



Measuring, reporting and acting category Engaging with Family members and carers during COVID-19 pandemic # hello my name is... Donna Pywell





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University Hospitals of Leicester

- UHL was formed in 2000
- Acute care provided across three sites
- Over 16,000 staff
- Serves over one million residents across LLR & a further 2-3 million people for specialist services
- Strong research portfolio









Overview



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 COVID 19 has proven to be a challenge for all especially in health care
- Visiting restricted to protect patients, visitors and staff
- NHS England guidance not a national requirement to collect feedback during height of pandemic







Why collect feedback

- UHL wanted to understand the impact the visiting restrictions were having on family members and carers
- UHL wanted to understand how effective the communication was with family members and carers during the restrictions
- UHL keen to hear from family members and carers about their experience







The process



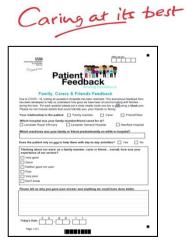
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- Patient Experience was able to secure some money from within the organisation
- Feedback questions were used from the National Inpatient survey, which were already tested on patients
- Staff were notified by email and the project was shared with the Patient Involvement and Patient Experience Assurance Committee



Methods of feedback collection

- Paper feedback forms
- Electronic devices
- Telephone feedback
- Trust Website
- Business cards
- SMS in outpatient areas
- Hospital Operator service











Results and Actions

Childrens services

Theme – Children were missing other parent and siblings

Action

- Visiting restrictions reviewed in this area, parents were able to change over every 48 hours.
- "Are the visiting restrictions the right thing to do?"
 Numbers who said yes increased from 74% to 91%
- Children's post card completion

One team shared values







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Results and Action cont.

Maternity Services

Theme –partners not able to be support women at appointments and during their experience

Actions

- Birthing partners can now attend scans
- > Adjustments made on postnatal wards so partners can offer support
- Number of people who support the visiting restrictions increased from 63% to 70%











Results and Actions Cont.

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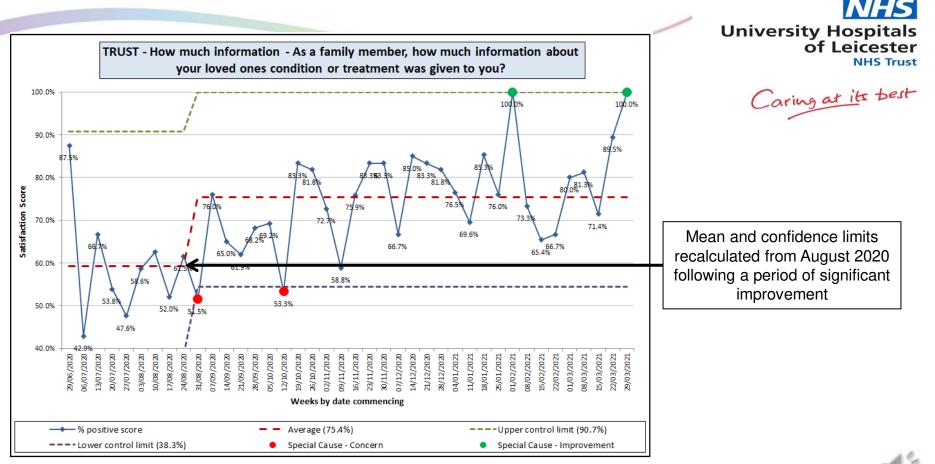
Inpatient Areas

Theme – the impact that the visiting restrictions were having on patients and their families

Actions

Visiting was reviewed and patient who were in hospital for a prolonged period, arrangements could be made for a family member to visit them







Going forward



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- Feedback questions reviewed
- New funding acquired
- Feedback collection recommenced during carers week
- Emerging themes/feedback requiring action shared with the clinical teams





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