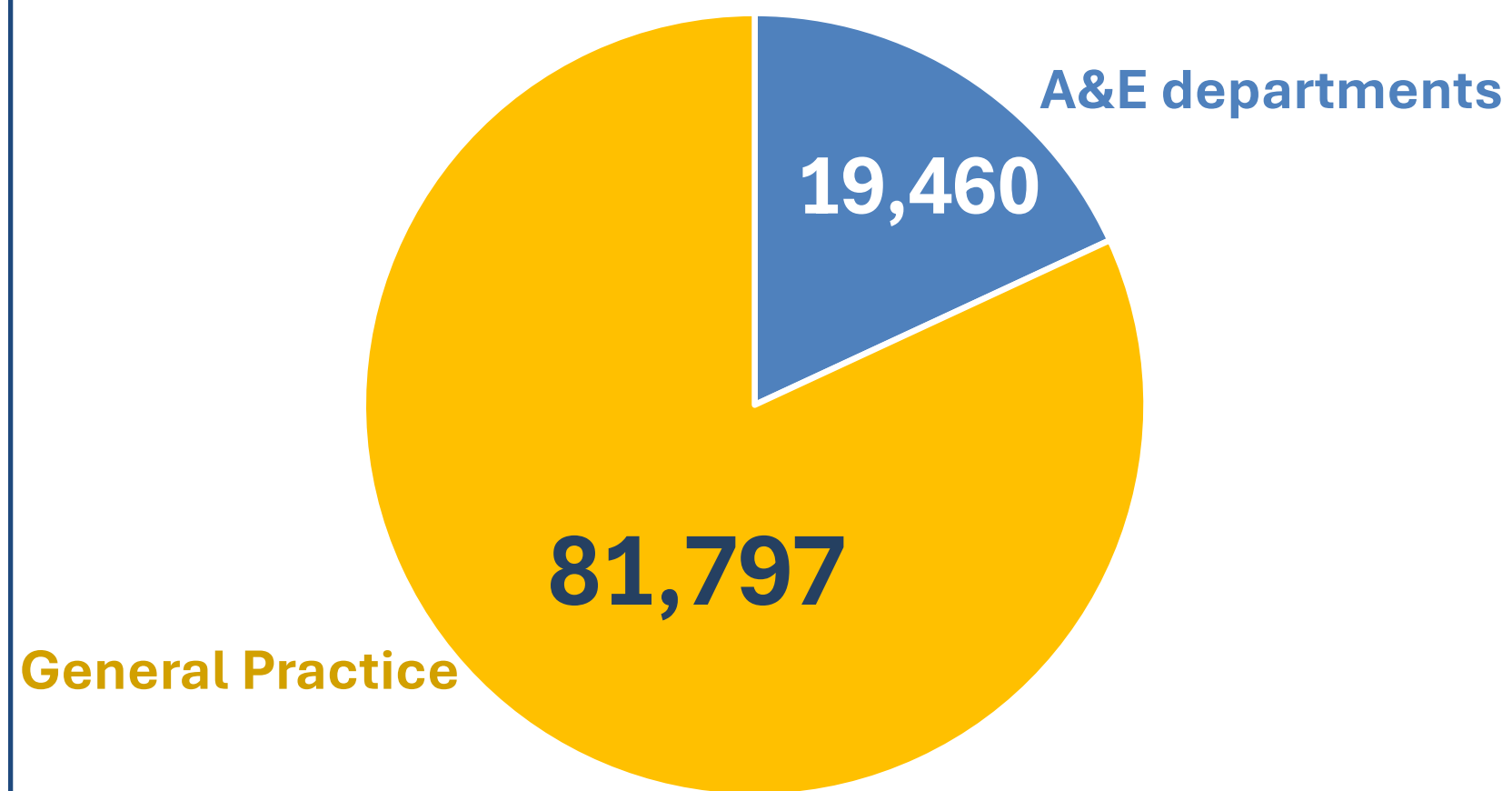


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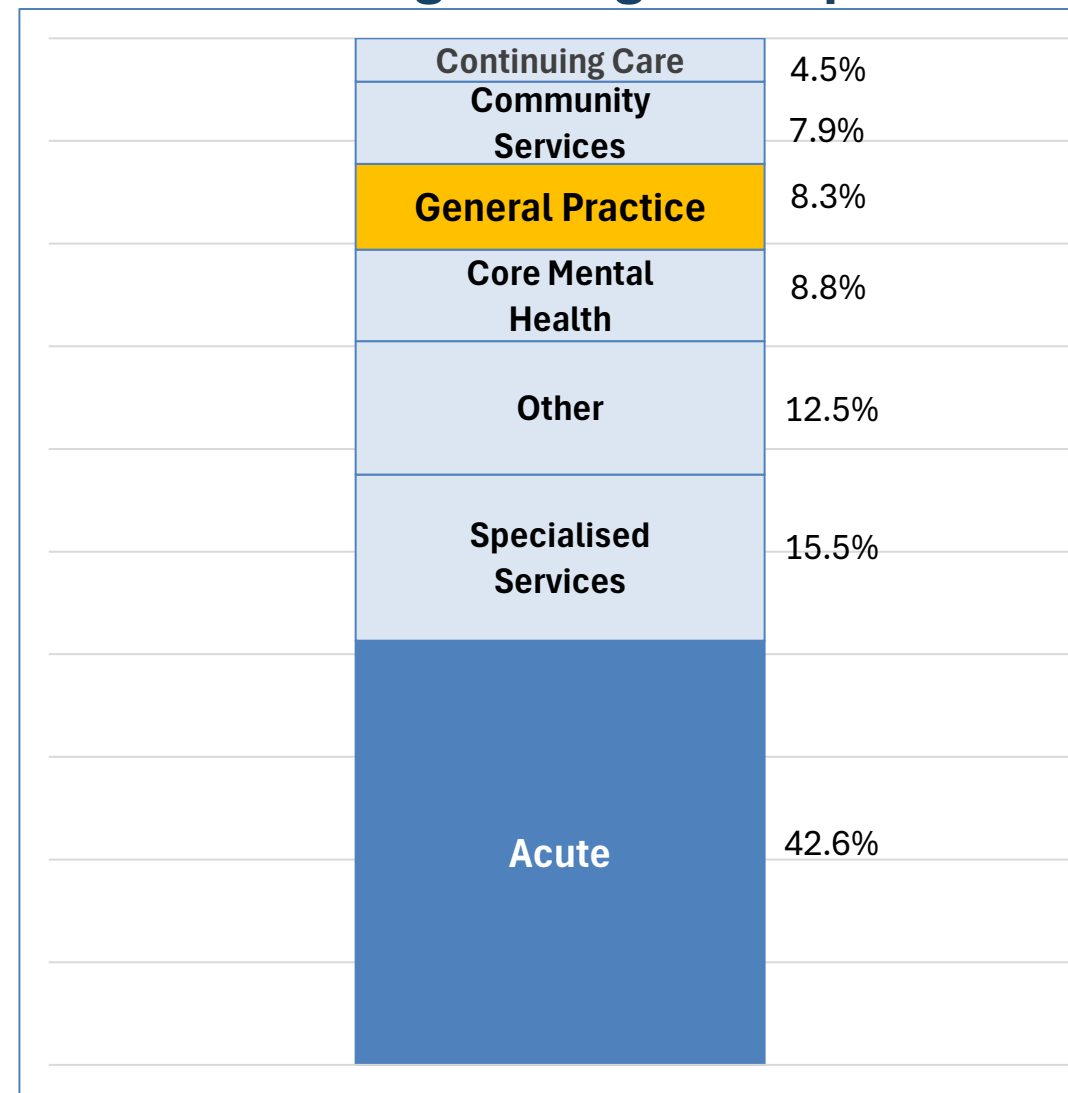
81% of same-day, face-to-face appointments are delivered in general practice



General Practice

Primary care is handling the vast majority of same-day face-to-face demand, while A&E accounts for a smaller but critical share of immediate care activity.

8.3% of the national NHS budget goes to general practice



Source: [UK Parliament, written question UIN 117398, 3 Mar 2026](#)

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