

Why did we take action?



In contrast to national guidance, existing risk assessments stratified risk scores



To ensure safe and effective care consistent with national guidance

What did we do?



Established a risk assessment and safety planning project group



Developed a new narrative risk assessment form in line with evidence and guidance



Provided access to training and e-learning resources aligned with national guidance to staff



Updated Trust procedure and guidance to align with the new approach

Outcomes so far



New risk assessment form launched Trust-wide in November 2024



Collected feedback from staff, patients and carers on the new approach

Trust-wide audit findings of the new approach revealed:

94%

had a completed assessment using the new approach

78%

no longer included risk stratification

82%

included a person-centred risk formulation

Staff reported the new approach concisely and accurately captures information relevant to risk and encourages patient and carer involvement

Next steps



Ongoing evaluation and review of the quality of risk assessments



Ongoing review of staff training and impact on practice



Further improvement work on safety plans, co-produced with experts by experience