

## Quality Network for Mental Health Rehabilitation Services

# Developmental Peer Review Guide



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### Introduction

Welcome to the Quality Network for Inpatient Mental Health Rehabilitation Services (Rehab).

This pack is aimed at the person or persons within your service who will take the lead in the ward's accreditation process. It should help you to understand what is expected of you and what will happen throughout the self-review process, accreditation visit and other expectations of membership. If you have any questions, please do get in touch with the project team (details below).

### Rehab: COVID-19

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Rehab had been unable to conduct peer review visits to members in person. Therefore, the Rehab Project Team created a process to conduct remote peer review visits to members so they can continue their accreditation journey. Whilst the principles of peer review remained the same, certain aspects of the review have been adapted to ensure that we can continue to provide a robust and comprehensive accreditation review to members.

This document has been adapted for the person(s) within your service who will take the lead in the ward's remote accreditation process. Its purpose is to inform you what to expect throughout the self-review process and the adapted accreditation visit as well as what is expected of you in your role as a project lead.

As expected, the restrictions of COVID-19 have presented various challenges for all involved with the CCQI. With the Project Team working from home to support Rehab members, adaptations and innovations have been made to ensure Rehab members benefit from their membership as far as possible.

An increase in the reliance on video technology to communicate as a College, and with our member services, has resulted in our quarterly Accreditation Committee meetings being held remotely. Therefore, whilst the evidence submission process remains unchanged for services going through the accreditation process, the impact of COVID-19 on services means there is now College guidance in place to provide support on a case-by-case basis. It is important to contact the Project Team if you feel you are affected in this way.



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### **Background**

The Quality Network for Inpatient Mental Health Rehabilitation Services (Rehab) works with rehabilitation wards and units to assess and improve the quality of care they provide. Rehab engages staff, patients and carers in a comprehensive process of self and peer review to enable services to identify areas of good practice and areas for development. Member services are encouraged to use peer review visits, and other member events, to share knowledge and ideas with others, thereby creating a mutually supportive environment which encourages learning, and leads to positive change. Rehab also offers accreditation for those members who can demonstrate a high level of compliance with the standards.

The Rehab 4th edition standards are drawn from key documents and expert consensus and work completed within the College Centre for Quality Improvement (CCQI). The standards have been subject to extensive consultation with multidisciplinary professionals involved in the provision of inpatient mental health services, and with experts by experience and carers who have used services in the past.



### **Role of the Project Lead**

As project lead there are a number of tasks for you to complete throughout your involvement with the project:

Disseminate information from Rehab to your service
 o It is important that everyone who works in the service, current service users
 and carers are aware of the fact that you are going through the accreditation
 process, what this means and what is expected of them.

o As lead you will receive updates and information about the wider network (including events) please share these with the rest of your team, as appropriate.

- Maintain contact with the network team
   The project team will contact you throughout your membership please respond promptly.
- o If your details change or you are no longer the best person to contact as the project lead, please let the network team know.
- o If the ward is moving or undergoing any major changes that may affect your accreditation process, please contact the network team with details.
- Arrange the date of your accreditation visit
   The project lead is responsible for arranging a date that all key staff are able to attend. You will then need to make sure that all staff and current service users are aware of the date and given the opportunity to attend.
  - · Ensure that your self-review is completed on time
  - Prepare for your accreditation visit
     For more information, please see the Self-Review and Accreditation Visit
     section of this pack.



### **Role of the Project Lead**

Nominate reviewers and ensure that they attend reviews for other services

o Your service is required to provide professional reviewers to attend at least two rehab reviews every year. Travel costs for attending site reviews must be covered by your service.

o Professional reviewers are categorised as Nursing, Medical or MDT (all other staff). You should have trained reviewers from at least two of these categories.

o All professional reviewers have to attend training before they attend accreditation visits. If you do not have any trained reviewers or would like to train more, please contact the Project Team to find out when the next training dates are.

o If a reviewer is no longer able to attend a review that they have signed up for it is your responsibility, as Project Lead, to find a replacement. If the review is unable to go ahead because a reviewer has cancelled at short notice your service is liable for any associated costs.



