

Why did we take action?



Risk assessment tools and scales should not be used to predict suicide



Trust staff view a disconnect between risk assessment and management

Risk assessment should be personalised



Service users and their carers want co-produced assessment



What did we do?



Approach renamed safety assessment to remove stigma and reflect collaboration



Removed the predictive element of rating risk as low, medium or high

What were the outcomes?



Positive feedback from staff and people with lived experience



Improvement in the quality of information recorded

The new safety assessment helps me to really see and understand the person through the individualised narrative (clinician)

I am in favour of 'safety' because it's positive and empowering (service user)

Next steps



Ongoing team based training



Conduct audits to ensure ongoing quality



Repeat survey on staff experience