

Using CQUINS in the Acute Commissioning Process

The Bristol Experience

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What are CQUINS?

- CQUIN means Commissioning for Quality and Innovation.
- CQUINs introduced in High Quality Care for All (Darzi 2008)
- CQUIN framework introduced to promote improved quality of care and innovative practice between commissioners and providers.
- UHB thought to be the 1st acute LD CQUIN.

Acute LD CQUIN in Bristol

- Introduced in April 2009
- Measure set was that 70% of all patients admitted with an LD, and a stay longer than 48hrs would have an assessment completed, using an agreed simple tool.
- LD Acute Liaison nurses would audit the measure.
- If achieved the £20,000 would be used to improve accessible information in hospital.

Getting LD CQUINs onto the commissioning agenda

- Make yourself known to the primary care/acute commissioners.
- Offer Learning Disability awareness training to all commissioners.
- Highlight the health inequalities and need for reasonable adjustments
- Encourage mainstreaming of learning disabilities