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Keeping hospital social work thriving, through and beyond the pandemic

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What do you need to be a hospital social worker?

- A positive, optimistic outlook
- Understanding the reality of oppression and help advocate
- A belief in the possibility of change
- An ability to imagine a different way of doing things



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| a.c | Before meals |
| BDS | Two times a day |
| gtt | drops |
| nocte | night |
| o.d | Once a day |
| prn | As needed |
| QDS | Four times a day |
| TDS | Three times a day |



Top tips for working with health and holding onto your values

- Know your stuff
- Keep the person at the centre of all your conversations
- Understand your role
- Communicate effectively



What are we doing in Somerset?

1. Social Workers at the front door
2. Supporting people who have been admitted to hospital
3. Working with people who frequently attend hospital



Discharge to Assess: The legal picture



Current situation

Implementation of Discharge to Assess was sped up in response to the pandemic.

Legal frameworks that underpin both Adult Social Care and CHC/FNC state that assessments must take place prior to discharge.

Current legislation does not reflect what is happening in practice in terms of D2A.

Existing legislation to be updated and new national guidance to be developed.

The new legislation would provide a framework for completing assessments AFTER discharge.

Charging for Delayed Discharges will be revoked.

Proposed changes will take effect in 2022

Future proposal

Questions

This presentation, the video and handouts are available to view and download from:

www.somerset.gov.uk/socialcarejobs

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