

Why did we take action?



NICE guidelines state that risk assessment tools and scales should not be used to predict suicide



Desire to move to a more person-centred and meaningful way of assessing risk

What did we do?



Formed a clinical reference group



Worked collaboratively with service users



Designed and piloted a new risk assessment template



Developed and delivered training to staff



Conducted an audit of the new assessments

What were the outcomes?



New risk assessment template rolled out



100% of assessments included relevant information



Patient and carer involvement in assessments improved



Staff had increased confidence when completing assessment

Staff said the risk assessment template

"provides a much more accurate formulation of risk and no longer feels like a 'checkbox' exercise"

"allows a greater in-depth exploration and conversation"

"is much more adaptable to different presenting risks and presentations"