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Creating a forum for publishing case studies within AWP Trust: A quality improvement project

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Introduction: Case studies have traditionally been a useful teaching tool for discussion and reflection within academic teaching programs, held for doctors of all grades on a regular basis in AWP Trust. There is currently however no forum in place in AWP for the publication and perusal of such studies, towards a doctor's continuing professional development (CPD).

Aim: By the end of 6 months, all doctors of any grade within AWP will have access to a forum for the publication of anonymized case studies for medical education purposes.

Method: PDSA cycle 1: Email distribution of locally derived case studies (authored by junior doctors under Consultant supervision) to selected AWP medic mailing lists (based on where the articles originated from). PDSA cycle 2: I collaborated with AWP's Medical Education department to roll out my case studies bulletin Trust-wide. Qualitative measurements currently include pre and post-PDSA cycle surveys with process, outcome and balancing measures being assessed. A consent and confidentiality document has been completed following consultation with the Trust Caldicott Guardian Lead.

Results & Discussion: Improvement in dissemination of topical locally derived cases as part of doctors' continuing professional development. The Medical Education Manager and I are working on a second educational QIP; the dissemination of Serious Untoward Incidents (SUIs) through my bulletin, this is a Trust Operational Requirement but previously there has not been such a forum to reflect on these events. My findings are due to be presented at the Clinical Incident Overview Group to discuss the inclusion of SUIs.

Biography

Alister Gomes-Pinto has completed his MD at Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic and attained the Membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (MRCPsych). He is currently working as a Registrar in Old Age Psychiatry at Avon and Wiltshire Partnership, a NHS Mental Health Trust. He has achieved 8 poster publications at 7 prominent conferences, has co-authored a book on obtaining the MRCPsych and published 5 papers in various reputed journals.

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