Reducing Restrictive Practice QI Collaborative

Reflecting on our project

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Changes we have seen on the ward

The culture within the ward has changed a lot during the project. Nursing Assistants have been given autonomy within their role to implement changes in liaison with management rather than the other way around. There has been a significant reduction in restrictive practices, only seeing increases during inappropriate admissions until initial assessments have been completed. In general, Fraser House excels itself on being a “homely” atmosphere. Staff do not wear uniforms and work in a very relaxed manner with patients. Patients are encouraged to support staff with day to day tasks as a way of breaking down barriers between roles. Though we have no patients within the clinical area who were here from the start of the project, integration between peer groups has enabled the ethos of patients creating change ideas to remain pertinent to the culture of the ward. Due to recent changes within the trust, Ferndene Hospital has been impacted greatly. Due to the autonomy being given to floor staff, moral has remained stable. Staff feel empowered within their role and their confidence has grown as a hole which positively impacts the patients.

Looking to the future

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What our patients, staff and carers say

Feedback about the project has been predominantly positive. The project team has been transparent with everyone involved in patient care on Fraser House and have negotiated and taken on board all ideas and feedback.

Patients have enjoyed being empowered in the changes on the ward, as have the Nursing Assistants who have driven all of the change ideas amazingly.

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The Project Team within Fraser House would like to thank all of the RRP team who have been an immense support throughout the project! You have supported us to make a huge difference to our patient experience and we will be forever grateful!