

#TEXTDrQureshi

Consultant - Elderly Medicine 9.1.02

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Covers Dryad since Nov 2001.

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Good place - clean.

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Nicely managed.

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On the whole, the emphasis seems to be on the patients.

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Nurses are hardworking.

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The sort of problems that came to continuing care - bed sores... Most of the patients fare quite well gave eg of bed sores - healing.

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Caring place

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Clean place - nice smelling. "Distinctly top class place".

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Don't know what went wrong before my time here.

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#CODEC4

The systems are there. There are policies there in office. Nurses and Doctors know of it - follow it. In some instances, better than seen elsewhere.

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#CODEE5

Eg - system of recording - eg form provided - completed monthly by team.

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Timetable. Looks after acute ward at QA (18 beds) 2-3 ward rounds per week. Some responsibility to see others referred. Domiciliary visit requests from GPS.

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So 1/7 per week at GWMH.

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Colleagues = Dr Lord, Dr Reid, Dr Pulia, and Joseph Akona.

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Opportunity for feedback from training, he has been funded to do course at RCP, etc. CPR mandatory.

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Ward meetings? Ward Round x 1 per week in continuing care and more frequently in acute.

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Any meeting with all staff oh yes, I like to have a multidisciplinary meeting with OT and PT as well - but in continuing care site where patients have finally come to rest that is not so necessary .

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But many of the patients do not fulfil the continuing care criteria, waiting placement, pressure on beds in which case need to continue with physio and others.

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Not had MDT meetings since he arrived but would like to have more.

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Any concerns re out of hours service? Has not used.

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Drug policies - any worries? Not really, the policies are quite clear.

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#CODEE3

They are concise. Tell you what to do in black and white. They are on the ward and need to consult if come across problem. I haven't come across any problems.

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What about pre-emptive or anticipatory, what is the current policy? We go step by step, need to control systems if needed - would supervise. Have not used here year.

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No experience of working with clinical assistants.

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Interface with acute? 4 elderly medicine consultants visit GWMH - all involved with acute - people referred - part of continuing management includes day hospital as well.

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It is the same process of looking after patients throughout their illness - need different settings at different times.

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What is transfer process? Process controlled by office at QA (10 secretaries) 9 - 5 - oversee all admissions / transfers. Do not send patients to GWMH unannounced.

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Other end of discharge process eg discharge to nursing homes.

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Role of social services - not much experience of it yet, social services the same everywhere

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Sometimes I don't know how we can do it, but we do it.

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Liaison and Dr Banks? Of course. We regularly get the psychogeriatricians involved in care of our patients. Hardly any of these patients (ie with memory problems, anxiety) are not seen by Psychoger.

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He has been here as locum consultant since Jan 2001 until March 2002. Has worked in Trust on/off.

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Full Induction Pack from Dr Jarrett

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Appraisal is provided for locum consultants and his is due anytime.

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Education Programme - he has done around 10 things since here.

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Says that when patient is transferred to continuing care bed that a letter is issued administration outlining that being moved to continuing care bed, what that means and includes that status may change.

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I asked him about activities / occupational opportunities on the ward - not sure he initially understood - referred to rehab - clarified that meant stimulation, activities etc in general - not sure he really understood question, but I understood him to say that not so important in continuing care as type of patients, feels pattern/level similar to other continuing care environments; says relatives can take the initiative, can take on outings etc.

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