



# **Communicating Effectively** Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust



# 'Little Voices'









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### Walsall Manor Hospital

### Welcome

This is a 24 hour Accident and Emergency Hospital for Adults and Children

### Main Entrance



- Serves a population of 270,000
- 550 acute beds
- 24 hour Emergency Department recent £40m new build – PAU colocated
- 21 in-patient paediatric beds
- Level 1 Paediatric Critical Care
- UECC 24 hr front door paediatrics. Separate day case location
- COPD
- CCN team with a Virtual Ward
- 15 cot, level 2 NNU
- CNS Respiratory, Epilepsy & Diabetes



- FFT
- Tops and Pants
- Ups and Downs
- Sharks and Dolphins
- Parent Support Group in NNU
- Patient Involvement Partners
- Increasing use of volunteers
- Mystery Patients

### Feedback

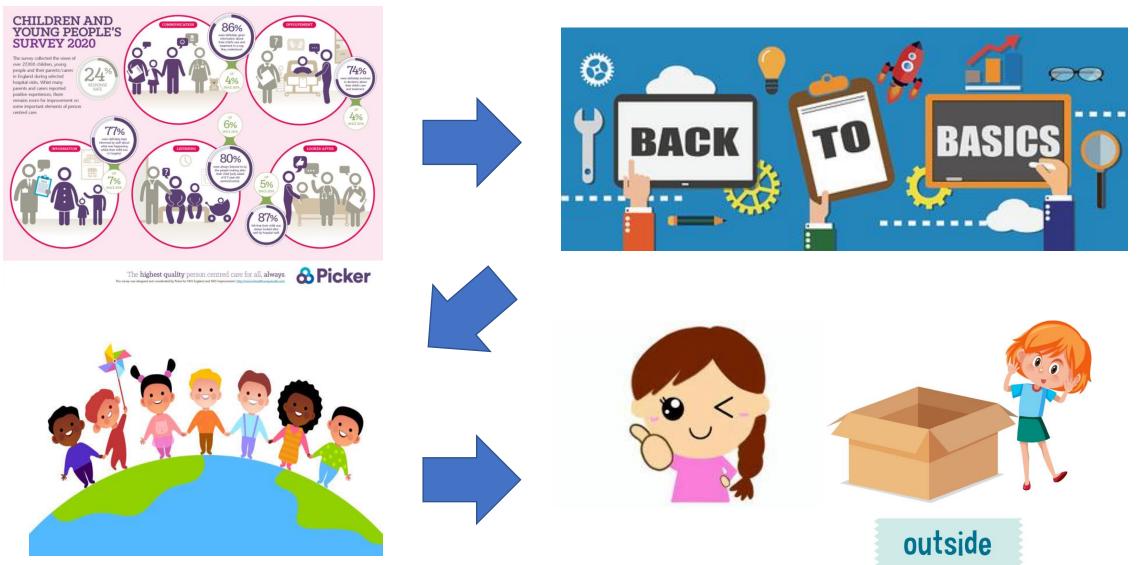






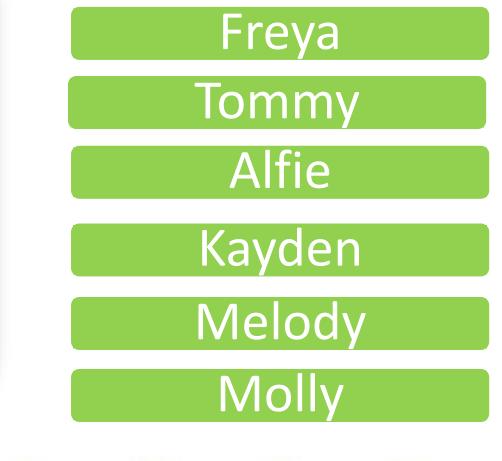


## 'Little Voices' – the beginning



### 'Little Voices' The team







### 'Little Voices' Pre-inspection visit

Pre-visit Monday 24 April 2023 @ 10:00am - Pelsall Village School

#### Setting expectations:

- Who we are
- What we do
- What to expect
- How to use the toolkit
- What to look for
- Confidentiality
- Infection Control

15 Steps Challenge

a patient's Q



The Fifteen Step Challenge The 15 Step Challenge is a project that aims to improve children and young people's experience of hospital care.











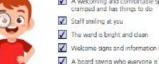
### 'Little Voices' – Little Steps (15 steps visit)

### Is the ward welcoming?

Questions to ask yourself	Your notes	
Did I have to wait long to enter the ward?	No, people noticed us very quickly cleaning products, smalt fresh, machines, 'beeping'	
What can I see, hear, and smell?		
What made me feel welcome?	amiling staff, waving, saying 'hi', explained things	
Is the ward welcoming for children of my age?	yes, very clean & tidy, and lots of room	
What is the atmosphere like?	good, feels like a nice place, calm	
What is the environment like?	dean, no clutter, left fresh and any	
is there an information board, what does it have on 1(?	yes, we saw lots of information - ups & down's, feed	

#### Things to look out for

Please tick what you can see



A welcoming and comfortable space to wait that isn't cramped and has things to do

Staff smiling at you

- The ward is bright and dean
- Welcome signs and information suitable for all ages



Questions to ask yoursalf	Your notes	
Does the area make me teel safe? Why or why not?	Yes, lots of size staff - reasouring & equilain things	
Are staff easy to recognise?	Yes, yellow name badges & uniforms can be seen	
Are medicines/liquids left out on the ward?	No tid not see any-chain on medicines trolley in resus	
Are the playnoms/teenage rooms etc safe for children on the ward?	Yes.колонт ге: тінтог із sensory room	

#### Things to look out for

Please tick what you can see Are entrance and exit doors always locked for safety? Lots of hand sanitizer available for staff to wash their hands Staff ID badget are clearly visible

- Confidentiality is respected
- Can you see any medicines on the ward?

