CCG39. Mental Welfare Commission Visits

The committee considered a report by the General Manager which provided information on the recent Mental Welfare Commission (MWC) visits to Forth Valley Mental Health Facilities. There were two visits covered within the report. There was an announced visit to Wards 2 and 3, Forth Valley Royal Hospital (FVRH) which took place on the 22nd October 2019 and an unannounced visit to Ward 1(IPCU) FVRH which took place on 21st November 2019.

Announced visit to Wards 2 & 3 FVRH.

There were 5 recommendations to be addressed by the service:-

- (1) Managers should ensure that nursing documentation complied with the Nursing and Midwifery Council Code, professional standards of practice and behaviour for nurses, midwives and nursing associates.
- (2) Managers should review their audit processes to improve the quality of care plans and ensure that evaluations of care plans clearly indicate the effectiveness of the interventions being carried out and any required changes to meet care goals.
- (3) Managers should ensure that patients and their visitors are aware of the options available to them in relation to visiting arrangements.
- (4) Managers should ensure that activities provided were age appropriate and that participation was recorded, evaluated and linked to the patient care plan.
- (5) Managers should ensure that there were adequate numbers of suitably qualified staff available to allow patients flexible access to the gym.

Unannounced visit to Ward 1 FVRH.

There were 3 recommendations to be taken forward by the service:-

- (1) Managers should ensure nursing care plans were personcentred, contained individualised information, reflected the holistic care needs of each person and identified clear interventions and care goals.
- (2) Managers should review the provision of OT to the ward to ensure it was adequate to meet the needs of patients.
- (3) Managers should ensure specified persons procedures were implemented for patients where required and that the relevant paperwork was completed and reviewed.

Decision

The committee noted the report.