

Minutes of A2A meeting held at Torbay hospital on Tuesday 23rd November 2010

Attended:

Emily Greentree
Katie Hopgood
Roz Erskine-Gray
Kate Bamforth
Lesley Smith

Apologies:

Liz Jennings
Sam Pearce
Zoe McLean
Lisa Baker
Margaret Graham

Assessments:

Discussion took place around which assessments are used with acute settings, Emily and Bristol liaison nurses /community nurses use the risk assessment that they recently developed. Roz stated that she has used the DISTAT assessment recently on two patients. Roz does not feel that generic assessments are used well within acute settings and this was agreed by other liaison nurses.

Discussion around our roles within the acute setting and changes to hospital teams. Emily stated that they are beginning to develop 'vulnerable adult teams consisting of dementia nurses, learning disability nurses, and mental health nurses. Bristol has a Vulnerable adult lead, and a safeguarding lead, and a project lead for vulnerable people.

Plymouth has a vulnerable adult lead for the emergency department, and a safeguarding lead who is the director of nursing.

Easy Read information: There is confusion around the expectations of people with learning disabilities. Plymouth had received easy read information from Cornwall that had been agreed with their 'champs' (people with learning

disabilities) but the learning disability group in Plymouth decided not to use them as they did not fit their needs.

Birmingham University has lots of good information in easy read around medication.

KSF: nobody has a specific KSF, Roz stated that DPT are in the process of developing one for acute liaison nurses and will be ready after Christmas.

Information Sharing: Kate asked if anyone had information around transition work and read coding on IT systems. Roz stated that it is her intention to develop links with the local schools who support people with learning disabilities and support the hospital with the correct information for the IT system.

Training: Emily had emailed the A2A group a physical health training update for people with a learning disability in January 20011. Mencap have a conference in Dec in London on reasonable adjustments

Nottingham Healthcare NHS trust have a conference on Dec 16th for PLMD and Edinburgh Napier University has an e learning 20 credit course on inclusion

Kate discussed her recent course from 'Kindred spirit' which included 'Inclusion and In control and intensive interaction'

Emily had photocopied a leaflet from the dept of Health about autism which could be given to wards for support.

Peer Review: All agreed that there were inconsistencies within the process, however we will reserve judgment until the final reports come out and we have had a follow up meeting on January 26th at Taunton Cricket club.

Next Meeting: the next A2A will be in Cornwall date to be arranged.