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NICE Shared Learning Awards 2008



Reviewing, monitoring and implementing NICE guidelines in a High Secure setting

Aim

To develop a robust process for the review, monitoring and implementation of NICE guidelines.

Objectives

- To form a NICE Monitoring Group to oversee the implementation of NICE guidelines
- To develop Forensic Division Topic Expert Groups.
- To have responsibility for decision making in relation to the allocation of High Secure NICE funds.
- To monitor the progress made against successfully funded NICE projects and to ensure completion and wide dissemination of the Forensic NICE Annual Report.
- Examine patient clinical outcomes related to NICE implementation.

Context

A NICE Monitoring Group was formed to effectively implement and monitor NICE guidelines and make decisions relating to the allocation of High Secure NICE funds. Prior to its formation there was little evidence to substantiate any implementation of the guidelines. To ensure a timely and systematic approach to implementation, Topic Expert Groups are formed, reporting current provision, gaps, training requirements and financial implications. Action plans are formulated and robustly monitored. Remaining significant risks appear on the Risk Register.

Results

Well established NICE Monitoring Group overseeing the implementation and monitoring of NICE guidelines, and Topic Expert Groups which identify current provision, gaps and recommend actions to bridge the gaps. Funding for the implementation and support of service changes recommended by NICE is allocated as part of the national tariff uplift which Directorate Managers are invited to bid for. An annual progress report has been produced in order to share learning and good practice with all key stakeholders.


Monitoring and evaluation

Topic Expert Groups report to the NICE Monitoring Group and associated action plans are robustly monitored. NICE-funded projects are monitored in terms of meeting their objectives.

Progress updates are published in an annual report. Additional robust monitoring systems are in place, ensuring compliance is monitored against key guidelines at executive performance review meetings. There is a planned programme of clinical audit activity and a validated evaluation of NICE guideline implementation is being carried out by the Mental Health and Personality Disordered Institute, Nottingham University.

Key learning points

- Having service user-led steering groups ensures that patients are fully involved and consulted.
- Instigate systematic processes to review and implement NICE guidelines.
- Having excellent leadership is paramount.
- Employ a multi-disciplinary approach with committed and enthusiastic subject champions.
- Ensure that applicable NICE guidelines inform care pathways for service users.
- Produce an annual report to share learning and good practice with key stakeholders.

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