



Example of Good Practice

Trust Name: Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Hospital Name: All sites

Example of good practice description: (Please include, where appropriate, what made you think of the idea? What you did? Who was involved? Details of any education and training undertaken or delivered.)

Having a strong relationship with the clinical audit, and incorporating an audit form within the local LCP to be returned when the patient dies. This has allowed the LCP facilitator to demonstrate that using the LCP has significantly improved practice in comparison to the base review. Use of the LCP was audited internally six months after implementation, then annually. Strong support from the clinical audit team has allowed data to be collected, analysed and disseminated throughout the organisation.

Auditing the effectiveness of the LCP has proved to be a powerful tool in changing the culture of dying within the acute setting. Ward staff feel empowered as they are aware that data gathered from the audit forms is used to change practice, and also to prove that they are providing high standards of care in many areas. A problem was encountered in ward staff forgetting to complete the audit form, this was overcome by asking ward clerks to check whether it had been completed before sending the notes to bereavement office, and asking ward staff to complete if not.

Has this example been evaluated? If yes, please explain the method used, and whether it indicated a change in practice:

Auditing use of the LCP is an evaluation of the effectiveness of the LCP. It has enabled us to identify areas for improvement, and has provided evidence to change practice. For example, local audit identified a lack of syringe drivers available within the Trust, providing evidence that more equipment was required and was therefore purchased. It has also led to documentation being amended, for example the care after death section.

Additional Comments: