

HEF FOR HEALTH



Roving Reporters Kerri-Anne, Jonathan, Gregory & Philip from Muckamore Patients Council interview Rhona Brennan – Ward Sister on Donegore Ward, to find out about HEF- Health Evaluation Framework



Winterbourne View was a home for people with learning disabilities.



Some of the patients who lived at Winterbourne were picked on by the staff and treated unkindly.



The HEF was a tool designed by Learning Disability nurse consultants following the Winterbourne View scandal, which highlighted the ill treatment of people with learning disabilities by staff that should have been supporting them.



'Strengthening the Commitment' is a report that said there was a need for learning disability nurses to show what good work they did.



The HEF was designed to improve health & well being for people with Learning Disabilities



The HEF is a computerised tool that measures outcomes to help people with learning disabilities stay healthy.



The Health Department chose Muckamore Abbey Hospital to test the HEF project and Donagore Ward was picked



Rhona at Dunagore said how important it is to know that we are supporting people with Learning Disabilities to be healthy and happy.



“We have been waiting for a way to show we give good care to the patients we support. Before, we could only ask patients for their own experiences.”



“Now we have the HEF tool as well, which actually measures what staff do to support people with learning disabilities and help stop the patient becoming unwell.”



“I am proud that we are the only place in Northern Ireland using the Health Evaluation Framework and that it helps us to recognise the good work and support that Learning Disability Nurses Provide.”



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