NHS Highland



Meeting: Highland Health and Social Care

Committee

Meeting date: 1 November 2023

Title: Engagement Framework update

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1 Purpose

This is presented to the Board for:

- Assurance
- Awareness

This report relates to a:

- 5 Year Strategy, Together We Care, with you, for you.
- Legal requirement

This report will align to the following NHSScotland quality ambition(s):

Safe, Effective and Person Centred

This report relates to the following Strategic Outcome(s)

Start Well	Thrive Well	Х	Stay Well	Anchor Well	Х
Grow Well	Listen Well	Х	Nurture Well	Plan Well	Х
Care Well	Live Well	Х	Respond Well	Treat Well	
Journey Well	Age Well		End Well	Value Well	Х
Perform well	Progress well				

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2 Report summary

2.1 Situation

Over the last 12 months, we have been further developing and implementing the ambitions within the Communications and Engagement Strategy, specifically relating to the creation and development an Engagement Framework.

This report provides an overview of the progress made over the last 12 months, for implementing the ambitions of the Engagement Framework.

It highlights:

- Progress of the implementation plan,
- progress with initial indicators,
- main themes from colleague and stakeholder feedback,
- next steps and future focus.

2.2 Background

NHS Highland has a statutory duty to involve and engage people in decisions and outcomes that affect them.

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1978/29/contents

The <u>Communication and Engagement Strategy</u> set out a three-year plan for NHS Highland, including developing comprehensive engagement framework stating;

'We will put in place a community engagement framework that supports colleagues to engage proactively, ensuring we not only meet legal requirements for engagement, equalities, and accessibility, but also encourage ongoing engagement and relationship building. The framework will include training, templates and examples, and a governance structure that will both enable colleagues to reach relevant audiences and quality-check engagement projects.'

In November 2022, NHS Highland Board approved the Engagement
Framework, a vision and set of tools, templates, and training, to support a new way for NHS Highland to plan and deliver its statutory duties as set out in Scottish Government Guidance. https://www.gov.scot/publications/planning-people-community-engagement-participation-guidance/

2.3 **Assessment**

2.3.1 Progress of the implementation plan

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Planning

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- · Show how feedback and lived experience informs policy and improvements
- Raise colleague awareness and confidence in communication and engagement
- Embed engagement in existing processes

As part of the implementation of NHS Highland's Engagement Framework, a small number of teams and project leads are trying new approaches, alongside wellestablished methods for engaging with people, listening to concerns, and identifying where we can make improvements.

Case study: Mental health and learning disability review

The mental health and learning disability review used conversation cafés, to capture people's lived experience of services, which is directly informing the development of the draft strategy for future services. These took place both in person, at various locations across the Highlands, as well as online. So far over 1000 people have taken part in this work. These include people who need services, carers, families, communities, our staff, and partners.

The Scottish Recovery Network has been a key partner, supporting the development of the conversation café approach and the overall engagement process for this work, hosting many of the conversations. Many other trusted partners also shared their experience and expertise, some hosting their own conversation cafes with the people they work with and support, including Lochaber Hope, Mickey's line, in Inverness and The Caithness Drug and Alcohol Forum, online.

A stakeholder group has recently been established to support ongoing conversations and future engagement, as the draft strategy begins to take shape.

2.3.1i Highland 100 Panel

To support our corporate communication and engagement channels we have recently launched our <u>Highland 100 Panel</u> recruitment drive and have 27 people signed up so far.

The Highland 100 panel will be held virtually and made up of a diverse range of people, who live across the Highlands and who are happy to share their views once or twice a year on key questions.

Questions will have set themes and will support NHS Highland with our understanding of people's perception and experiences of local services and will help support strategic planning and decisions. We are aim for the Panel to be operational by December 2023.

2.3.1ii Care Opinion

Over the last few months, a small number of test sites based within our hospitals, and one Highland wide community service have been using <u>Care Opinion</u>, as one of the main ways to hear people's experience. Care Opinion is available to all NHS Boards across Scotland and is funded by the Scottish Government.

Health and Social Care Partnerships and Integrated Joint Boards are not part of this arrangement and need to pay a subscription fee to use the platform.

Due to NHS Highlands Lead Agency Model and unique configuration, and we are currently working with Care Opinion to test a small number of areas that would be provided by IJBs (Integrated Joint Boards) in other areas, to test the viability of extending our current subscription to incorporate all Health and Social Care services across the Highland Council area.

Early findings from our test sites are positive; showing a steady increase in the number of stories received and responded to. (See Appendix 2 for summary reports).

2.3.1iii Support and training

We continue to develop our engagement approaches and supports to help us to better hear the voices of our communities and partners.

A range of tools, templates and online training sessions have been created and provided over the last 12 months, to support the implementation of the Engagement Framework and upskill staff to engage with people in a meaning full way. The majority of these are available on the <u>staff intranet page</u>, for people to use when they need them.

We have supported the procurement of external additional resources to support several of our larger redesigns. For example, Morrison Media, who were commissioned to

support ongoing communication and engagement as part of the Lochaber and Caithness Redesigns (contract now taken over by Streets UK).

A series of training and awareness sessions have been delivered by us and a range of partners in the last 12 months including:

- HIS (Healthcare Improvement Scotland) Community Engagement Planning Effective Engagement
- HIS- Community Engagement, Duties and Principles of Engagement
- HIS-Community Engagement, Planning with People information session
- HIS Community Engagement, development of Voices training for strategic representatives
- Ability Net 2x Digital Inclusion sessions
- NHS Highland 2x Introduction to the Engagement Framework (advertised open sessions via Teams)
- NHS Highland EQIA (Equality Impact Assessment) training (delivered by Public Health Colleagues)
- NHS Highland –Introduction to engagement delivered at team meetings (numerous teams and workstreams)
- Care Opinion various sessions, introduction, responder, and promotion sessions
- The Alliance –Introduction to <u>ALISS A Local Information System for Scotland</u> sessions, (delivered in various locations online and in person)
- The Samaritans Conversations with Vulnerable People

Knowing there is an engagement framework and support Seeing there is a wide variety of resources and tools available

For future:
More of an
overview on
support/tools
available

Something upbeat on EQIA - remove complexity

Feedback from the Introduction to the Engagement Framework Sessions

2.3.1iv Governance

Colleagues within Strategy and Transformation are currently working with us to support the development of the proposed governance structure. This will include the formation of an Oversight Group that will report to the Highland Health and Social Care Committee (HHSCC) and Clinical Governance Committee (CGC).

Discussions are in progress with the Chairs of these and other potentially relevant committees, to determine the setup and practical functions of the governance structure. This will ensure it is fit for purpose and appropriately connects and links in with existing and new structures, such as the Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) forum and the Audit, Finance, Resources & Performance and Staff Governance Committees.

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2.3.2 Progress with Initial Indicators



- Methods and values test sites have reported an increase in confidence and skills with engagement and partnership working. Forming new connections and working together to make sure peoples voices are heard and considered.
- Test site teams are able to demonstrate how and where lived experience has informed strategy development and future high level plans.
- Skye and Lochaber redesigns are using new ways to inform and engage with local communities. Including
 regular news columns in local papers, local radio podcasts and following a 'what matters to you' approach to
 understanding local needs.
- Local people are involved in decision making groups and information is shared widely on a regular basis.
- 15 requests for communication and engagement support, have been received and relevant advice and resources have been provided.
- Teams are supported to develop connections and partnerships, to make sure meaningful engagement can take place from the outset.
- Considering impact, vulnerable groups and those potentially affected has been the main focus for advice and engagement plans.
- Approximately 20 training opportunities have been provided to health and care staff at all levels. Supporting basic understanding of duties, sharing examples of good practice, and signposting to resources and support.
- 3, live Care Opinion service test sites, are using a range of approaches to raise awareness with those attending services.
- The number of people using Care Opinion to share their experience of these services, has been steadily increasing since February 2023

Full size diagram included in Appendix

2.3.3 Main themes from colleague and stakeholder feedback

During 2023 we collected feedback in a range of ways from the people we care for and work with, including;

- Care Opinion stories (NHS Highland wide)
- Surveys (Chairs of Community Planning Partners and Public Representatives from a range of project and working groups)
- Feedback tree (public engagement event Lochaber June 2023)
- 'What Matters to You' leaflets & discussions (public engagement event Lochaber, June 2023 and Mental Health and Learning Disability engagement)
- Feedback from range of sources as part of Mental Health and Learning Disability Strategy development

The diagram below depicts how the 127 people, who shared their stories on Care Opinion, felt about the services they received.



The main themes from the feedback collected by conversations, surveys, and other methods about how we engage with people include:

- People valued face to face opportunities with staff and service leads.
- People valued open and honest conversations.
- People prefer information to be shared regularly, in clear and simple ways, so
 it makes sense to those not working within the NHS or public sector.
- Safe spaces to share experiences, ideas and feedback are important.
- People welcomed working together, in partnership. Building trust, mutual respect, and good relationships.
- Using external trusted facilitators to support conversations with people was welcomed, particularly when sharing lived experience.
- Making sure we communicate and engage with people in ways that suit them best is essential – particularly considering non-digital information and people from protected or vulnerable groups. For example, 'Talking Mats,' BSL (British Sign Language).
- Working with trusted partners and representatives early on in our work and co designing engagement plans and methods was valued and welcomed.
- Providing training and support to help people to fully participate is imperative.
 This should be flexible to cater for differing needs.
- People need to know that we are listening, hearing, and responding to feedback, including the difference shared experiences has made.

I liked the workshop aspect of the consultation. Allowed for discussion, within a set criteria/framework - Partner, MHLD Strategy

There is quite a lot of talking in 'code' as a nonnhs person I found this difficult sometimes to follow the discussion. Partner, Lochaber Redesign

I liked that there was an informal feel within the room & that the information was displayed clearly. Service lead/s happy to talk about department - Public, Lochaber Redesign Information training and support was clearly given and well-co-ordinated professional at the same time friendly, non-judgemental or prejudiced - differences were shared as well as commonality. - Public, NHS Highland Carers Strategy

It was better when it was on a more group to group level rather than multiple groups with multiple agendas all in the same room. I realise this takes more time, but I felt like I could contribute better in this way. SDS Strategy

"Relationships are so important... good care can't exist without good relationships" - Partner, MHLD strategy

Enjoyed meeting people face to face & discussing the plans -Public, Lochaber Redesign Take more time to engage with people with LD using communication styles and methods they use, such a Makaton and Talking Mats otherwise consultation can be tokenistic.

- Partner, MHLD strategy

2.3.3ii Workforce Survey and Feedback

We asked NHS Highland colleagues to complete a survey in June 2023, about their engagement experience, knowledge, and confidence. This showed that most of the colleagues who are aware of the Engagement Framework and resources, found them beneficial to their work. Most respondents were not aware of the Framework, however, so more work needs to be done to help them access this support.

Have not really been aware of these.

Generally they are not relevant to my day to day workload. But community engagement is something that should probably be integrated into the work of our department... in which case we would all be aware of and engaging

Never see it, yet another document not shared with frontline staff who actually work with the public every day.

I wasn't aware of any of these documents or resources.

2.3.4 Next steps and future focus

As highlighted in this report, there are many areas of improvement and good practice relating to community engagement within NHS Highland, particularly with the development of our strategies and high-level plans. Most of these are strongly linked to the development and implementation of the Engagement Framework. Feedback from those involved indicate that people welcome the partnership approach to working and strong relationships have, and continue to be built, to support ongoing dialogue and engagement.

We recognise that the scale of this progress is small, relatively speaking, often through targeted pockets within the organisation. We also recognise that there are examples of excellent practice within NHS Highland, out with the test sites and targeted areas, and there is much we could learn and share, to support the development and confidence of our workforce towards this new way of working. For example, the excellent work taking place in Caithness demonstrates established co-design approaches to service redesign that could be shared and used in other areas.

We plan to organically extend the progress made to other areas of NHS Highland, building on the good work that exists and supporting colleagues to build confidence and experience within communications and engagement, adopting inclusive and meaningful ways to involve people in all aspects of health and social care planning and delivery.

2.4 Proposed level of Assurance

Substantial	Moderate	Х
Limited	None	

This report proposes the following level of assurance:

Comment on the level of assurance

A working group is currently being formed to support the development of the required infrastructure within NHS Highland as part of our ongoing implementation and development. This will ensure effective and meaningful communication and engagement takes place at all levels across the organisation, as part of business as usual, strategic planning and redesign developments, in line with the ethos and values set out within the Engagement Framework.

An action plan and tracker will be developed to inform and track the continuation of this work. We will adopt a partnership approach to develop effective means to:

- Deliver targeted training and support for senior and service managers, relating to our duties and meaningful, timely communications and engagement.
- Deliver relevant training to teams and team leads to increase awareness and confidence with practice, for frontline colleagues.

- Raise awareness of available engagement resources and where to find them.
- Develop ways for colleagues to share practice and access peer support relating to engagement and associated areas, like equalities, accessibility, feedback, and complaints.
- Develop a fit for purpose, supportive, infrastructure, for our networks, processes, and governance arrangements, to support roll out of the framework and the consistent movement towards partnership working at all levels.

3 Impact Analysis

3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

It is too early to clearly demonstrate the impact of effective and inclusive engagement on patient care, within the timeframe of this first report.

However, feedback from the people we have worked with over the last 12 months suggests that there has been an improvement in how we involve people in planning, redesigning, and delivering services.

We plan to build on this progress, over the coming year, with the development of the Highland 100 Panel, the introduction of the Engagement Management Platform and the formation of the many networks that will support and inform the continued development of how we meaningfully involve people in the planning, designing, and delivering of local services.

The use of Care Opinion gives us the opportunity to hear patient and carers experience of the care they have received and understand where this has gone well and where improvements can be made. We are working with the Feedback and Complaints team to make full use of Care Opinion to hear people's feedback at the point of accessing care to inform continuous improvement and person-centred care.

3.2 Workforce

It is too early to clearly demonstrate a significant impact to colleagues from the introduction of the Engagement Framework, due to the scale and short timeframe for this first report.

However, colleagues who have had direct support or advice have shared positive experiences of working with the team, using the resources, and following the ethos of the Engagement Framework.

From the information collected, there is still much to do with raising awareness of the Engagement Framework, its principles and values and the resources and tools that are available. More support is also needed to help increase colleagues' confidence and experience in delivering inclusive and meaningful engagement as part of our work.

This coming year we will be working on threading engagement ethos and values within key internal processes, to help embed good practice in a seamless and organic way from start to end.

3.3 Financial

A reoccurring budget of £20,000 has been allocated to support Community Engagement. This budget was previously allocated to Communications for printing purposes that is no longer required. From this budget we expect an annual spend in the region of £13,000, for engagement management software.

Required resources should be factored into project plans and budgets, from the start, to ensure meaningful and inclusive communication and engagement takes place at the appropriate times and levels, with those most affected.

3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

Engagement has been de-escalated as a corporate risk, due to the production of the Engagement Framework and its progressive implementation. The procurement of the Engagement HQ platform will support 'citizen' engagement that will better inform our plans, strategies, and services, helping us reach groups who are less likely to engage by other means, at a time and method that are best suited to their personal and lifestyle needs.

The platform will also provide us with ways to oversee, manage and measure the impact of engagement plans and activities across the organisation and help us to identify gaps and groups that need tailored and personalised engagement.

The development of the governance structure will ensure that we are meeting our statutory duties relating to engagement, with particular focus on health and societal inequalities. Once operational, it will help provide assurance of the quality and standards of engagement taking place.

3.5 Data Protection

Information provided within this report has been taken from a range of sources, including public and colleague feedback, observations, and surveys.

Where appropriate, consent was sought for data to be used to inform our practice and reporting.

3.6 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities

The Engagement Framework was created in partnership with others and is based on current good practice and ethical approaches. Significant emphasis is placed on engaging with groups highlighted within the Equality 2010 Act and Fairer Scotland Duty.

Valuing lived experience and considering the impacts for those most affected by decisions, plans and developments is at the centre of the models within, as is engaging with people in ways best suited to their needs and wishes.

3.7 Other impacts

An impact assessment for the procurement of the Engagement Management Platform is currently being completed, along with DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment) and SSP (System Security Policy) risk assessments.

Mitigating actions will be taken, to ensure people are not excluded or adversely impacted by the introduction of the Engagement Management Platform.

EQIA along with other relevant impact assessments should be completed for each project, redesign, or strategy development, by project teams and relevant stakeholders. Subsequent communication and engagement should be informed by the findings and recommendations of the initial focused EQIA and project plans, which should be updated periodically, throughout the duration of the project or redesign process.

3.8 Communication, involvement, engagement, and consultation

The information in this report has been taken from various engagement and information sources, including:

- Mental Health and Learning Disability Strategy Engagement
- Lochaber Redesign Engagement Event 6th of June 2023
- Care Opinion Website
- Engagement Framework Training Feedback Survey 2023
- Stakeholder survey, 27th July 28th August 2023
- Workforce survey, 13th July 10th of August 2023
- Request for Support data, via MS Forms

3.9 Route to the Meeting

This report has not been previously considered but will be presented to Clinical Governance Committee on 2 November.

4 Recommendation

•	Assurance - To give confidence of compliance with legislation, policy, and
	Board objectives. This report proposes the following level of assurance:

Substantial	Moderate	Х
Limited	None	

4.1 List of appendices

The following appendices are included with this report:

- Appendix 1: Implementation Progress Diagrams
- Appendix 2: Care Opinion Summary Report
- Appendix 3: Internal Survey Summary

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Transforming services - Improving lives

Together



Understanding thechallenges for all

Understanding what matters to all

Sharing <u>ideas & learning</u> from others

<u>Creating</u>the 'new' together

Test, and <u>do</u>

Better plans, better use of resources, better services, better health and care outcomes for people



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Every woman should have a single room - 579 views

Posted by First time mum far from home as the patient 6 months ago

I found out at my 20 weeks scan in Raigmore, Inverness, that there may be something wrong with the development of my baby's heart and was sent down to the QEUH, Glasgow, and seen very quickly within 2 days! A further scan there confirmed that my baby had a heart defect and would most likely require surgery immediately after being born, if he were to survive at all. The staff within the Feotal Medicine department couldn't have been any better in...

Maternity care and Induction - 528 views

Posted by sculptorrc98 as the patient 9 months ago

I gave birth in October and the maternity care we received throughout the pregnancy and birth was amazing. The maternity team in Oban hospital were all brilliant. Kirsty was our main midwife and her help, advice and support she gave us was so appreciated and she was so friendly and made us feel super comfortable and relaxed the entire process. The rest of the team that we dealt with were also all so lovely and knowledgeable. (Rosie, Eva, Sheila,...

I would not be alive today if not for the care I received. - 422 views

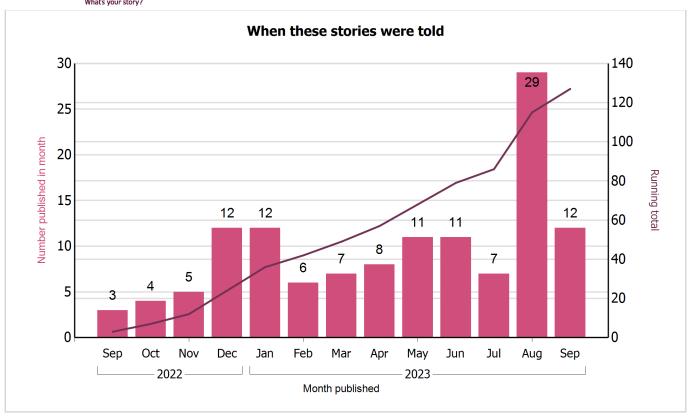
Posted by COSTELLO as the patient 10 months ago

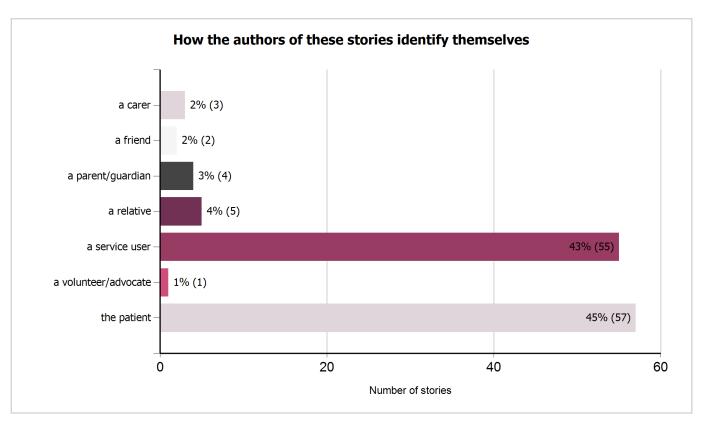
My husband died in September 2022, 2 weeks later I was rushed into hospital with suspected Covid.

I was triaged, the next thing I was aware of was that I was being told I was in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and was hooked up to an oxygen supply. I was in and out of consciousness.

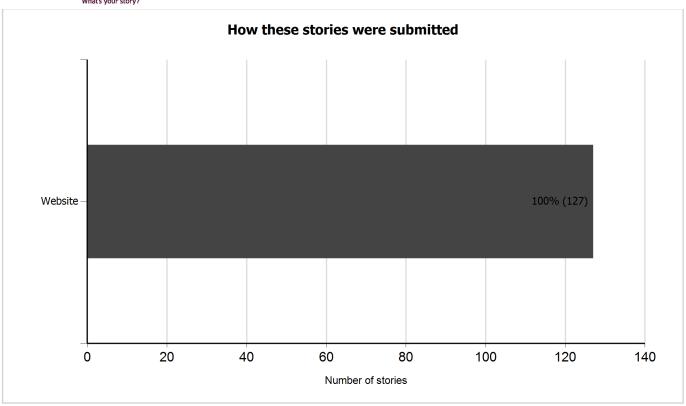
The Consultant told me I was very ill and that I might have to go on a ventilator I said that I didn't want to which they replied I may not have a choice (my...

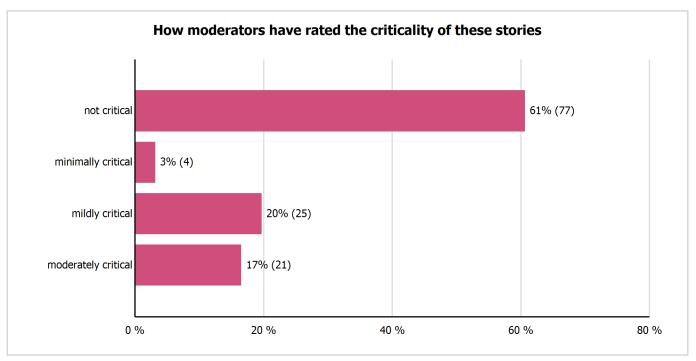












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Most common tags added by authors to these stories

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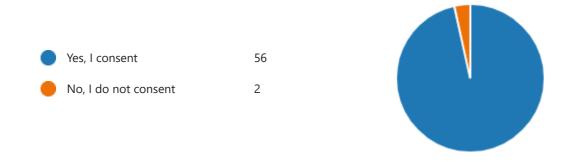
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Directions	2
facilities	2
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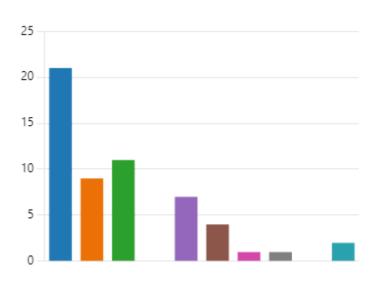


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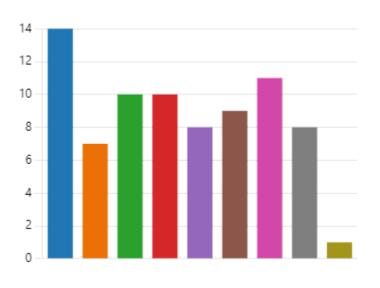
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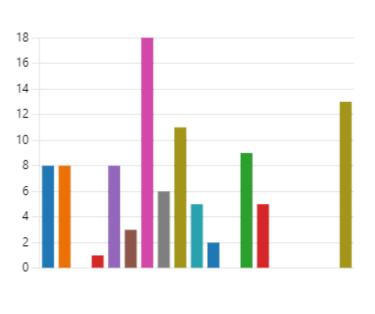


- 4. Do you have an established local network for sharing information and seeking feedback from people, *staff, people who need services, carers and members of the public?
 - Yes we have a functioning local ... 10
 We are currently developing a l... 6
 We do not have a local network 10
 Not sure if we have or use a loc... 30



5. How do you currently communicate or seek feedback from patients or members of the public? Please tick all that apply to you.

•	Community meetings	8
•	Stakeholder group	8
•	Patient Council	0
	Local Radio	1
	Newsletter	8
	Care Opinion	3
•	Patient Survey	18
	Comments Cards	6
	Email	11
	Website	5
	Local newspapers/spotlight bro	2
	WhatsApp	0
•	Facebook	9
	Twitter	5
	Instagram	0
	Snapchat	0
•	LinkedIn	0
	Tiktok	0
	Other	13



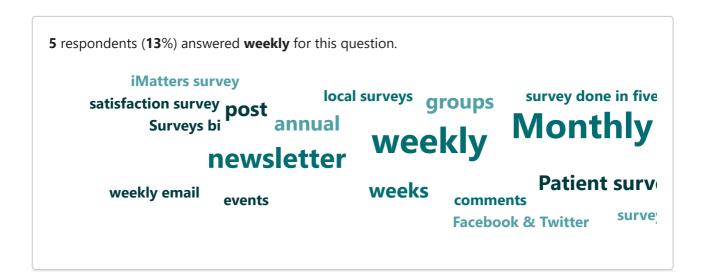
6. Please tell us how often this communication takes place for each of the choices you have made

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40 Responses "If relevant info comes in via email, for public info, it is forwa...

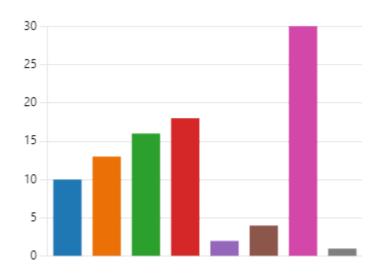
"Frequently on a one-to-one basis."

"Quarterly"



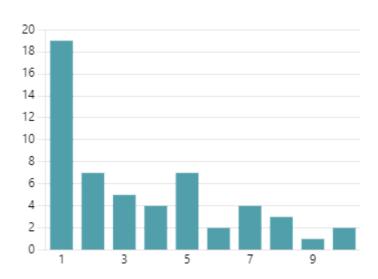
7. What experience of community engagement do you have?

I have facilitated and chaired on... 10
I have supported a colleague at ... 13
I have attended community me... 16
I have conducted patient survey... 18
I have responded to a story on ... 2
I have promoted Care Opinion a... 4
I have not experienced any of th... 30
Other 1



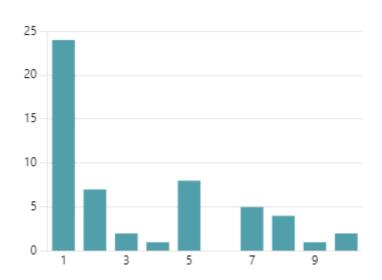
8. Following the Scottish Government Community Engagement Guidance - Planning with People.

3.56 Average Rating



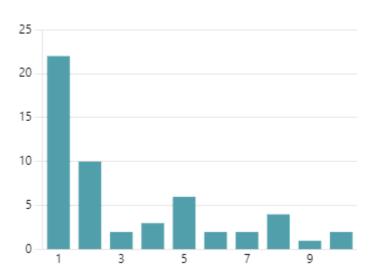
9. Carrying out a stakeholder analysis.

3.41 Average Rating



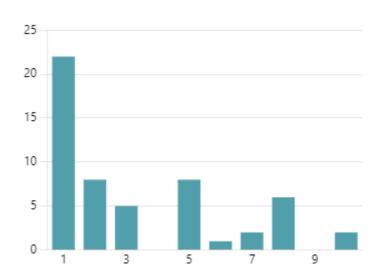
10. Completing an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA).

3.28 Average Rating



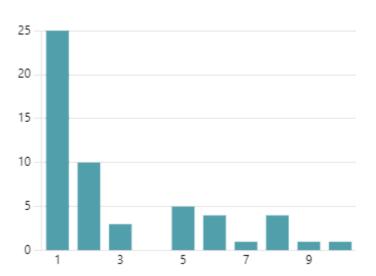
11. Creating a communications and engagement plan.

3.35
Average Rating



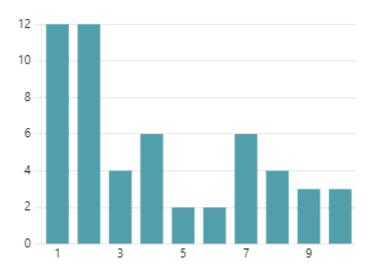
12. Following the statutory community engagement process for major service change.

2.98 Average Rating



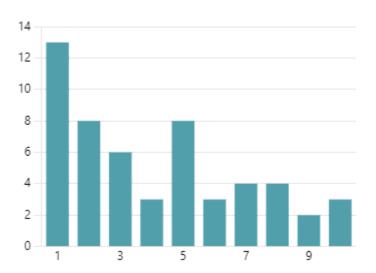
13. Communicating and engaging with relevant groups and communities, including vulnerable or less heard from groups.

4.17 Average Rating



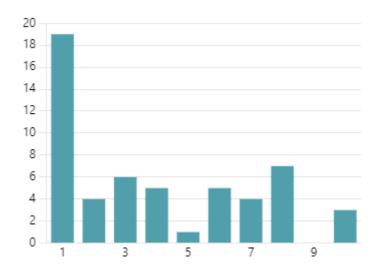
14. Using digital methods to meaningfully engage with people.

4.17 Average Rating



15. Managing difficult conversations or challenging behaviour with stakeholders.

3.96 Average Rating

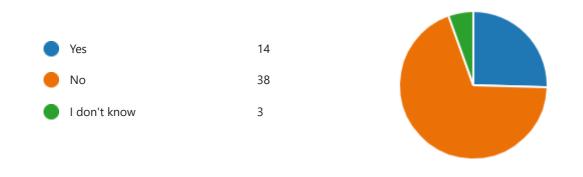


16. Please tell us what would help build confidence in the areas that scored low on the scale.





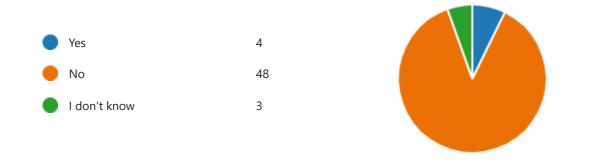
17. Have you read the NHS Highland Engagement Framework



18. Have you used elements of the Engagement Framework to support your work? Like the Engagement Cycle, Levels of Engagement and Engagement Values

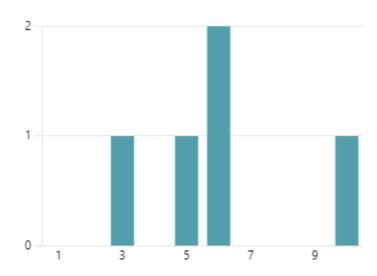


19. Have you used any of the templates or resources, like the Planning Tool or the 6 Tips to Improve Involving People Skills guide?



20. If you said yes to any of the answers above, please tell us how helpful was the Framework, training and resources are or were, in supporting your work.





21. Please use the space below to tell us more about this,

Responses

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"Not reached a point yet where I can apply the resources but ...

5 respondents (**56**%) answered **not aware** for this question.

actually work

work of our department

day workload

day to day not aware

resourc

Clear guidance

aware

documents or resources

community

work

probably be integrated

22. Overall, since the same time last year, how do you feel community engagement is being delivered by NHS Highland

Better than this time last year 5 About the same as this time last... 10

I don't know 36

Worse than this time last year



23. Have you received any advice or help from the Communications and Engagement Team in relation to engaging with patients, communities or staff?

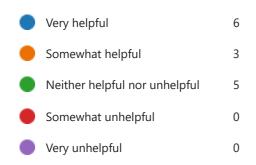
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8 Yes 39

I don't know



24. How helpful was the support or advice you recieved





25. Have you attended training or information sessions about engaging with people, using the framework or Equality Impact Assessment and Engagement?





26. Tell us more about your experience, what was good and what would be helpful for the future?

> 5 Responses

Latest Responses

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2 respondents (40%) answered training for this question.

current role Comms past training Carbon Footpri tools positive experience helpful refresher

6 Responses

Latest Responses