From Quality Improvement Practicum to Practice: A Showcase Event

Aims:
- To recognise and showcase Quality Improvement (QI) projects undertaken by University of Stirling senior nursing students within NHS Forth Valley as part of their Practicum Assignment.
- Demonstrate valuable improvement work, facilitating practice to embed and develop this further
- Enhance collaborative learning and working between NHS staff and student nurses.

Methods:
The Practicum was designed to involve and work collaboratively with student nurses and staff in practice. Senior Charge Nurses (SCN) / Team Leads and Mentors provide support for students whilst undertaking improvement projects.

Acknowledging that the Practicum utilised a range of QI methodology and tools, the Directorate of Nursing wished to recognise and share the good project work that nursing students had initiated.

In 2017 the Practicum to Practice Showcase Event was developed and facilitated by the Practice Education Facilitators. 

PRACTICUM TO PRACTICE EVENT

The showcase event took place in July 2017. The event offered students 10 minutes to present their work and provide opportunity for questioning. The invited audience included the Associate Director of Nursing, Heads of Nursing & Head of Clinical Governance NHS Forth Valley; Dean, Associate Dean & Nursing Lecturers from Faculty of Health Sciences & Sport University of Stirling; Senior Charge Nurses and mentors from clinical practice; and a number of visiting overseas nursing students.

Establish contributing factors and reduce falls risk and related distress in dementia setting
Analysis of reporting data facilitated the implementation of appropriate interventions to reduce the number of falls and enhanced person centred care.

Outcomes/Results
The event was well received. The students' presentations demonstrated an impressive knowledge of their chosen subjects with a keen acumen to improve patient care and experience. Healthy discussion and questions were generated from the audience. Feedback received indicated the aims of the Practicum and the Showcase event were met.

Conclusions
- The practicum event met its aims.
- Supports NHS Forth Valley to build QI capacity and capability.

Key Improvement Topics
A list of suggested QI projects from NHS Forth Valley is compiled and disseminated to the student nurses:
- Practice Education Facilitators deliver QI methodology day to students and support the mentors and students in practice
- Students are advised in advance of expectation to present QI work at this event.
- Promotion of 2018 event to encourage wider engagement with all levels of nursing

References

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