



Clinical Leaders Network

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Title of your Innovation Project: Same day Pre Assessment for Cataract patients
What are you trying to achieve through your innovation project? <i>What are you trying to accomplish? Why are you undertaking the project?</i>
I am undertaking the project to ensure Leeds attains the best practice tariff for cataract surgery which requires consultation and pre assessment to be completed at one out patient visit. This will offer a better service for patients as it will be a 'one stop shop' and a second visit to hospital will not be required in most cases.
How will you know if a change is an improvement? <i>What will success look like and by when? What quality and cost improvement are you seeking to achieve? What quantitative and/or qualitative measures will you use to demonstrate the success of your innovation project in improving the quality and cost of healthcare and by when?</i>
We currently have the data demonstrating how many patients are deemed suitable for surgery at out patients. We also have the data of how many patients are currently pre assessed by booked appointments at a later date. Patients will be added to the waiting list on the day of their outpatient appointment. Comparative data can be produced to demonstrate the number of 'on the day' pre assessments compared to previously booked slots. Non cataract patients and patients from community sites will still require booked appointments at a later date. The number of patient transport requests should reduce as one visit not two.
What changes will you make to deliver the improvement? <i>What are you planning to do to achieve the quality and cost improvements you are seeking? How will you do this?</i>
There will be a change to the patient pathway from clinic to pre assessment department. Patients will be advised in their appointment letters that they could spend several hours at the one visit. Reduce the number of booked slots and create on the day appointments. Review impact on 18 week pathway and need for reassessments.
What improvements have you achieved to date through the project? <i>What quality and cost improvements have you made to date. What have you learned from the project?</i>
Documentation reviewed to ensure reflects the Trust wide documentation implemented by other surgical specialties.