

# Annual Forum 2023

Thursday 29 June 2023, Online, via Zoom



<b>10:00</b>	<b>Chair's Welcome</b> <i>Chris Wright, Patient Representative, PLAN and Janet Butler, Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist, Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust</i>		
<b>10.15</b>	<b>PLAN Project Update</b> <i>Cassie Regan, Programme Manager and Team and Karishma Talwar, Deputy Programme Manager, PLAN</i>		
<b>10.45</b>	<b>An update from the Liaison Faculty</b> Annabel Price, Consultant Liaison psychiatrist and Chair Liaison Faculty Prakash Shankar, Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist, Scotland Liaison Faculty Chair		
<b>11.25</b>	<b>Psychiatry in Bloom</b> <i>Chris Wright, Patient Representative, PLAN</i>		
<b>11.45</b>	<b>Break</b>		
<b>12.00</b>	<b>Workshops</b>		
	<b>1. TBC</b>	<b>2. FROM-LP 2</b> Annabel Price, Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist and Chair of the Liaison Faculty	<b>3. Moving from risk assessment to therapeutic assessment</b> Leah Quinlivan, Research Fellow, NIHR Greater Manchester
<b>1.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>1.45</b>	<b>Poster viewings</b>		
<b>2.00</b>	<b>Workshops</b>		
	<b>4. Doing the best we can with the resources we – setting up an addiction liaison role within a well- established psychiatric liaison team</b> <i>Jennifer Luchoomun and Natalie Torpey</i>	<b>5. The value of Volunteers with lived experience within Psychiatric Liaison Services</b> Sonia Sansom and Michael Hope, Somerset NHS Foundation Trust	<b>6. TBC</b>
<b>3.00</b>	<b>One hour response time - TBC</b>		
<b>3.30</b>	<b>Questions and discussion</b>		
<b>3.45</b>	<b>Closing comments</b> <i>Chris Wright, Patient Representative, PLAN and Janet Butler, Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist, Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust</i>		
<b>4.00</b>	<b>Close</b>		

## Workshops

**4.** Doing the best we can with the resources we – setting up an addiction liaison role within a well-established psychiatric liaison team.

*Jennifer Luchoomun and Natalie Torpey, Addiction Liaison Practitioners, Southampton Liaison Psychiatry Team, Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust*

*Summary: Doing the best we can with the resources we have - setting up an addiction liaison role within a well-established psychiatric liaison team". A case study in implementing change. Experiences of setting up a role as a job-share. What we have learned so far. Mistakes made. Opportunities realised. What works a little, what works a lot, what works best - and how we can improve and grow the services. Inviting attendees to follow our journey, reflect on key points on our story, consider how their own services have tried to implement change.*

**The legacy of covid 19 working practises on liaison psychiatry**

*Dr Deepti Desai, Consultant in liaison psychiatry, Leicester Partnership Trust*

*Dr Folorunso Bodunwa ST4 General Adult psychiatry, Hertfordshire Partnership Trust*

The coronavirus pandemic of 2020 set about changes to clinical practise that swept through the NHS. The liaison service in Leicester was directly affected. It offers assessment to patients admitted to the acute hospital wards of UHL across three different sites, addressing the mental health needs of these patients.

To prevent spread of infection the Liaison faculty of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (RCPsych) recommended changes to the way services practised. The guidance from the RCPsych liaison faculty suggested “prioritising activity which minimises patient exposure to infection risk and minimises delays of discharge (RCPsych, 2020.) This was widely interpreted by regional liaison services at the time to mean that referrals were triaged over the phone before the patient was seen face to face. Psychiatrist and referrer discussed the referral, allowing the liaison staff to explore the medical status of the patient, their physical health plan, their mental health needs and review the outcome of medical investigations. This meant that all patients were seen only when they truly needed an assessment to avoid unnecessary contact on the ward and reduce the risk of spreading infection. This practise was adopted.

This project examined to what extent telephone triage continued. Patient notes were examined and compared to investigate how often telephone triage was performed prior to assessment in 2019, 2020 and 2021. One year after the pandemic, telephone triage was performed more routinely than pre pandemic, an operational legacy of covid 19.

**Education & Liaison Psychiatry – a resource for all**

*Lucy Wills (RMN) and Emma Catt (RMN/RGN), Liaison Psychiatry Southampton, University Hospital Southampton, Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust*

Implementing education from the liaison team to staff within the UHS hospital and developing education within the liaison team.