### **Rehab Membership**

In addition to the accreditation process which you have signed up to there are also a number of benefits to being a member of Rehab.

Being a Peer or Lead Reviewer

Acting as a Peer or Lead Reviewer is a great opportunity to learn from other services, as part of the quality improvement process.

### **Annual Forum**

The Rehab Annual Forum is held every year. It is an opportunity for services across the country to come together to discuss findings from across the network and share service development initiatives. This is also an opportunity for your service to present on a topic of your choosing. If you would be interested in presenting at the Annual Forum, please contact the network team. During COVID-19

### **Annual Report**

An Annual Report is published every year, with its findings and recommendations reported at the Annual Forum. The report presents national findings identifying trends and enabling benchmarking with other services.

### **Special Interest Days**

Special Interest Days are run by the network and dedicated to a topic identified by the members. The day is then led by members to ensure that it is truly focused to the topics that are most important for those working within inpatient mental health rehabilitation services. If you would like to suggest a topic for a special interest day or would like to know when the next one is being held, please contact the network team.



### **Rehab Membership**

### **Email Discussion Group**

The email discussion group provides access to experienced and knowledgeable professionals from a range of disciplines who work in or alongside inpatient mental health rehabilitation health services. The Project Lead(s) will automatically be added to the distribution list but any member of staff from the service is able to join by emailing rehabdiscussion@rcpsych.ac.uk with their details. Please ensure that you add this email address to your 'safe senders' list so that you are able to access the emails.

### **Shared Learning Forums and Webinars**

Rehab host and produce webinars for professionals and service user and carer representatives to share good practice with the membership.



### **Peer Reviewers**

Staff who work in your ward are able to act as a peer reviewer and attend accreditation/peer review visits to other wards. It is a condition of your membership that you provide at least two professional reviewers to attend visits/remote reviews every year. As well as being a vital part of the network and ensuring other services are able to have their visits, being a reviewer is a great opportunity for the reviewer and their service. Visiting other services is an opportunity to understand how they work and to pick up ideas and innovations that they are then able to bring back to their own team. This feeds back into your ward's process of quality improvement.

As you are going through the peer review process, you may find it beneficial for your reviewers to attend other peer review visits. However, you may also want them to attend accreditation visits in order to understand more about that process. If you would like your reviewers to attend accreditation visits they will need to attend a training session.

Staff are also able to use peer review visits as part of their CPD and we are able to provide a CPD certificate for every visit that they complete. Once trained reviewers have completed three accreditation visits, they are able to apply to become Lead Reviewers.

#### Service Users and Carers

The voices of service users and carers are vital when assessing any service, so all of our visits have a service user or carer on them. Therefore, all visits will have a service user and/or carer representative on them.



### **Self-Review**

The first part of the developmental review process is the self-review period, which lasts 3 months. The self-review consists of:

- Completing a self-review workbook via CARS (College Accreditation and Review System), assigning a score to each standard and commenting on ward performance.
  - · Completing QuIRC and submitting report.
  - · Submitting the services most recent regulators report and information on any SUIs.

### **Aims, Purpose and Outcomes**

Completing the self-review workbook provides a designated space for teams to reflect and acts as a useful team-building opportunity. The self-review forms the basis of the peer-review visit the completed workbook will be sent to the visiting peer reviewers in advance of your peer review visit so that they can familiarise themselves with the key issues raised. The QuIRC and regulators report will provide additional context to the review team and may help them to identify areas of achievement and for improvement.

### **Completing a Remote Self-Review**

Services undergoing a Remote Review will be required to submit any relevant evidence on CARS at the point of self-review. Guidance on how to submit the relevant information is included within the 'Step-by-Step Guide to the Self-Review'.

In contrast to a site visit, this evidence will be submitted in advance of the online peer-review day by the peer-review team through a pre-arranged Microsoft Teams account. The Project Team will also guide you through this setup. Submitting evidence prior to the review will enable more discussion on the peer review day.

