



## Standardise for safety (nursing documentation)

In today's dynamic and ever-changing health care environment, the delivery of quality, safe, evidence-based patient care is an absolute requirement.

One way to improve patient safety is to implement standardised documentation which enables health care staff to effectively communicate their contributions to patient care to other members of the health care team.

Standardisation reduces human error which may occur when multiple copies of the same document are in circulation and promotes continuity for staff that rotate across clinical areas. It reduces waste and variation in expected measurable standards.

Last year the trust introduced standardised nursing documentation, core care plans and the National Early Warning Score (NEWS).

This year we continue our journey to promote patient safety by introducing a standard fluid balance chart.

