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Changing the Culture of Care: Reducing restrictive practice

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What is culture?

Culture is the creation of meaning through which human beings interpret their experiences and guide their actions (Geertz, 1973)

There is something extra – something more than the sum of the parts – that is important (Bullock, 2008)
Positive aspects of culture

- Identity
- Commitment
- Community
- Communication
- Clear goals

A positive culture facilitates coordination, motivation, meaningfulness and decision-making
Negative aspects of culture

• Inertia,
• Limited learning
• Lack of openness
• Problems in external relations

A negative culture can lead to the ‘freezing’ of the social order, lack of imagination, and low receptivity to new ideas
Context

- Role of Linn Moor
- Resident group
- Need for changes
- Implementation of BSS
- BSS Partnership Organisation
B S S Partners

- Aberlour Childcare Trust
- Archway
- Cornerstone Community Care
- Camphill Schools Aberdeen
- Inspire Partnership through Life
- VSA : host and management of staff
Aim of Evaluation

• To examine the impact of BSS at Linn Moor over a ten year period from 1998 – 2007.

• To analyse the extent to which approaches to behavioural management have changed in the past ten years, including the use of restraint.

• To examine staff perceptions of changes in behavioural management strategies.
Methodology

• Documentary analysis of records for three snapshots over ten year period (1998, 2002 and 2007)

• Questionnaires to all staff

• Three focus groups: >10 years; 3-5 years; < 2 years
1998 Recording

- Property damage was a problem
- ABC Charts, value and number
- Behavioural ✓ Charts for most severe as an alternative to Incident Reports
- Outside specialist who developed all plans with no staff involvement
Interventions (including S.C.I.P.):
- TOUCH CONTROL
- ONE/TWO PERSON ESCORT
- ARM CONTROL

IF [REDACTED] IS NIPPING/SCRATCHING TELL HIM TO STOP
IF HANDS ON EARS = "HANDS DOWN"
1998 Recording - 2

Interventions (including S.C.I.P.):
- Touch control
- 1/2 person escort - Seated Variations
- Front Deflection, Front Arm Catch
- Front/Back Hair Pull, Stabilization and Release

Strict adherence to Behaviour and Eating Guidelines

Positive programming
- Removal, return
- Planned ignoring

Instructional Control
1998 Physical Interventions Recording

- Significant under recording of number, frequency, duration
- Completion at end of shift
- Very low staffing levels
- Typical comment “Supine or Escort on and off all day”
- Tick Charts for most severe behaviours
Number of Incidents

![Bar chart showing the number of incidents from 1998 to 2007 with months of October, November, and December each year.]

- **1998**: 
  - October: 20
  - November: 30
  - December: 40

- **2002**: 
  - October: 30
  - November: 40
  - December: 50

- **2007**: 
  - October: 10
  - November: 20
  - December: 30
Duration of Incidents

- <1 min
- 1-3 mins
- 4-5 mins
- 6-10 mins
- >10 mins

Year:
- 1998
- 2002
- 2007
Type of Intervention

![Bar chart showing the type of intervention from 1998 to 2007. The categories are None, Touch support, Escor, 2 person escort, Supine hold, Other. The colors represent 1998 (light blue), 2002 (purple), and 2007 (yellow).]
Are the **numbers** of physical challenges you face, more or less than they were when you first started?

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Is the **severity** of the physical challenges you face, more or less than they were when you first started?

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Is the duration (length of time) of the physical challenges you face, more or less than they were when you first started?

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Duration, type and severity of physical intervention used in 1998

• The PIT went off 4-5 times a day . . . and children being supined who should never ever had . . . and I think even staff began to think ‘this isn’t right’.

• (Speaking of a full supine hold) I myself had to go through to the sleepover room and I said to myself ‘what have I just done?’
Types of Challenges in 1998

• They come and say he hit me and that’s terrible but they don’t realise. We’ve got chunks taken out of us. I could put a name to every mark I’ve got.

• (Of injuries resulting in staff going to hospital) These are few and far between of staff going to hospital. 10 years ago you would have staff at hospital once a week.
Usefulness of Strategies

• Instead of just reacting now, we are now good at working out what’s caused it so it doesn’t happen.
• We were reactive as opposed to being proactive.
• If we weren’t thinking proactively now we would still have to pull the pit a lot more.
• I think there was also the fact that through SCIP and BSS that staff have more confidence to wait. They say this incident isn’t going anywhere. If it gets worse….I can stay a wee while longer. You don’t need to act as fast as you did in the past.
Importance of Recording

• Incident recordings are there so that we can see in our situation if there are triggers. We can put recordings together in graph form and see what causing things. Incident sheets are vital to all of us.

• When you’re writing it, it may not be apparent what caused it. Someone else comes on and reads it and comes and sees you straight away and says ‘that’s why that happened’. We share information all the time.
## Incident Report Recording - 1

**Supplementary Report Form – IR3**  
**Code No.**

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**IN MY OPINION THE PRECURSOR TO THE INCIDENT WAS DUE TO:**

- Toilet
- Tiredness
- Noise
- Activity
- Person
- Transition
- Over stimulated
- Environment
- Confusion
- Hunger/Thirst
- Under stimulated
- Health
- Other

**Additional information:**

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**VSA 2008**  
**VSA the best of care**
### Incident Report Recording - 2

<table>
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#### Distraction/Calming

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<th>Environment Change</th>
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Other

#### After the incident ended, what did staff do? How did the Service User react?

#### Accident/Injury Form (IR2) Completed? Y / N

If yes, please tick appropriate box(es):

- Self
- Other Staff
- Service User A
- Service User B

### Name of Person Completing Form (in capitals):

Signed:  
Dated:  

Form passed to Line Manager/Senior (time and date):
I am ... and this is a little bit about me!!

**I really like...**

**I really don't like ...**

**IMPORTANT !!**

**Eating and Drinking**

**Personal Care**

**Allergies...**

Due to my ____ I need to be discouraged from...

**How I Communicate**

- signing
- word & picture cards
- speech
- pointing or showing
Working in partnership 1

- Staff ‘buy-in’ takes time
- Behaviour support team established in 2002 with seconded staff
- Regular hands-on support from specialists as well as team within the family group 24/7 if need be
- Partnership between training staff / practitioners focussing on ‘what works for student’
- Cultivate strong links with other providers
Working in Partnership 2

• Parents informed very regularly through staff and parents group
• Parents trained in proactive strategies
• Constant feedback to staff with offer of hands on support within family, group / class
Cultural shift

• Reduced use of physical interventions
• Staff move from reactive to proactive practice
• Staff see recording as tool for practice and not a chore
• Creation of ‘culture carriers’: policy and people
• Move from ‘them and us’ to partnership
• Newly appointed staff need extra support to implement proactive strategies
• Training seen as integral not marginal
Message from the evaluation

Transmission: Initial force 
+ 
Transformation: messages interpreted and translated on the ground 
= 
Enduring change
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