Please refer to the following Step-by-Step Guide to Self-Review section for the additional instructions for completing a Remote Self-Review, which include:

- · Additional workbook information
- · Additional contextual information requirements
- · Conducting a self-review of your ward/unit environment
- · Guidance on submitting any evidence for a Remote Review



### **Step-by-Step Guide to the Self-Review**

Please ensure that all staff, service users and carers are aware of the accreditation process and self-review by distributing the information sheets provided.

#### **Completing the Workbook**

In order to allow your Peer Review Team to prepare as thoroughly as possible, you will need to provide comments against the standards, which you will do online through the CARS system. For more information on how to complete your workbook on CARS, please see the CARS Handbook, Section 4: Completing the Self Review Workbook.

Please note that there are just under 250 standards so allow plenty of time to complete this. You will also be asked to select areas that you would like to focus on for the review day, however, you will still need to complete all the areas of the workbook for the self-review.

The standards are split into three types:

Type 1: failure to meet these standards would result in a significant threat to patient safety, rights or dignity and/or would breach the law. These standards also include the fundamentals of care, including the provision of evidence based care and treatment

Type 2: standards that an accredited ward would be expected to meet.

Type 3: standards that an excellent ward should meet or standards that are not the direct responsibility of the ward.

#### **Workbook Considerations for a Remote Review**

The process described above for completing a self-review workbook remains unchanged when participating in our Remote Reviews. However, we do require that services provide responses in their CARS workbook to all standards as far as possible.

In addition to the contextual information prompts in the workbook, you will also be asked to provide the Project Team with responses to the below information, which will then be provided to the Peer Review Team prior to your review. The purpose of requesting this information is to further inform the Project Team and Peer Review team as to how they can support your service in light of the impact of COVD-19. The additional information requested will be:

- · What has been the impact of COVID-19 on service users on your ward?
- · What has been the impact of COVID-19 on the carers of service users on your ward?
  - · What has been the impact of COVID-19 on staff on your ward?
- Are there any changes to how your service provides care in response to COVID-19 which you would like to share?



### **Submitting Your Regulator's Report**

As part of your self-review, you will also be asked to submit your most recent regulator's (e.g. CQC, Health Improvement Scotland, The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority, Health Inspectorate Wales) report. This will be shared with the review team to provide them with further context about the service, areas of good practice and areas that require improvement. They may ask questions about the report on the day or ask to see evidence that action has been taken.

Once you have completed your workbook you will then be asked to provide an update on previous action points. If you have previously been through the accreditation process please complete this in relation to the action points from your previous accreditation report. If you are new to Rehab please complete it in relation to actions that you have worked on within the last 12 months. These could be as a result of a regulators report, your preparation for the accreditation process, your own development processes or any other sources.

#### **QuIRC**

The Quality Indicator for Rehabilitative Care is an internationally recognised toolkit to enable you to measure best practice within your service and benchmark yourself against similar services. It is free to use and must be completed as part of the self-review process prior to the peer review visit/remote review. As well as providing additional information for the review team, it provides you and your team with useful information about how well your service is performing compared to other rehabilitation services.

To complete the QuIRC visit http://www.quirc.eu where you will need to register. The QuIRC should be completed by a manager or senior member of the team. Once the QuIRC has been completed you will receive a report, which you can then send to your contact in the Rehab network team.

#### **Areas of Focus**

When you complete your self-review on CARS you will be asked to select two areas of focus for you review day. Working with the multi-disciplinary team you should choose from the following options:

- · Admission and Discharge
  - · Care and Treatment
  - · Service Management
  - · Physical Environment
    - Staffing
    - Type 1 standards

If you would like to focus on Type 1 standards, please only select this one option. Selecting sections of the standards (e.g. admission and discharge) allows you to focus on these areas as a whole and will allows for better discussion on how all of the elements within them fit together. Selecting Type 1 standards will prompt discussion on a broader range of topics focusing on standards about the fundamentals of care, safety and legal obligations.