Fire doors are kept shut



Questions to ask yourself

low have staff made me feel? is the want private? Curtains pulled mund the beds

Are staff friendly and polite when

taking to patients and families? Is there any patient feedback

Information on Patient Groups

Please tick what you can see

Staff talk to children not aust

all ages on the ward

Staff check on patients regularly

parents/adults

Information on making a complaint. Other Need a children's poster version

displayed on the ward? Elo statf work well as a team?

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Your notes

yes, they help each other

Can you see information on the following? If yes please bot what you can see

There are some activities suitable for 🛛 🗹 Staff are-communicating in a

Things to look out for

Welcoming and made us feel happy

Yes, we saw curtains pulled when staff entering

yes, smilling, introducing themselves, kind staff

yes, could do with more colour and more things on wall

People are given information on their

Patient feedback is displayed openly

(e.g., seaflets, online)

for everyone to see

positive way.

treatment in ways they can access

#### Is this ward well organised and calm?



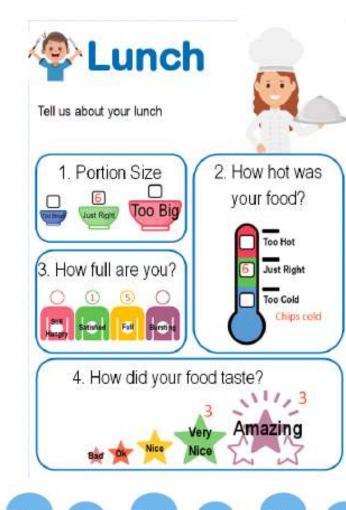
Questions to ask yourself	Your notes	
Is this a good space for children and young people?	yes, we saw play room being refurbished	
Does the ward feel calm even though it may be busy?	yes, calm and gullet	
Do staff put away equipment when they have finished?	yes, say this lots of times	
Do the beds have basic patient information above?	some do some don't, 'about me' boards being installed	
Can Lee into other rooms (e.g., stack/inen cuptoatd, staff room or kitchart)? Do they look organiset, clean, and unduitated?	No medicine left out, all areas clean ans tity	

#### Things to look out for

Please tick what you can see The area is dean There is space - the word and beds aron't cramped Clear signage to toilets etc. Organised areas There is space for activities and games, or quiet time away from the ward beds



### 'Little Voices' – Little Steps 15 visit



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staff or ask to speak to the nurse in charge.





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### What could improve



in the Emergency Department (ED) There is a scribble wall - but no pens (ED)

More toys in the childrens waiting room

 Hand Gel Dispensers - child friendly and a height that small children/wheelchair

users can reach



- More colour/pictures on walls
- Need a picture of a football in named bay in PAU
- Kid's themed pillows/linen
- Mirror is dangerous in sensory room can walk into - remove?
- Toilet signs so children can see where they are



- Toilet/Hand hygiene poster produced
- Refurbished play room • opened
- Play volunteer • role descriptor progressed (4 EWE volunteers now in place)
- Hand gel dispenser bespoke design in progress, reduced height for children/wheelchair users



## 'We did'







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TIPS TO CLEAR HEALTH

(?) It's OK to ask again if you don't understand something. Don't feel rushed or embarrassed.

It's OK to bring a friend or It's OK to bring a rest someone from your family. It's OK for them to ask

questions and to help you.

to help you.

It's OK to make a list of things you want to talk about.

It's OK to make a list of the

medicines you are taking and take it with you.

It's hard to remember all of

It's OK to ask at the pharmacy

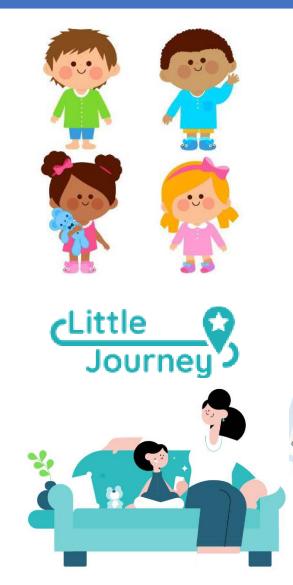
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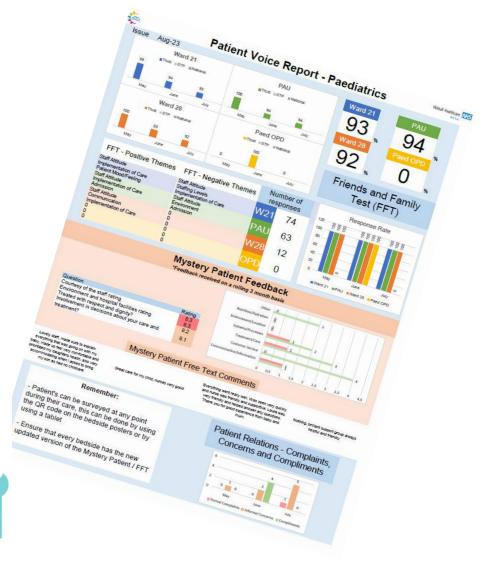
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### 'we are' .....





## And finally.....



