

Inputs

Investment

- › No up front funding all costs to be found from the potential savings to be made
- › Time for attendance at the steering group meetings = £47K, spread over 17 months
- › Time to attend meetings to set-up and run the project at ward level = £7K over 49 wards
- › 0.6 band 6 clinical procurement project nurse

Resources

- › 0.6 Band 6 project nurse
- › 0.45 Band 3 Materials management team leader
- › Ward catalogues and shelf labels
- › Ward stock rooms and materials management offices

The Service

- › To review the current materials management service and benchmark against the current contract between the Trust and ISS
- › To identify the most effective way of delivering the service utilizing NHS Supply Chain systems
- › Ensure staff have the 'right product at the right time and in the right place'. Enhancing the delivery of safe and effective patient care.
- › Eliminate waste from the system both financial and manpower.
- › Demonstrate the worth of the role of nurse in procurement

Summary of Benefits

For (describe the service users)

- › Reduced time spent on ordering and putting stock away.
- › Organised well labelled storerooms saving nurse time looking for products
- › Housekeeping staff spend less time looking for stock
- › Standardisation of products supports the Trusts Patient Safety agenda
- › Project nurse role made substantive – Trust recognises the worth of nurses in Procurement

For healthcare system

- › Reduced spend with NHSSC contributing approximately £275K to the Trusts Cost Improvement Programme
- › Saving on average 87p per patient per bed day
- › Reduction in the amount of stock going out of date

Opportunities for service development

- › Principles now being applied to other suppliers to the ward areas i.e. pharmacy and consumables supplied by Synergy Ward services
- › ISS see this as an opportunity to demonstrate partnership working