

Mental Health Quality Improvement and Clinical Innovation Forum

December 2020 and February 2021

Following the evaluation of the online forum in October, it was decided to test shorter more frequent forums, highlighting improvement work from across the service. These one hour forums take place every 2nd month at lunchtime to allow as many colleagues as possible to join in. New 'Introduction to Quality Improvement' lunchtime sessions will be started in March and will be held on alternative months to the forum. Dates and times for both forum and lunchtime sessions can be found [here](#).

[Nicole Needham and Amy Matthews](#) presented on improving Lithium and Antipsychotic monitoring advice on IDLs in Eden and Harlow wards.



[Rebecca Lawrence and Ben Meadowcroft](#) spoke about the introduction of the Alcohol Drug Liaison Service – a new service offering phone advice / face to face review for all REH in-patients with drug/alcohol dependence, harmful use or polypharmacy issues.

Alcohol Drug Liaison Service
Monday - Friday 9am-5pm



SERVICE
Phone advice/face to face review for all REH inpatients with drug/alcohol dependence, harmful use or polypharmacy issues.

THE TEAM
Dr Rebecca Lawrence (Ritson Clinic Consultant)
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USEFUL INFORMATION
On: Ward Consultant
Previous Substance/Alcohol use/Onset/Treatment
On: Date/Duration?
On: Date/Duration?
Psychiatric diagnosis and current treatment plan
Date/length of stay in hospital
Result of drug screen (if possible)

[Brion McGowan, Samuel Tung and Fraser MacNicoll](#) from the East Lothian Community Hospital highlighted the need to complete NEWS for all psychiatric inpatients.



Improving the risk assessment for DVT prevention in one older adults ward in REB was the focus of the improvement work from [Louis de Boisanger](#).

For more information about these projects, 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. Lunchtime sessions will be available Microsoft Teams.