### **Open Discussion Topic**

You will also be asked to provide a topic for the Open Discussion on the review day. This is an opportunity for you to discuss a particular challenge that you face with a range of reviewers who all have experience of rehabilitation services. Not all members of the review team will be present during this session, but your lead reviewer will ensure that those who are most relevant to the topic are able to attend. You could decide to spend the whole session discussing one standard, a cluster of standards or something outside of the standards, it's up to you!

#### **Other Documentation**

Your workbook will include a space for you to provide an update on previous action points. If you have previously been through the accreditation or peer review process, please complete this in relation to the action points from your previous accreditation or peer review report. If you are new to Rehab, please complete it in relation to actions that you have worked on within the last 12 months. These could be as a result of a regulators report, your preparation for the accreditation process, your own development processes or any other sources.

You will also be asked to complete contextual information, staffing and service data via CARS. Please ensure that you complete this using information from the time periods specified.

As part of your self-review, you will also be asked to submit your most recent regulators (e.g., CQC, Health Improvement Scotland, The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority, Health Inspectorate Wales) report. This will be shared with the review team to provide them with further context about the service, areas of good practice and areas that require improvement. They may ask questions about the report on the day.

While you do not need to submit evidence to show compliance against standards during the self-review process, you may find it beneficial to have some documentation available to the peer review team. This will help them to better understand your ways of working as well of helping them to identify areas of achievement and for improvement. You may want to start thinking about what documentation you want to have available during your self-review period. This is likely to include policies, processes and information on assessments and health records.

If at any time you feel that you will not be able to complete the self-review before the deadline, please contact the network team as soon as possible.



### Key things to do:

- Read through the CARS handbook, check you are able to register and log on to the system and familiarise yourself with it
  - · Arrange suitable time(s) when the team can come together to work through the self-review workbook
  - The team should work through the workbook together, scoring themselves against the criteria and noting down comments that will enrich the peer review process
    - Identify the areas that you would like to focus on during the peer review visit
- Submit the completed online self-review at least 4 weeks before your accreditation visit is due to take place

If at any time you feel that you will not be able to complete the selfreview (including securing the required number of surveys) before the deadline, please contact the network team as soon as possible.



### **Developmental Visit**

#### **Description**

Following a completed self-review, services must prepare for the peer review day. This involves a team of 2-3 staff from other Rehab units and a service user and/or carer representative visiting your team.

Review days will be led by a member of the Rehab Project Team or another experienced lead reviewer.

#### **Aims, Purpose and Outcomes**

During the review visit, the visiting team will ask questions and discuss issues based on your self-review workbook. The purpose of the visit is to help you through a process of quality improvement by highlighting areas of achievement and for improvement. Where there are areas for improvement, the review team will use their knowledge and experience to help you think about how you can make these improvements.

#### What to expect on a Remote Developmental Visit

#### **Introduction Meeting**

Remote developmental reviews will obviously be different from a site visit to a rehabilitation service. With further evidence previously submitted prior to the review day, the remote accreditation visit reduces the need to review any evidence on the day, thus allowing more time for discussion with the service, over a shorter period. For details of timings, please review the timetables below.

#### **Peer Review Preparation**

Whilst your service is preparing your self-review materials, the Peer Review team will contact four service users and carers (with their consent) to interview them to gather their experiences of the service. These interviews will be conducted prior to your review day via, and the Project Team will prompt you via email at the beginning of your self-review to provide contact details of four service users and four carers willing to be interviewed.

#### The Review Day

The review day will begin with an introductory meeting between the host service and the review team. This meeting is an opportunity for the review team to introduce themselves and the lead reviewer to explain what to expect throughout the day.

#### A Remote Tour of the Ward Environment

Because Remote Reviews do not include a Peer Review team visiting the host service, in order to effectively review services against the Rehab 4th Edition Ward/Unit Environment standards, the host service will be required to conduct a live tour of the unit covering the key points of the environment standards.



