

# University of Greater Manchester

**PEN Award Category:**Strengthening the Foundation

**Project** - The PaCT Workshop: Embedding Lived Experience in Nursing Education University Lead – People with Lived Experience and Carers

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### Patient as Coach Team (PaCT)

⊙A core part of the pre-registration nursing education programmes at the University of Greater Manchester. (Kuti and Houghton, 2019)

⊙The PaCT initiative was developed to create critical learning for student nurses, from real life experiences of service users (Bramley and Matiti, 2014).





Can (Lecturers and Students) be part of the patient experience?

We teach e.g. leadership, culture, collaboration, compassion, communication in care

Why not **inject** patient experience into student learning and assessment



## The Vision for PaCT



How can we better enhance student understanding of patient's perspectives?



Move beyond tokenism towards **authentic**, **impactful** involvement



To involve service user in a more **collaborative** and **innovative** way



Students engage in 'patient centred critical reflection' to achieve better care outcomes.

#### **Ethos PaCT Initiative**



Assist in developing nurses with strong compassion and care focus

Valuable
experiences of
care
from people with
lived experiences

Student reflection on the shared experiences and develop personal critical reflection



### **PaCT Session – The Themes**

YEAR 1

- Compassion and Empathy
- Dignity and Confidentiality

YEAR 2

- Trust and honesty
- Collaboration and Communication

YEAR 3

- Courage and Commitment
- Competence and Expressing Emotions



## PaCT Session

#### The Process

Students allocated into small groups with their patient coach

Patient coach facilitates whole session – 2 hours minimum.

Shared discussion takes place – one experience at a time





Key learning from your / others contributions



Implications for future practice



Students reflection - discussed when undertaking performance review with personal tutor.

#### **PaCT**

Post Session Reflection

#### **PaCT Session - Student Feedback**

Really useful, helpful, enjoyed Interesting! An invaluable experience This is possibly one of the most powerful and moving speaker I have encountered. red flags to look for when out in practice caring for vulnerable patients

An engaging friendly session, in-depth discussions, assists in developing skills

This was more powerful than any textbook

...the session has given me a lot to think about.

The most useful session yet! very encouraging, relevant for my student journey

Really makes you see things from a patient's perspective

Very thought provoking, inspiring, interesting subject matter

Session helped me tremendously, felt as though I had received courage raise concerns



#### PaCT Impact – In student own words

Hi XXX.

I wanted to email you and if you could pass this message along to the lovely woman who just held our patient coaching second session.

I would just like to say how impactful what she said was, It honestly hit really close to home and made me feel so seen and understood. ... she honestly just gave me a new perspective and motivation towards the training and the career and really made me feel emotional hearing her kind words not only towards nurses but us as student.



#### PaCT Impact – In student own words

I've been internally struggling with the emotional and physical demands of the course and felt at an impasse but hearing her story and the impact I could potentially do for patients and service users has given me what I needed to hear to move on.

Her story, faith and outlook was inspirational and brave and I wish nothing but the best health and life for her and her family and thank her from the bottom of my heart and soul for what she is giving back to me as a student.

I've really taken a lot from this session and have a great appreciation of what patient coaching can do for students.

Thank you. [xxx]

# Pedagogical Impact

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Storytelling: shaping empathy and compassion

(Frank, 2013).



**PaCT Sessions** 

Powerful in Nursing Education

Creates empathy

Challenges stigma

Bridges theory and lived reality



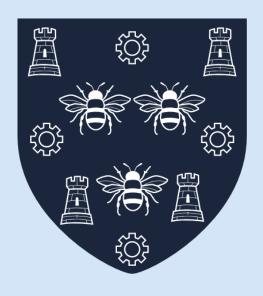


What stories can we responsibly bring into teaching and learning to <a href="mailto:make">make</a> <a href="learning more human">learning more human</a>

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