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As we all know, dementia is an ever-growing concern, and the prevalence is continuing to rise. As a Dementia Team, we strive to improve care standards and competence in dementia care throughout Sherwood Forest Hospitals. In order to provide the most effective training, we would like to gather as much information and insight as possible from other acute Trusts.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, Sherwood Forest Hospitals would like to request further information about your dementia training. We'd really appreciate if you could answer the following questions below.

Question 1: Do you currently have Tier 2 Dementia Training? (if yes, please continue with the following questions. If no, please skip to Question 11)

Yes

Question 2: How long has the training been in place?

Over 10 years.

Question 3: How long are your Tier 2 training sessions?

1 day full training (8 hours) or completion of 10 e-learning modules on ESR. Face to face is the preferred method and the method the vast majority of staff select.

Question 4: How is it delivered (face to face, online, etc)?

2 options. Face to face or e-learning.

Question 5: Is it mandatory?

Yes. As a minimum all staff are expected to complete Tier 1. Tier 2 is mandatory to specific job roles.

Question 6: How many staff have you currently trained / expect to train?

As of 31/07/2024 there is a total of 1599 staff in date and compliant out of 1724 who require the training. Total compliance of 92.75%

Question 7: Have you focused on specific areas (Prevalence, challenging behaviour, risks, etc)

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Question 8: Are there any costs? If so, what are they roughly (per annum)?

The Dementia lead nurses deliver this training in house. Costs are therefore their time and the time of the staff to attend the training

Question 9: Which staff groups are expected to complete the training?

As the TNA is produced based on role and department staff from all staff groups are required, however for administration this is only relevant to our PALS team so please note that it is only relevant to some of the staff within each staff group. Staff from the following staff groups are required:

- Nursing and Midwifery
- AHP
- Additional Clinical Services
- Healthcare Scientists
- Medical and Dental
- Admin and Clerical
- Additional Professional Scientific and Technical

Question 10: Is there an expectation for staff to update their training (e.g. every year, three years, etc)?

3 yearly renewal

Question 11: Did you experience / are you experiencing any barriers in commencing the training? If so, what were the barriers?

No, the Training is mandatory for all staff

Please send your responses back to our team, on sfh-tr.dementia@nhs.net

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via our email or call 01623 622515 Ext.2705

Thank you,

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