### **Privacy Notice**

Please note that this should be done via a live tour of the unit. Photo or video evidence cannot be accepted unless any recordings have an accompanied signed acknowledgement that the service is compliant with their trust policies for GDPR and safeguarding. This is to ensure that the privacy of staff, patients and carers is maintained.

#### **Ward Manager and Senior Staff Meeting**

The review team will then conduct an interview with any staff qualified to comment on the Service Management standards. This interview will last for around 60 minutes.

#### **Open Discussion**

The review team will discuss the topic the host service has chosen. This meeting will involve the host service introducing the topic and current practices on the ward/unit, the review team will then discuss and share their practices and ideas to support the service to address the topic.

#### **Selected areas of Focus**

The review team will cover the standards the host service has chosen to focus on, this will involve discussing current practice on the unit and standards which are currently partly or not met.

#### **Staff Interview**

We will conduct a Staff Interview on the day of the visit, using the Staffing standards. Frontline and non-managerial staff are invited to attend this.

#### **Patient Interviews**

On an in-person review day this would usually take place as a group meeting with patients on the ward without any staff members present. However, we appreciate that this will be difficult to replicate virtually for various reasons.

Despite this, feedback from patients on the ward is an important aspect of the peer-review day and we are keen for this to still happen in one way or another.

#### **Carer Interviews**

As with the patient meeting, gaining feedback from carers about their experiences is an important part of the peer-review day and there are a number of ways this can be facilitated.

#### **Review Team Feedback Session**

The review team will then meet separately to discuss what they have found so far and gather feedback to be provided to the host service.

#### **Feedback to Host Service**

The host team will then re-join the videoconference so that the review team can give them feedback about the review. The next steps will also be explained



### Preparing for a Face-to-Face Developmental Visit

In advance of the review day, you will need to complete the following:

- · Arrange the developmental visit based on the timetable in Appendix 2. If you need to alter the schedule in any way, please contact the lead reviewer of your proposed timetable at least a week in advance of your review.
- Ensure that you have copies of all the documentation that you would like to share with the review team.
- Inform all team members about the visit as soon as your peer review date is confirmed and ensure that key members of the team are available.
- Invite service users and carers to the relevant interview sessions, and to lunch if you wish. Distribute information sheets about the purpose of the day. If people are unable to attend in person but would like to contribute, ask them if they would be happy to talk to the review team over the phone. If they are, record their contact details and send to the lead reviewer as soon as possible.
  - · Invite a service user to lead the tour of the unit, alongside a member of staff.
  - Ensure staff are informed which sessions throughout the day they should attend, including the morning brief and end of day feedback sessions.
    - · Ensure that rooms are booked for interviews.
    - · Book refreshments (for the morning brief and afternoon review team meeting) and lunch.

#### The day of the visit

The visit will follow the timetable that you have proposed which will be confirmed with the host and review teams in the morning brief. Your areas of focus will also be confirmed in this session. While you have selected your chosen areas, sometimes after seeing your self-review, the review team may have a suggestion of another area which may be of more benefit to you.

#### **Guidance:**

- · Plan for the review day as far in advance as possible.
- Ensure that arrangements allow staff to fully participate.
  - · Liaise with service users and carers well in advance.



### **After the Peer Review Visit**

### **Draft Report**

Within 30 days of the visit, you will receive your draft report, you then have 30 days in which to respond. Allow time to read through the report to ensure that you are happy that it is an accurate representation of your service. As a team you should develop an action plan (using the template provided within the report) to address some of the areas that have been highlighted for improvement. This should be returned to the project team before the end of your 30-day period, along with notification of any factual inaccuracies from the report.

After this you will then receive a finalised copy of your report.

#### Accreditation

Depending on the outcomes of the peer review process you may decide that you would like to pursue accreditation. You can start the accreditation process in your next membership year. If you are interested in this, please talk to the network team.

Some teams may need to go through the peer review process a number of times before moving to accreditation, some teams may never feel ready. By continuing with the developmental process, you are able to access all the benefits of membership and demonstrate an ongoing commitment to quality improvement.

