

Mental Health Quality Improvement and Clinical Innovation Forum

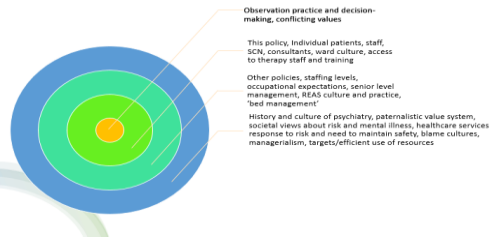
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The Mental Health Quality Improvement and Clinical Innovation Forums take place at lunchtime to allow as many colleagues as possible to join in. Part of this month's session was recorded and is available to watch [here](#).

Craig Stenhouse, Deputy Chief Nurse, REAS, explained how involving staff, asking for ideas to test and looking at barriers to safer care, has helped build the Keeping People Safe mind map. Themes from the mind map have been pulled together into a Driver Diagram for a programme of improvement work under the Keeping People Safe banner. The QI team have supported Craig with producing this and will work with teams to introduce change ideas and improvements for each area. A copy of the presentation is available to download [here](#).



Understanding Context



Jenny Revel, Clinical Academic Mental Health Nurse, REAS, shared the ongoing work to improve patient care through the Improving Observation Practice programme. Jenny outlined recognising and identifying harm caused by continuous observation which had not been recognised previously was the main driver for this programme. Changes to practice and language used have been introduced during the pandemic lockdown and over 200 clinical pauses have been completed for patients. Work to introduce continuous interventions across all areas of REAS is continuing. A copy of the presentation is available to download [here](#).

For more information about the Keeping People Safe or Improving Observation Practice improvement programmes, or if you would like to present your own project at a future forum, please contact the team at qi.mentalhealth@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk.

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