

Spiritual Care Committee Report to Grampian NHS Board Committee Meeting on 12 September 2019

Purpose of Report

This report updates the Grampian NHS Board on key issues arising from the Committee meeting on 12th September 2019, which the Committee considers would be of interest to Board members.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the following key points:

1 Spiritual Care: Staff Training

The Committee received a very informative presentation from Carole Clarke, Healthcare Chaplain. Carole joined the Chaplaincy Team just over a year ago and up to 50% of her time is devoted to providing staff support on a one to one basis, but also in a group context with many different staff groups. The focus in all of the training is that spiritual care can be delivered by just being “alongside” and this is often the best tool we have. Spiritual care is delivered by all staff, not just the Chaplains, the Spiritual Care service is 24/7 and it is there for staff, as well as patients and relatives. Carole described the specific training offered to Healthcare Support Workers, highlighting that the training also increased the number of referrals to the Chaplaincy department. In the wider discussion the various diverse groups that received Spiritual Care training was highlighted, not just Healthcare Support workers, including Nursing Students, Nurses, Medical Students, and FY1 Doctors. The training always aims to be interactive, but that will depend on the numbers, with smaller groups lending themselves to this. Chaplains are also increasingly contributing to Staff well-being and Resilience days.

2. W.R.A.P (Workshop to raise awareness of Prevent)

This presentation was made by Kirsty Lamond, Practice Educator. Kirsty explained how she is a WRAP facilitator and works with Police Scotland Terrorism Unit, outlining what we already know about society and the key things to look out for. She highlighted that there is a narrow perception of terrorism and that terrorism is not all about religion. Kirsty mentioned the various trigger points to look out for, and behind it all were these two key questions: Should we be concerned about someone? Who should we report this to? She also highlighted a 4 minute film called “Run, Hide, Tell” that highlighted what to do in the unlikely event of a terror attack. There has been a significant roll-out of the WRAP training in NHS Grampian. At present this has been paused and Kirsty hopes in partnership with Police Scotland to resume this training soon.

3. Sector reports

The Committee receives reports from the three Health and Social Care Partnerships, the acute sector and mental health at each meeting. These provide an overview of

spiritual care activity on a sector basis and give each sector with the opportunity to raise any matters with the Committee. One of the highlights of the Sector Reports at this meeting was from Aberdeen City Partnership. As a result of the success of the Community Chaplaincy Listening (CCL) Service this Partnership is funding a half time post of CCL Volunteer co-ordinator, to recruit, train and deploy volunteer listeners in more GP practices in Aberdeen City. Evonne Llewellyn started in this post in August 2019. The post is initially for 23 months. The aspiration is that at the end of this period, in consultation with Aberdeenshire and Moray Partnerships, this could become a full-time, permanently funded, Grampian-wide post. Evonne will give a presentation on this at the next Spiritual Care Committee meeting in November 2019.

Amy Anderson
Chair, Spiritual Care Committee
September 2019