

## Why did we take action?



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



Staff highlighted that the current risk assessment form should be updated

## What did we do?



Consulted with professional groups, experts by experience and carers to review the Trust's existing risk policy



Developed a new risk assessment form and guidance booklet for staff



Shared the new policy and form with experts by experience, carers and Clinical Policy Advisory group



Delivered training to staff focused on moving away from risk stratification to a narrative approach

## Impact



98% of staff who received training said it was relevant to their role

Really informative and definitely feel it should be mandatory training for everyone working in a mental health environment  
(Allied Health Professional)

It was great to have training that was practical, relevant and delivered by clinicians working with similar challenges  
(Nursing Professional)



Training course rated 4.96 out of 5 by attendees



New risk assessment form launched in Autumn 2024

I can see this will be so useful for anyone else to access and get a very quick and clear understanding of the issues  
(Senior Community Mental Health Nurse)