

# The Facts



## Treat as One

Bridging the gap between mental and physical healthcare in general hospitals

**552**

cases reviewed - patients admitted to a general hospital who also had a mental health condition

**231**

general hospitals provided information on the mental healthcare they provided

**1323**

healthcare professionals responded to a survey on the training they received to look after patients with mental health conditions in a general hospital

**21%**

of patients did not have their mental health history recorded at admission

**46%**

of patients had a mental health review by a liaison psychiatrist whilst in hospital

**126**

hospitals in the UK reported having a liaison psychiatry team available 24/7 or during extended working hours

**53%**

of patients did not have an adequate risk management plan made at consultant review

**46%**

of hospitals provided basic mandatory training in mental healthcare

**11%**

of general hospitals had shared/complete access to mental health notes

### Healthcare professionals who took the survey said:

**11%** had no basic training in mental health awareness

**59%** had no training in psychotropic medications

**39%** had no training dealing with patients who self-harmed

**19%** had no training in managing violence or aggression

**21%** had no training in mental health capacity assessment

**41%** had no training in undertaking a risk assessment

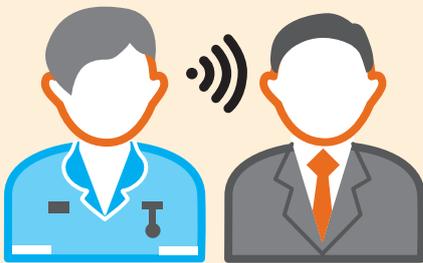
# TO IMPROVE THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTHCARE IN GENERAL HOSPITALS WE NEED TO:



**THINK**  
about mental  
health



**DOCUMENT**  
mental health  
conditions

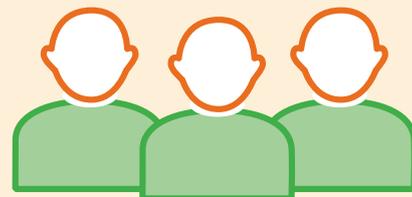


**COMMUNICATE**  
with colleagues  
and ask for help

**PROVIDE** mental  
healthcare services  
and **SUPPORT** general  
hospital staff

**TRAIN** general hospital  
staff to be able to feel  
**CONFIDENT** in helping  
patients with mental  
health conditions

**INTEGRATE** mental  
healthcare and physical  
healthcare



**SHARE** case notes  
between hospitals  
and systems

Undertake early:

- **RISK ASSESSMENTS**
- **MANAGEMENT PLANS**
- **DISCHARGE PLANS**



**PLAN**  
to ensure your  
hospital is an  
accredited  
service