On Wednesday 1st September, Mental Health Improvement Portfolio held the Patient Safety Climate Tool Workshop. It was attended by 29 participants from a range of NHS health boards, health and social care partnerships, third sector organisations and people with lived and living experience, and who were asked to take part in a number of activities to review the tool and its use. This report presents the findings from the workshop.

The aim if the session was to understand: What worked well? What needed improvement? What should be removed? Then: What could be added to the tool? When to best administer it? And finally, how to best administer it in the current digital environment? Participants were also given an opportunity to feedback to each question within the tool via survey open after the event.

Attendees Feedback

“Really enjoyed attending this during the week and networking with others, discussing a really valuable tool used within services to improve patient experience.”

“Hearing different perspectives.”

“Group discussions – people with lived and living experience in group with clinicians”

“Bringing patient safety back to mind again.”

Speakers

At the workshop we were joined by two speakers who provided an overview of the Scottish Patient Safety Programme and newly developed tools including the Essentials of Safe Care and the importance of involvement of people with lived and living experience in our work.

Gordon Johnston, Public Partner

Jo Matthews, Head of Safety, Healthcare Improvement Scotland
Feedback on the Patient Safety Climate Tool

What works well:
- Clarity of questions
- External facilitation
- Free text option
- Very thorough

What needs improvement:
- Involve patients and family
- Sharing results
- More promotion
- Electronic version
- Too many questions

What doesn't work:
- Too many response options
- Length of the questionnaire
- Patient detention questions
- Contextual information
- Too many response options

Guidance
Feedback on the Patient Safety Climate Tool

What could be added:
- Infection control safety question
- GDPR Information
- Question about environment meeting physical health needs
- Make it more accessible
- Add summative reports from different PSCT
- Visual breaks / window showing 1 question at a time

When to administer:
- After patient is well enough to discharge
- After discharge for completion on their own
- Multiple times throughout the patient journey
- As part of adverse event protocol
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Patient Safety Climate Tool Feedback

The participants had an opportunity to review all the questions within the tool and suggest possible changes via a Teams Survey that opened at the workshop and remained available for the following two weeks. Below is a sample of the suggested changes and comments to some of the questions.

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<th>Question in current form</th>
<th>Suggested changes / comments</th>
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<td>What does feeling safe mean to you?</td>
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<td>Again may have witnessed or not - needs to cover both scenarios. / We need to change wording of restrained - if someone was distressed ? management of this.</td>
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<td>I feel safe with the mix of patients on this ward.</td>
<td>Again a difficult one. Do we mean gender, age, diagnoses?</td>
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<td>If I witness difficult events on the ward, staff help me make sense of them</td>
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Next Steps

SPSP Mental Health team will take the feedback and learning from the workshop and work in collaboration with NHS Health Boards, Health & Social Care Partnerships, Third Sector organisations and people with lived and living experience to develop a new version of the tool.