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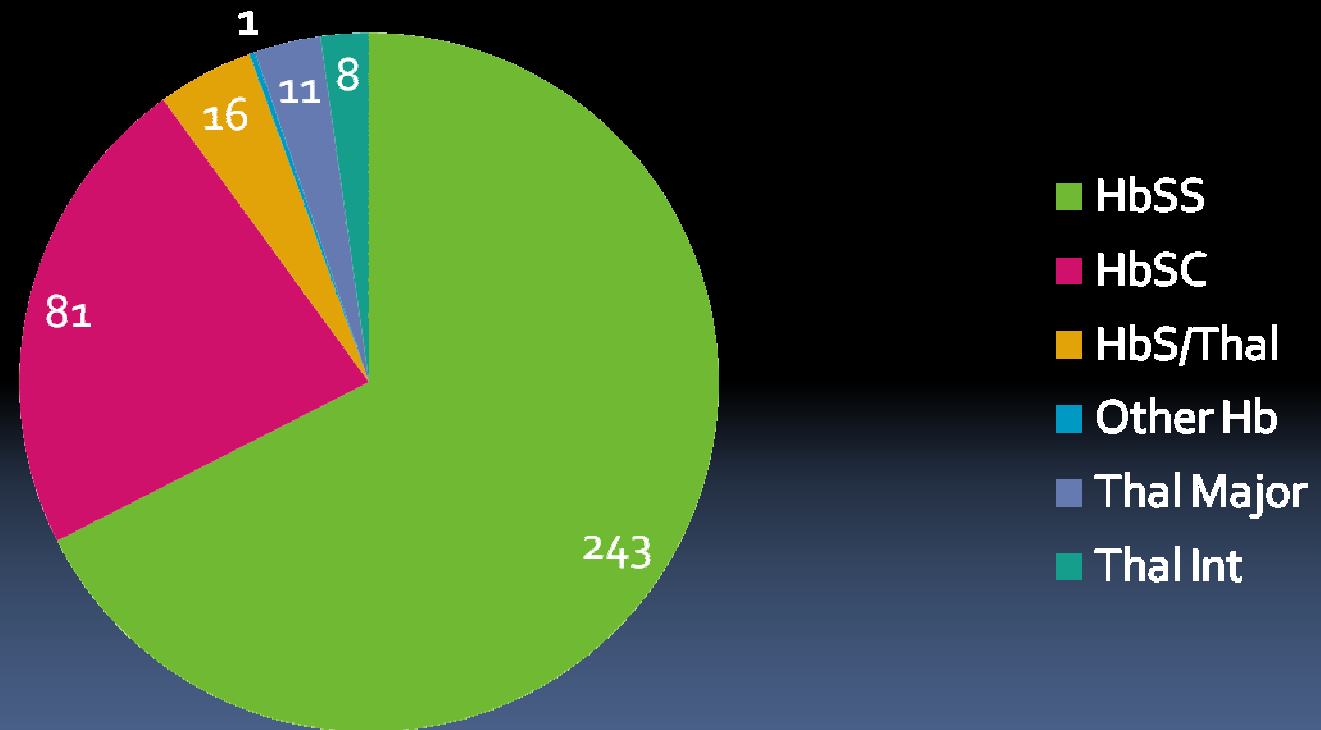
ONE DOCTOR THALASSAEMIA CHALLENGES

Background to my practice

- Royal London Hospital is a specialist centre for management of Haemoglobinopathies for East London, working with 5 local hospitals
- We look after adults and children with thalassaemia and sickle cell
- Diverse ethnic group : thalassaemic patients, mainly Indian subcontinent, Bangladesh, Pakistan, sickle cell, African / Afro-Caribbean origin

