



Comprehensive Care Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Group

Communiqué - Meeting 1, 24 August 2018

Purpose of this document

This communiqué outlines the proceedings of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) Comprehensive Care Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Group Meeting. This communiqué may be used by members to update their nominating organisations, health services and other key agencies about the group meeting. Outcomes of the work undertaken with this group will be finalised through the Commission's governance processes.

Background

In July 2018 the Commission established the Comprehensive Care Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Group to support initial implementation of the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standard on Comprehensive Care with Members expected to provide advice on nursing and midwifery specific systems to support the provision of holistic, coordinated, individualised and goal-directed health care.

Comprehensive Care Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Group – Meeting 1

The first meeting of the Comprehensive Care Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Group was held on 24 August 2018 at the Commission's offices in Sydney.

During this meeting Members considered the resources that have been developed by the Commission to support the Comprehensive Care Standard, and provided advice to inform the Commission's decision-making about the

development of further guidance and resources. Members heard presentations about the state of patient safety in Australia, the national approach to mitigate risks to patients including the NSQHS Standards, the Comprehensive Care Standard, and the implementation of comprehensive care from the perspective of a director of nursing, and a quality and safety manager.

Members then discussed the essential elements for delivering comprehensive care, and explored the barriers and facilitators to delivering comprehensive care. Members provided real-time anonymous feedback to a series of questions about the elements, and voted on the three elements that they viewed as a priority for the development of further guidance and resources. The areas identified as greatest priority were:

- Identifying goals of care (23%)
- Evaluating and improving comprehensive care delivery (20%)
- Developing a single comprehensive care plan (18%).

See Attachment A for results.

On the advice of Members, the Commission will focus on developing guidance and resources that focus on these priority areas.

Next steps

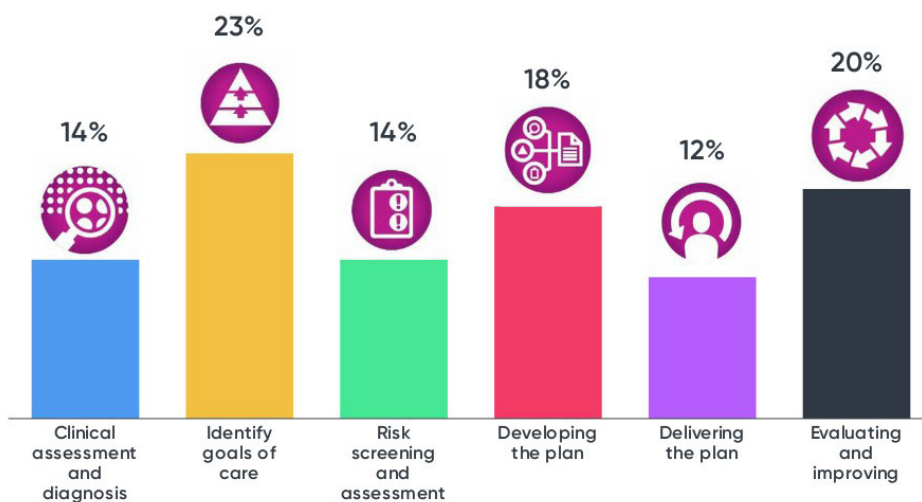
Members of the Comprehensive Care Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Group will be invited to provide advice on the development of resources to support the Comprehensive Care Standard. Outputs may be subject to public consultation before finalisation through the Commission's governance procedures.



Attachment A

Which essential element for comprehensive care needs more explanation and guidance?

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