### Key things to do:

- · Bring the team together for an open discussion around the areas identified for improvement in your local report.
  - · Make decisions on how to address these and draw up an action plan who, how, and when by.
  - · Return your action plan to the Rehab project team within 30 days of receiving your draft report.
  - · Carry out actions and monitor progress on a regular basis (this will be important for your interim review).

#### **Guidance:**

- · Include the entire team in the action planning process to encourage a sense of ownership.
- · Outline clear responsibilities for taking action points forward so that all staff know their obligations and level of commitment.
  - Develop a clear timescale for working on action points so that progress can be monitored on a regular basis.
  - $\cdot \ \, \text{Minimise the burden on staff by providing allocated time within regular job hours to work on the relevant actions.}$
- · Ask the Rehab email discussion group for advice on planning and implementing new initiatives: rehab-discussion@rcpsych.ac.uk



### **Peer Review Project Lead Checklist**

- → Set the dates for your peer review visit
  - → Complete QuIRC (www.quirc.eu)
- ▶ Inform all staff, senior management, service users and carers about the visit and ensure as many as possible are involved during the day
- Self-review opens online 4 months before the visit. Log-on to the CARS system to ensure you can access it properly
- → Host group discussions and prepare a copy of the self-review workbook completing all sections with concise detailed comments
  - Decide which areas you would like to focus on during the visit
    - → Discuss whether any changes are needed to the timetable
      - → Collate all supporting evidence documents
- Submit regulators report, information on SUIs, QuIRC to the project team at least 4 weeks before your review date
  - → Submit completed workbook at least 4 weeks before your review date
  - → Invite all managers, staff, service users and carers to the relevant parts of the review day
  - Receive reviewer details from the project team and pass them on to any relevant individuals
- Ensure that there are sufficient copies of the self-review for staff members to refer to during the day
  - ⇒ Ensure that enough rooms are available for meetings
  - → Organise for a service user to be available to assist or lead the unit tour



### **Timetable**

TIME	SESSION	
09:30 – 10:15	Introductory Meeting – Review team The review team come together and meet. This will be an opportunity for the review team to introduce themselves and the lead reviewer to explain what to expect throughout the day.	
10:15 - 10:45	Introductory Meeting with Host Team - All Review Team meet with the Host Team for introductions, to explain the purpose of the day, confirm timetable and answer any preliminary questions.	
10:45 - 11:45	Live tour and Service Environment standards to follow up - All  A member of the Host Team and a service user (where available) to take the Review Team on a tour of the ward and answer questions about the environment and facilities available for patients, staff, and visitors.  Reference: Workbook 'Section 4 Service Environment'	
11:45 - 12:30	Patient Interviews -	Staff Interviews –
	Members of the review team meet and interview patients to gain feedback about their experiences of being on the ward. being on the ward.  Reference: Patient interview guide	Members of the review team will meet with non- managerial frontline staff to discuss their experiences of working in the service. Reference: Staff Interview Guide
12:30 – 12:45	Peer Review Team Writing Session The Review Team meets in private to consider areas of achievement and recommendations following the Ward Management and Senior Clinicians Meeting & review policies and procedures.	
12:45 - 13:15	Lunch Break	
13:15 – 14:15	Open Discussion  1-2 reviewers will join relevant members from the host team for a discussion focused on the topic that has been provided by the host team.  Reference: Open discussion section	Carer Interviews –  Members of the review team meet and interview carers to gain feedback about their experiences of the ward.  Reference: Carer interview guide
14:15 – 15:15	Selected Areas of Focus This session will focus on the areas that the host team have selected to focus on for the review day. Comfort break to be taken when appropriate. Key members of the host team should take part in this session.	
	Review Team Writing Session The Review Team meets in private to consider areas of achievement and recommendations following the Ward Management and Senior Clinicians Meeting & review policies and procedures.	
15:30 - 16:00	Feedback Meeting with Host Service The Review Team and Host Team meet to discuss key areas of achievements and recommendations. The Host Team will also have the opportunity to provide feedback on how they have found the peer-review day.	
16:00	Close	