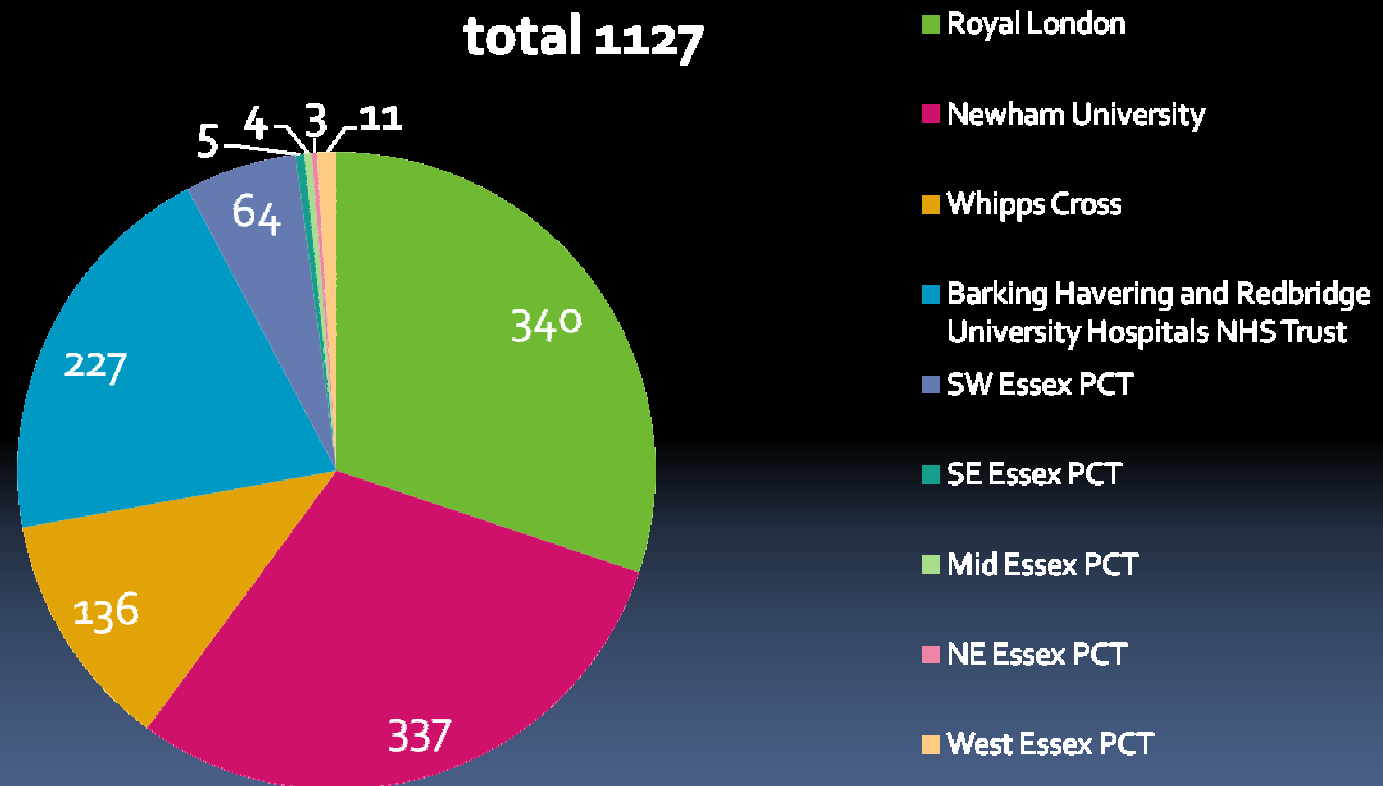
RLH Patient Numbers

Children with Haemoglobinopathies – total 360



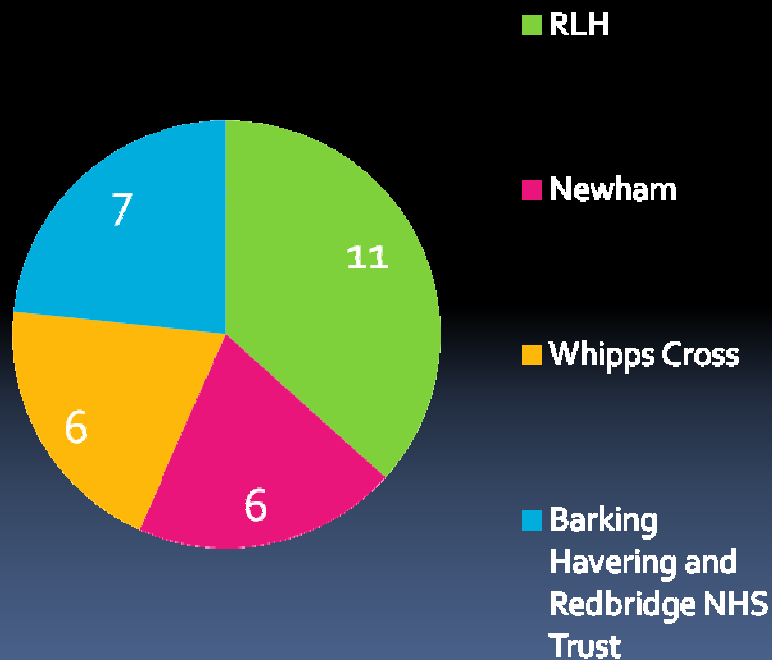
Network Patient Numbers

**Children with SCD (HbSS, HbSC, HbS/Thal)-
total 1127**

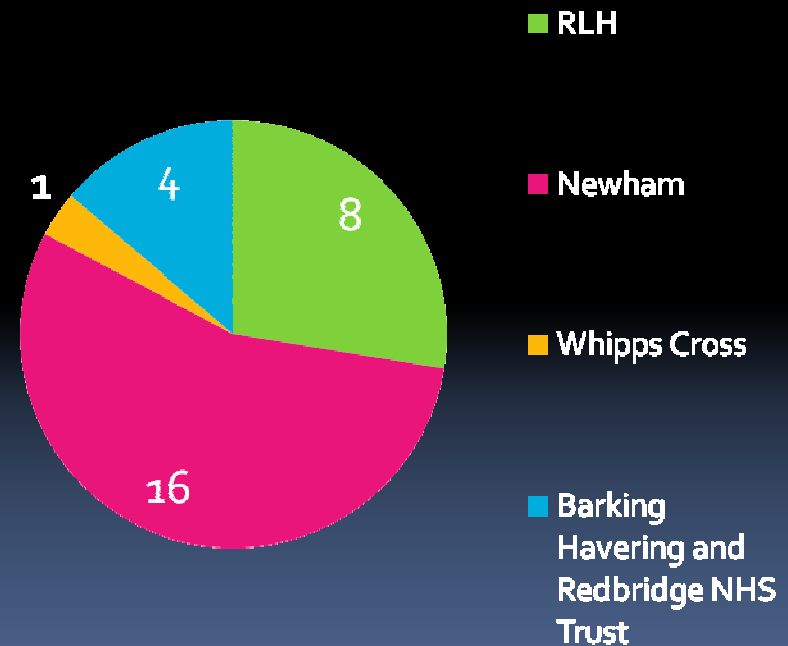


Network Patient Numbers

Thalassaemia Major-
total 40



Thalassaemia Intermedia-
total 29



Challenges faced

- Engaging health providers to support service development
- Ensuring consistency of treatment wherever patients may live
- Improving awareness and education within community
- Involvement in trials