



Nursing Leadership in Integration: report of discussions on embedding clinical and care governance

Introduction

The RCN held two events on embedding clinical and care governance arrangements across the new integration partnerships in June 2015. These events followed on from our previous Chatham House nurse leadership events on integration, where it was clear that clinical and care governance is an area of particular interest and where significant concerns remain with regard to implementing the Public Bodies Act.

The workshops were for nurse leads for health and social care integration. Twenty-three people attended the workshop in Edinburgh on 3 June and 14 attended the workshop in Glasgow on 10 June. The events were held under Chatham House rules.

The workshops aimed to:

- share learning and different approaches to embedding and implementing clinical and care governance across partnerships
- explore scenarios under integration which present challenges to clinical and care governance and lines of accountability
- feed into the development of a tool for nurses on embedding clinical and care

Clarity and shared understanding of roles and responsibilities is important, for example around professional advisory roles and around the difference between leadership and management. The nurse on the IJB needs to know where to access support.

Next steps

The detail of the discussion will help inform an RCN toolkit for nurses on embedding clinical and care governance across integrated services. This will be published by October 2015.

Thanks

We would like to thank our speakers at the workshops: Glynis Gordon from NHS Forth Valley, Derek Barron from North Ayrshire and Julie Murray from East Renfrewshire. There was very positive feedback from participants on how useful they found their presentations and discussion. Our thanks also go to the Scottish Government for funding this event.

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