# A Nursing Response to the Francis Report

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# CONTEXT



- The Francis Report denotes many aspects of fundamental nursing care
  - Privacy & Dignity (Respect)
  - Personal Hygiene
  - Food & Drink
  - Communication
  - Care Environment

# **Other factors of concern**

- No evidence of learning from complaints
- Poor nurse staffing levels
- Slow response from the Trust Board when issues highlighted
- Organisational focus on targets rather than patient safety
- Lack of clinical engagement (both medical and nursing)



#### Where is NGH?



- Significant increased focus on quality & safety by the Trust Board over last 18-24mths
- Highly visible clinical leadership by Medical & Nursing Directors
- Focus on measurement of clinical standards for continuous improvement
- Significant reductions in HCAI
- Embedded ownership of accountabilities for cleanliness

- Complaints process being de-centralised to increase directorate ownership and learning
- Ward staffing review completed with recommendations to be implemented
- Improving results on the Patient Experience Tracker (PET)
- Essential nursing care identified as our No 1 priority on the newly formed Quality Accounts
- HOW DO WE GET ASSURANCE OF FUNDAMENTAL NURSING CARE?

# WARD PEER REVIEW



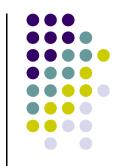
- A process that supports a review of the fundamentals of nursing care
- Built around the Essence of Care 12 national benchmarks of fundamental nursing care:
  - Communication
  - Bladder and bowel care
  - Care environment
  - Food & drink



- Personal hygiene
- Pressure ulcers
- Respect
- Promoting health & wellbeing
- Recordkeeping
- Safety
- Self care
- Pain management

## **Other relevant inclusions**

- Review of complaints and actions taken
- Staffing levels/sickness/vacancies
- Incident reporting
- Methods of assessment undertaken for the benchmark
  - Observation
  - Asking patients
  - Asking staff
  - Sister/Charge Nurse leadership



# **Example Peer Review Group**



- Multi-professional invited members
  - 'External' to Directorate Chair of group (Senior leader)
  - Ward Sister/Charge Nurse
  - Health Care Assistant
  - Junior ward nurse
  - Dietician/Phsiotherapist/Occupational Therapist
  - Practice development nurse
  - Consultant
  - Student

#### Proposal



- 31 wards (including Paediatrics, Maternity and Danetre)
- 3 standards of EOC split between 31 wards
- Standard reviewed for 2 months
- Rotational basis throughout all standards
- 6 standards per ward each year
- All 12 standards reviewed throughout organisation with learning shared at structured Sisters Forum
- Close the loop and agree next steps

## **Next Steps**

- Sister's Forum 6<sup>th</sup> May
- Review of lessons from Francis Report
- Revisit and restate 'Expectations of Ward Sister/Charge Nurse'
- Roll out and follow through of expectations of all nursing team
- Performance manage bad behaviours
- Board approval of Ward Nurse Staffing Review and recommendations with prompt implementation
- Implement Ward Peer Review

