

RCN Feedback

British Psychological Society - Consultation feedback

Psychological Best Practice in Inpatient Services for Older People

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the consultation. As previously discussed due to the length of the document, which is narrative in style, we have confirmed our comments to the areas of the consultation which directly affect nursing. We have used track changes, as requested, within the body of the chapters. In addition we offer from general comments below.

The consultation document is unusual in style, reading as a narrative rather than a framework, report or guidance. Reviewers stated they found the work interesting and cited the tips from the coalface and the chapters about culture and making a difference particularly helpful. As the work is clearly intended for psychologists and there for we have commented on the chapters that make reference to nursing, notably;

- Chapter 3 Therapeutic Engagement
- Chapter 5 Speaking the Wards Language

Chapter 3 Therapeutic Engagement –

We would like suggest using the word “team” rather than staff throughout, if the inclusion of psychologist within that team is going to be fostered. The word team has been used through Chapter 5 Speaking the ward’s language, to good effect.

The discussion about the desire for a flexible and supportive working relations is to be applauded.

A number of the statements about members of the ward teams are unsupported by references or evidence and these additions would be helpful.

Please also find attached the detailed track changed suggestions.

We trust these comments are helpful.

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