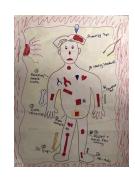
Clinical Audit spotlight on: Devon Partnership Trust







Overview

Devon Partnership NHS Trust provides a range of high quality specialist mental health and learning disability services for the people of Devon, the South West region and nationally. This includes inpatient and community services for both Adult/Older Adults, and Forensic and Specialist services.

DPT is passionate about promoting good mental health and wellbeing. DPTs aim is to deliver consistently high quality, recovery-focused care and treatment and to ensure the services are driven by the voices of the people who use them. DPT also strives for mental health and learning disability services to be understood and valued in the same way as physical health services.

DPT has a budget of £145 million per year and employs 2,600 staff. During the course of a year DPT receives around 66,000 referrals and supports around 20,000 people every month.

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Overview of Clinical Audit in Action

In early 2017 DPT made the decision to promote Quality Improvement (QI) methodology to bring about transformative improvements to the services it provides. As a result of this, the Clinical Audit and NICE programmes sit within the Quality Improvement team's portfolio. The expectation is that clinical audits use quality improvement methodology, and forms part of the small test of change process. All quality improvement projects and clinical audits are strongly aligned to the Trusts strategic direction and aims and / or Directorate specific aims.

Since April 2017 the QI team have focussed on developing and embedding a robust governance structure around the clinical audit process. This has included aligning the clinical audit programme to HQIP priorities and the development of a new clinical audit and quality improvement registration form and resource pack. The QI team and Senior Leaders from each directorate also attended two days of in-house clinical audit training with the Clinical Audit Support Centre and are working towards gaining the relevant accreditation for both the clinical audit and train the trainer courses.

The internal audit completed over the Spring / Summer of 2018, received an assurance level of satisfactory and noted the significant progress over the previous year. Recommendations from this audit have contributed to DPTs future plans for Clinical Audit within the Trust. This includes the design and delivery of a comprehensive Clinical Audit Training Programme with a focus on report writing, action planning and improvement work following the audit. In addition to this, our plans include improved promotion and marketing of the national audits with an aim to increase clinician engagement in the collection of the data. The Trust is also taking part in this year's Clinical Audit Awareness Week in November and will be offering a range of activities to colleagues #CAAW

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