

## Freedom Of Information Request

### Cognitive Impairment and/or Dementia Service.

#### 1, Please can you confirm the Trust operates a Cognitive Impairment and/or Dementia Service?

In terms of a diagnosis of Dementia, this is not provided by Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. AS DBTH is an acute setting, any diagnosis would not be accurate in this environment or whilst the patient was acutely unwell.

Therefore, the Memory Clinic/Memory Services is provided by RDASH (Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humberside NHS Foundation Trust. If Dementia is suspected whilst a patient is in DBTH trust, a request to the GP in the discharge letter is made for the GP to refer to memory services after the patient has spent a period of time at home and any cognitive impairment due to Delirium has had chance to resolve.

~~DBTH trust does however, support patients in hospital with Delirium and Cognitive impairment with the Person Centred Care Practitioner reviewing and implementing a care plan for individuals who have complex behaviours of concern. TIME AND SPACE is utilised to help identify the cause of the Delirium and to provide support in order to treat and help resolve the confusion.~~

~~For patients who have Dementia with Delirium and the patients are proving too complex to manage, the Mental Health team can be referred to for a review to take place. If a patient needs to be placed on a section, the mental health team will support with this. They are employed by RDASH but are contracted by DBTH to provide this service.~~

#### 2, Please provide a service specification and/or service description and/or documents that describe this service (whether standalone or integrated in a broader service specification).

~~Please see attached the Job Description and Standard Operating Procedure for the Person Centred Care Practitioner. We are not commissioned to provide this service~~

#### 3, What is the title of the clinician who is clinically responsible for patients seen in this service? What GMC specialist register is this clinician on?

~~As the trust does not provide a memory service in terms of diagnosing reasons for cognitive impairment (other than acute Delirium) the trust does not have a named clinician responsible for this. Instead, patients would be referred to the Mental Health Team who would liaise with their psychiatrist to assess whether the patient needed to be placed on a section or if a referral on discharge was appropriate. We are not commissioned to provide this service~~

#### **4, Please provide and subspecialty pathways or protocols related to this service.**

~~There are no subspecialty pathways as the trust does not provide a specific speciality for Dementia and/or cognitive impairment.~~

~~However, as mentioned in previous questions, the wards in the trust can refer to the Person Centred Care Practitioner or the Mental Health Team for support with patients who are presenting with complex behaviours of concern.~~We are not commissioned to provide this service

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