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Subject: Medication management re Parkinson's

- Q1 What training is provided/sourced by the Trust to raise awareness among staff (in particular ward based staff) about the needs of inpatients with Parkinson's, particularly around timing of medication for these patients?
- A1 This information is not held separately from training records on medication management
- Q How many a) staff overall and b) ward based staff have undertaken such training during 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 to date?
- A2 As above
- Q3 Does the Trust have any kind of electronic (or other) alert system in place to flag to the Parkinson's service when a person with the condition is admitted to hospital in a) a planned way and b) as an emergency?
- A3 No
- Q4 If the Trust does not have an alert system, how are the Parkinson's specialist service notified and subsequently involved in the care of a person admitted with Parkinson's (whether or not Parkinson's is the reason for admission.)
- A4 Parkinson's patients are admitted with a plan after liaising with their consultant team prior to admission.
- Q5 Does the Trust have a self-administration of medication policy? If a policy does not currently exist, are there any current plans to implement one?
- A5 Yes
- Q6 If a self-administration policy is not implemented, why is this the case?
- A6 Not applicable as per A5 above
- Q7 If a self-administration policy is in place what systems and protocols are in place to a) ensure full and effective implementation and b) monitor its implementation?
- A7 Audited annually by Pharmacy
- Q8 Does the Trust have a policy that allows carers to visit the person with Parkinson's they care for outside of visiting hours?
- A8 Yes - the Trust has a policy where carers are asked if they want to participate in the care of any patient.

- Q9 What training do ward staff receive to ensure they fully understand how a carer can support an inpatient with things such as mobilising and their medication regime etc?
- A9 The Trust has a carer programme whereby carers are actively encouraged to assist in the healthcare of their family members such as medication regimes and mobilisation.
- Q10 What systems and protocols are in place for ward staff to work with carers supporting the person with Parkinson's in hospital to ensure flexibility when the need arises?
- A10 As above
- Q11 Is the Trust aware of the practical resources available from Parkinson's UK to support Parkinson's patients getting their medication on time (e.g. laminate bedside clocks, washbags) and how to access these resources?
- A11 The organisation has used clocks as aid memoirs to Parkinson's medication administration
- Q12 Does the Trust make use of these practical resources?
- A12 As above
- Q13 Are incidents of a) missed Parkinson's medication doses and b) delays to the administration of doses of Parkinson's medication reported as patient safety incidents through local reporting arrangements?
- A13 Yes
- Q14 How many Parkinson's patient safety incidents relating to medication were recorded in your Trust in the last reporting period?
- A14 Information is not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data - Parkinson`s Disease is not one of the incident reporting categories/sub-categories within our incident reporting system. .
- Q15 How many complaints has the Trust received about missed or delayed administration of Parkinson's medication in a) 2017/2018 and b) 2018/2019 to date?
- A15 No complaints received during this timeframe