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Discharge Planning
Articles

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**An evaluation of an employment pilot to support forensic mental health service users into work and vocational activities.**
[This study by authors from South London and Maudsley Trust and King's College London reports on the development and piloting of an intervention to support forensic service users into employment and vocational activities. This exploratory project achieved some success in assisting forensic service users into paid employment. Further research to identify what works well for this important group will be of great value.]
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**Last 1000 days: valuing patients’ time.**
Foster S. *British Journal of Nursing* 2018;27(5): 281-281.
[The author reflects on the need for senior nurses and allied health professionals to plan goal-based care that acknowledges the value of time to patients nearing the end of their lives. Particular attention is given to patients treated in hospital beds and the negative physical and psychological effects this inactivity can have.]
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**Meta-analysis of the effectiveness of nursing discharge planning interventions for older inpatients discharged home.**
[Nursing discharge planning is a complex intervention and difficult to evaluate. Findings suggest that nursing discharge
planning for older inpatients discharged home increases the length of stay yet neither reduces readmission rate nor improves quality of life.

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Transferring skills in quality collaboratives focused on improving patient logistics.
[A quality improvement collaborative, often used by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, is used to educate healthcare professionals and improve healthcare at the same time. Our research focused on quality improvement collaboratives aiming to improve patient logistics and tried to identify which knowledge and skills are required and to what extent these were enhanced during the QIC.]

Reports

The following report(s) may be of interest:

Managing the hospital and social care interface: interventions targeting older adults.
Nuffield Trust; 2018.
[Given the national policy drive for better integrated care across sectors, what examples already exist of individual hospitals and social care providers working together to reduce delayed transfers of care, length of hospital stay and admissions for older people - and how successful are they? ]

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