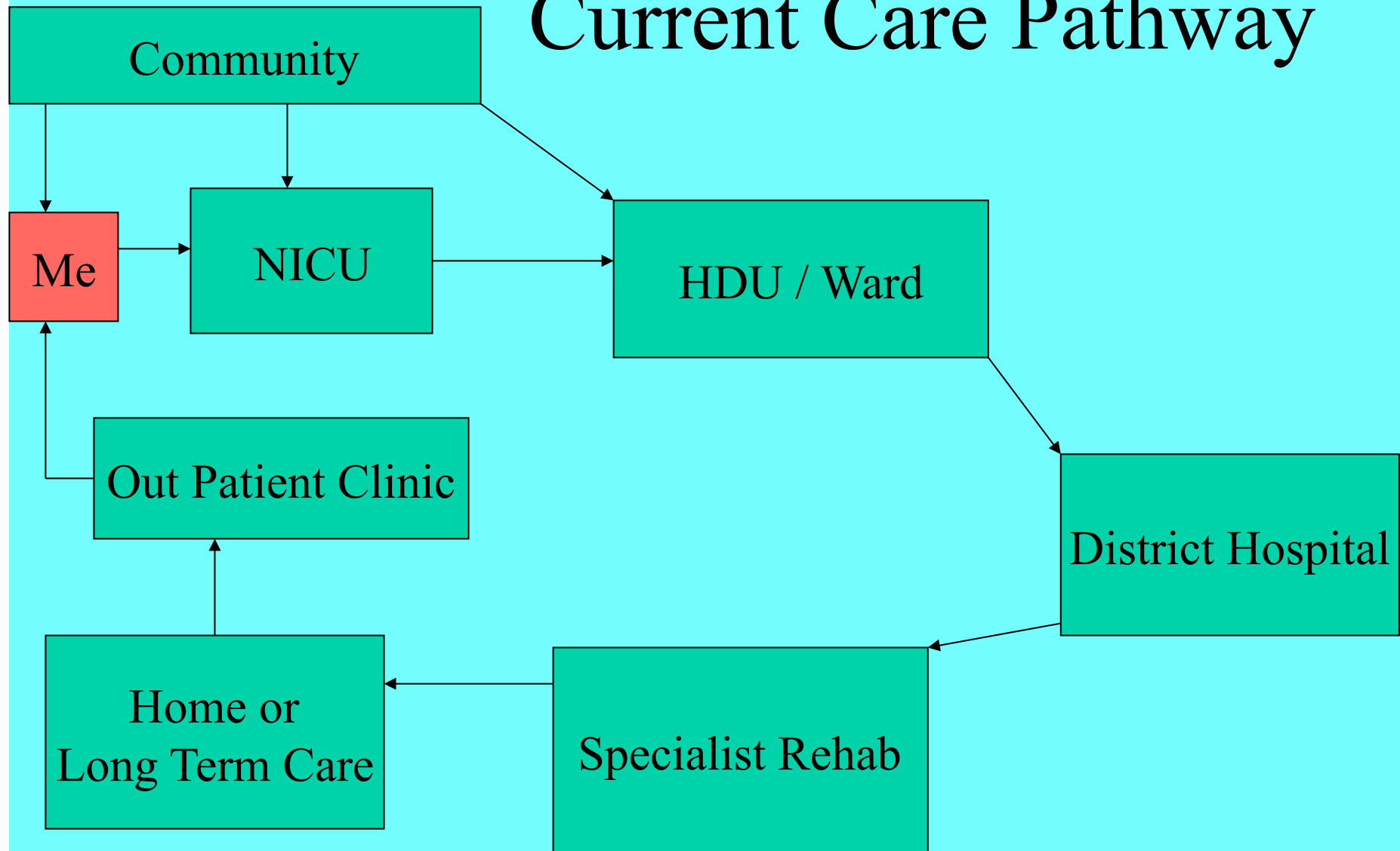
Role Development

- 1st Nurse Specialist Post in Wessex Neuro Centre
- Finding Feet and Refining Post
- Coping with the numbers
- Handing over paediatrics
- Setting up Nurse Clinic
- Establishing Links: Regional Hospitals, Voluntary Agencies and Rehabilitation Units

Role Remit

- All adult TBI patients under care of Consultant Neurosurgeon or Neurologist
- Case management: patient and family
- Referral and Discharge Planning, Follow Up – Phone and Clinic
- Direct Telephone Link
- Teaching and Education
- Data Base

Current Care Pathway



What makes it work?

- Clear boundaries
- One Neurosurgeon in charge of TBI
- Good working relationship with multidisciplinary team inc. police and legal
- Close contact with regional nurse specialists, acquired brain injury coordinators and specialist rehabilitation units.