



Example of Good Practice

Trust Name: East Lancashire Hospital Trust

Hospital Name: Burnley General
The Royal Blackburn Hospital

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.)

One (ICP) for care in the Last days of Life which is transferable to each care setting.

Project team commenced in post to implement the pathway across the PCT of East Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen. The pathway was already implemented within the acute trust. The team discussed the implementation process and agreed to adapt the acute version for use in the PCT/Care home/Hospice setting

Full implementation plan delivered across the PCTs.

Staff in the acute area also informed of the changes and offered updates/teaching sessions.

Staff in the acute invited to some of the education sessions for PCT staff to exchange ideas and share good practice.

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

The Acute trust and the PCT have the pathway on their audit calendar, although this entails two separate audits.

Verbal feedback from staff in the acute and PCT is favourable.

One document, less confusion.

All appropriate health professionals familiar with the layout.

Prescribing advice the same whether in hospital or at home.

Patients have been transferred home on the pathway, with all care in place, and the original documentation to ensure continuity of care.

Staff are more willing to commence the pathway in hospital even if a discharge is imminent, as they are now aware that the documentation can be continued in the patients own home. In the past, the ICP may not have been commenced, and community staff would have been informed of the pending discharge but would not have had a pathway to use.

Anticipatory prescribing is improving.

Additional Comments: