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“Raising the chair or raising the risk?”

Implementing New Initiatives

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Within this presentation:

- Overview of ward environment & Philosophy
- Case Example
 - Complex Needs of patient
 - Risk Management Strategies
 - Reflections on case
- Opportunity for questions and/or discussions



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Overview of Environment:

- Bamburgh Clinic – purpose built clinic opened in 2006
- Vision – to provide a secure but therapeutic environment for patients
- “Well designed and has the necessary facilities and resources for people requiring medium secure care” **Quality Network for Forensic Mental Health Services (Sept 09)**



- Aidan Ward – acute admission unit – Provides a safe & supportive environment

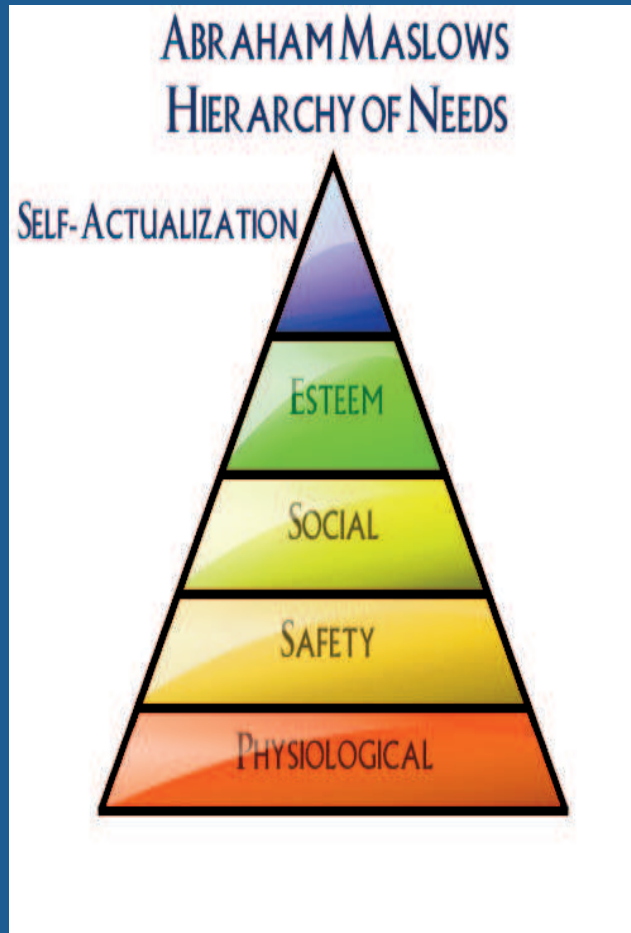


Background info to case:

- Mr X - 26 year old male from East end of London
- Diagnosis of paranoid Schizophrenia
- Non compliance with medication
- Admitted to Freeman Hospital in April 09 – diagnosed with Systemic Scleroderma
- Incidents relating to admission to Medium Secure Unit
 - 3rd May 09 Stabbed a nurse at the Freeman Hospital
 - Detained under Section 2 of MHA - Transferred to PICU
 - 6th May 09 Threw hot coffee in face of fellow patient in PICU
- Detained under Section 3 of MHA – Transferred to MSU



Client Needs Identified



UNABLE TO SELF ACTUALATE



low self esteem due to decrease in independence



Geographically Isolated from friends and family



Risk of Falls



- **Activities of Daily Living**
Feeding, Dressing, personal hygiene

- **All functional Transfers**
(Chair, Bed, Bath & Toilet)



Risks of providing adaptive equipment within a medium secure unit



Risk to others by providing equipment	Versus	Risk to Mr X by not providing equipment
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Risk of Mr X secreting implements to use as weapons to assault staff and/or peers2. Risk of other peers on ward accessing the equipment		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Increase risk of falls2. Increase risk of loss of function3. Loss of independence – “Trapped in a chair”



Risk Management Strategies – Getting the Balance



- Mr X was put on constant observations
- Mr X's room is secured when he is not in it
- To date communal areas have not been adapted.



Challenges of providing adaptive equipment within a Medium Secure Unit

- Accessing equipment to use for assessment
- Funding for equipment
- Implementation of short term measures until equipment arrival
- Uncertainty of staff with unfamiliar equipment/tasks
- Removal of static bed from Mr X's room
- Securing aids to floor
- Seeking guidance regarding more specialised equipment



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