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TIME WHAT PATIENTS LISTENING RESPONDING **SCALE** & IMPROVING SAID TO US **ADMISSION DIGNITY &** 1. Examination rooms are available in the Emergency Department to ensure ON-GOING RESPECT patients' privacy during examinations and procedures. TO HOSPITAL AND PRIVACY: Improving and sustaining patient experience. ON-GOING QUALITY 1. Comfort packs containing wet wipes, toothpaste, toothbrush, non-slip socks, IMPROVEMENT: eye mask and ear plugs continue to be provided to patients in the Emergency Department. WAITING TIMES: ON-GOING 1. Care pathways have been developed through the Emergency Department, Reduce Emergency including a stroke care pathway and a fracture pathway. Other pathways are in development such as a Frailty Care Pathway. Department waiting times. **NUTRITION: CARE ON** 1. For patients who were unable to eat during scheduled mealtimes, replacement ON-GOING Improve hospital meals are made available. Patients who are due to have a procedure are **THE WARD** food and nutrition. offered a light diet menu card. 2. Successful implementation of a quality improvement project focusing on identifying and helping patients who require assistance with their meals ("the red tray initiative"). 3. Menu cards have been modified to reflect no added salt or sugar, that food is cooked freshly on site, and to inform patients about protected mealtimes, allergens and food safety. COMMUNICATION: **EXAMINATION** 1. An information leaflet called 'Time to Care, Time to Visit' was developed ON-GOING Providing support for patients. This includes images of different uniforms to enable patients to **DIAGNOSIS &** to patients who do identify staff and help them to direct their concerns. TREATMENT not have someone to speak to about 2. A pastoral care drop-in service is available between 2pm-3pm Mon-Fri. their worries and concerns. **COMMUNICATION:** 1. A programme of training (ASSIST model) for staff continues to be provided to ON-GOING Promoting improved enable staff to address patients' concerns and complaints more effectively. communication skills and effective 2. The Nursing Department continues to implement the Careful Nursing Model ward round which puts the patient at the centre of their care. communication with healthcare 3. Intentional rounding (a structured process where nurses carry out regular professionals and individualised checks with patients) is currently being trialled and evaluated. patients. **COMMUNICATION:** ON-GOING **DISCHARGE** 1. A Discharge Lounge is open from 7am to 7.30pm Mon-Fri to facilitate prompt discharge of patients. **OR TRANSFER** 2. The hospital has a dedicated Assistant Director of Nursing in charge of Patient 3. A patient information leaflet has been developed for all patients on discharge, including information about what to expect on discharge from the hospital and points of contact.



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## PATIENT EXPERIENCE

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 The Senior Management Team are actively involved in leading a programme of Patient Safety 'tracers', designed to follow a patient's experience of a specific pathway of care. ON-GOING

- Themes identified from complaints and feedback are reviewed at the hospital's Quality & Patient Safety Executive meeting each month. This meeting is attended by members of the Senior Management Team
- 3. The hospital delivers Open Disclosure workshops and briefing sessions to staff. This supports our staff in utilising an open, timely and consistent approach to communicating with patients, building trust following an adverse event.
- 4. The hospital operates a 'no wrong door' approach to receiving complaints and feedback.

