

Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Week 2016

Patient Profile – Rachel Hayden

Dementia



I have worked in the Trust since 1996 across a variety of surgical and medical wards prior to my current role as a Dementia Specialist Nurse. I have always been passionate about the care of elderly patients and I have been in my current role since 2013.

The Dementia teams have been responsible for implementing numerous innovations over the last year including the development of an Associate Practitioner in Dementia Care role and implementing 7 day working. However, the thing that the team is most proud of is implementing Johns campaign across our sites. This campaign gives the carers of those living with dementia the right to stay with them in hospital.

Over the next 12 months we are planning on reviewing our training with our Older Person Mental Health (OPMH) team and looking into making it more ward based to enable it to be more specific to individual needs. We were successful in a Health Education Wessex bid for simulation project funding for aging simulation suits and are now busy planning our new simulation training sessions using these.

We also work with the Dementia volunteers that complement our team and help clinical staff in providing social support to our patients, families and carers. We are always looking to recruit new volunteers, and if you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Julie Foot on RHCH ext 5747 or email Julie.foot@hhft.nhs.uk

Today's Question:

How can the Trust improve the experience of carers, friends and relatives who visit our hospitals or access our services with their loved ones?

Please e-mail us at: Equality&Diversity@hhft.nhs.uk with your thoughts

