

TRUST BOARD IN PUBLIC		Date: 25th September 2014	
		Agenda Item: 2.1	
REPORT TITLE:		The Quality Ward Round Project (QWRP)	
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REPORT DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY: (name of sub-committee/group & date)		Clinical effectiveness Group (Aug 2014)	
Action Required:			
Approval	Discussion (√)	Assurance (√)	
Summary of Key Issues			
<p>Ward rounds a fundamental part of hospital life. As the predominant patient-doctor interaction they have a significant impact on patient safety and experience. The Royal College of Physicians and Royal College of Nursing produced recommendations to standardise ward round structure and function in 2012 (appendix 1 attached)</p> <p>Junior doctors play a vital role in ward rounds both in leading and in participating. In return ward rounds can offer significant teaching and learning opportunities.</p> <p>A pre-project survey demonstrated a gap in current training in ward round rounds and the ability to lead a round is not part of either undergraduate or postgraduate curricula. As such junior doctors may be poorly equipped to perform this vital role to the best benefit of patients.</p> <p>In attempt to standardise the practice of ward rounds at Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (SASH) Dr Powell and Dr Bruce developed a simulated ward round training session for final year medical students from Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS) and junior doctors working at the Trust to introduce structure and format in rounds and train junior doctors in the leadership and team working skills needed to perform rounds more confidently.</p> <p>The 3 hour simulated session was introduced throughout 2012-13 for all final year Brighton Medical Students. The work was presented at the BSMS national Medical School Education conference in 2013 and as a result ward round training has incorporated into their final year programme in the 'prepare to practice week' for all students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of students rated the session as good or excellent • 100% that the sessions were useful in preparing them for the role of a doctor on a ward round. • Statistically significant improvement in confidence leading rounds was demonstrated <p>The work has been presented the work at various national and international conferences including the Society For Acute Medicine and the Medical Leaders conference chaired by Sir Bruce Keogh. As a result we were asked by the Kent Sussex and Surrey Deanery (KSS) to apply for a collaborative bid for Technology Enhanced Learning Initiative monies</p>			

to further the project.

The collaborative consists of Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, Western Sussex NHS Trust, BSMS and KSS Deanery. We were successful in our bid for almost £50,000 and over 2013-014 have developed a collaborative project; the 'Quality Ward Round Project' to deliver our training sessions across the region. In August 2014 we delivered the training at both SASH and Western Sussex with outstanding feedback. At SASH we have included pre-registration pharmacists into the training to promote the role of interdisciplinary working. At St Richards we extended the training to preceptorship nurses again with very positive feedback. Such multi-disciplinary training develops mutual respect and team working that individual training alone cannot achieve.

Our initial work at SASH is due for publication by the Royal College of Physicians in their journal Clinical Medicine later this year and we have been invited to speak at the forthcoming Society For Acute Medicine International conference in October.

In September 2014 the collaboration's work won first prize at the 'KSS Health Education England Measuring Improvement Conference and as a result further interest has been expressed by other regional Trusts about joining the programme. The QWRP team are also presenting the work at the Association For Simulated Practice in Healthcare in November.

Dr Bruce and Dr Powell are now part part of the teaching faculty for the new Brighton and Sussex Medical School Postgraduate certificate in Simulation and the ward round project has become a major focus of the regional Simulation Hub run by BSMS and Sussex medical School. Dr Bruce and Dr Powell also now hold Honorary teaching titles at the medical school.

As a result of national and international presentation we have also been approached by physician colleagues from the Emory University Hospital, Georgia, which is one of the World's leading research universities in the United States. Professor Stein, an Internal Medicine specialist, has developed Structured Interdisciplinary bedside rounds that incorporate many of our ward round training principles into practice and has demonstrated significant reductions in mortality and morbidity. We are hoping to further the international collaboration by enhancing an electronic learning programme.

As well as raising the Trust's national and international profile, the training is ensuring that the junior doctors and students working at the Trust are confident and trained to perform patient centred safe ward rounds. Over the next 12 months we aim to make the training fully multi-disciplinary and also develop e-learning alongside the simulated format. Our aim is to see ward round training become part of national foundation programme competencies for all foundation doctors and incorporate such training into national undergraduate curricula.

Relationship to Trust Strategic Objectives & Assurance Framework:

- SO1:** Safe -Deliver safe services and be in the top 20% against our peers
- SO2:** Effective - Deliver effective and sustainable clinical services within the local health economy
- SO3:** Caring – Ensure patients are cared for and feel cared about
- SO4:** Responsive – Become the secondary care provider and employer of choice for the catchment populations of Surrey & Sussex
- SO5:** Well - led

Corporate Impact Assessment:	
Legal and regulatory implications	none
Financial implications	none
Patient Experience/Engagement	Included in the presentation
Risk & Performance Management	Included in the presentation
NHS Constitution/Equality & Diversity/Communication	Important elements of this programme
Attachments:	
<p>Quality Ward Round Presentation Ward Rounds in Medicine – Principles for Best Practice</p>	