

Patient Safety | Domain 5

Mental Health Awareness Week: 12-18 May 2014

Dear Colleague,

For one week each May, [The Mental Health Foundation](#) campaign around a specific theme for Mental Health Awareness Week, a week in which they help raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing issues. This year [NHS England](#), with your support, want to help the campaign reach even more people to raise awareness of anxiety and promote positive mental health.

1 in 6 of us in the UK struggle with mental health issues at any one time, and each year 1 in 4 of us will experience a mental health problem such as anxiety or depression. What's more, 1 in 100 of us will have a severe mental health problem, and personal financial stresses resulting from the current economic climate are a major cause of anxiety and depression.

There are a number of activities taking place during the week that you can get involved in.

Share your stories and experiences

To raise awareness and share good practice we want to hear from you. Collecting real life stories to show what a remarkable difference good care can mean to many people living with or experiencing a mental health needs, their families and carers. This week gives us the opportunity to take time to stop and reflect where we have got it right and where we need to improve.

Share your stories and experiences [here](#).

Help improve the quality of mental health patient safety data

Work is now commencing to assess the future requirements for a national patient safety incident management system which will include the need for effective reporting and learning, covering patient safety incidents (including in mental health) from across all NHS-funded care in England.

The intention is to identify a way forward in late 2014, for anticipated delivery from 2016 onwards. As an initial step towards this and in deciding what a new system might be like, we have put together a short survey with some high-level questions, which should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete.

Click [here](#) to access the survey

Mental Health Safety Thermometer Pilot introductory WebEx: 15 May, 12:15-12:45

We would like to invite you to join an informative WebEx session which will help to answer the following questions:

- What are the issues and challenges with measuring harm in Mental Health services

- Why is the Mental Health Safety Thermometer being developed
- What have we learn so far from the pilot and data collected
- What will the Mental Health Safety Thermometer look like for 2014/15
- How will it help you measure harm and improve over time
- How can you get involved

To join the online event click [here](#).

Event password: Salford14
Event number: 844 613 533

Measuring Harm to Patient with Mental Health Needs in Prison Services WebEx: 15 May, 13:30-14:15

We would like to invite you to join an informative WebEx session which will help to answer the following questions:

- How do we measure harm to Patient in prison with Mental Health needs?
- What are the issues and challenges with measuring harm to Patient in prison with Mental Health needs?
- Why is the Mental Health Safety Thermometer being developed?
- What have we learn so far from the pilot and data collected?
- What will the Mental Health Safety Thermometer look like for 2014/15?
- How will it help you measure harm and improve over time?
- How can you get involved?

To join the online event click [here](#).

Event password: MentalHealthST
Event number: 846 219 462

"Safety and Quality Improvement in Mental Health: Late to the Party But Ready to Dance": 15 May, 16:00

Join a conference call with Vanessa Gordon and Helen Smith from the South Patient Safety Collaborative to discuss:

- How to set up a Patient Safety Collaborative across organisations
- How this will facilitate tackling some of the major Harms in mental health
- How we can apply the Model for Improvement as advocated by Professor Don Berwick to Mental Health and the joy and challenges of developing and delivering a safety improvement programme

UK Freefone: 0800 917 1950
Participant passcode: 81053879 then #

Positive Behaviour Support - Taking This Guidance into Practice: 15 May, 15:00

As part of the programme of actions set out in [Transforming Care: a national response to Winterbourne View Hospital](#) a multi-professional team led by the Royal College of Nursing was commissioned by the Department of Health to lead a review and develop new guidance on the use of positive behaviour support (PBS) and the minimisation of restrictive practices across health and adult social care.

We would like to invite you to join Dr Ben Thomas (Professional Nursing Adviser for Mental Health

& Learning Disability Public Health Division, Department of Health) and Ian Hulatt (Mental Health Adviser RCN) and Vanessa Gordon (Head of Mental Health Learning Disability and Offender Health, NHS England) in a conference call to share with us your experience of taking this new guidance forward in clinical practice.

UK Freephone: 0800 917 1950

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Opportunity to feedback to the Access to All and Mental Health Guidance

NHS England will be publishing the Access for All and Mental Health guidance at the end of June which include guidance for people with a learning disability and with dementia.

We need your comments as soon as possible before then to help us finalise the guidance. We would like you to consider all the documents but specifically the learning disability guidance and appendix F.

The documents can be access [here](#).

Please send your feedback to englandaccessforall@nhs.net or in writing to: Patient Experience Team, NHS England, 5th Floor, 5W25, Quarry House, Leeds, LS2 7U

Top ten tips for reducing work-based anxiety

Download the poster [here](#).

The College of Emergency Medicine

The College of Emergency Medicine are involved in a number of activities to promote mental health care for staff and patients. Take look at what they are doing [here](#).