



The Misuse Drug Service

Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs Team

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Introduction

- Blackpool has one of the highest rates of drug and alcohol related deaths in UK¹
- Patients have complex needs and a collaborative approach is required
- There is an urgent need to address this complex problem to save lives and livelihoods
- By identifying these patients early in the Emergency department and linking in with the relevant services this can be achieved

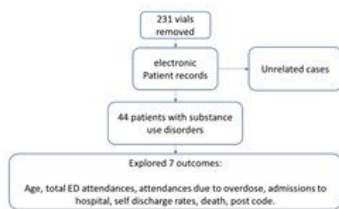
Aim

To increase the number of referrals from ED to appropriate services by 50% by July 2022

Initial Assessment

Do staff in the ED know what guideline to follow and assessments to be done for patients on opioids such as heroin and methadone?

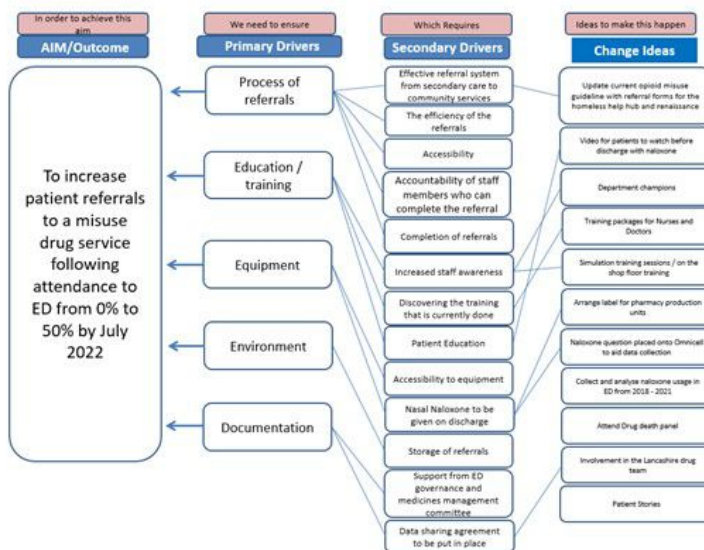
Naloxone use Aug 2018 - 2019



Data analysis



Driver Diagram



Change Ideas

- Update policies and procedures to reflect new processes
- ED Champions
- Simulation training sessions on shop floor

Results

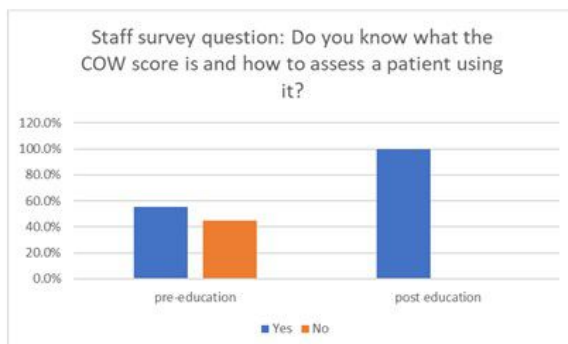
Due to delays within Information Governance referrals will hope to be started in August 2022 and data collection will occur from then on. Education has been provided in the mean time on the current guideline.

Lessons learned

- Escalate problems sooner – sign off from Information Governance takes a long time

Next Steps

- Continue education
- Finalise referral form and implement in ED
- Continue networking and collaborating
- Provide a drug liaison team for the hospital



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