

HSJ Patient Safety Congress, Manchester 2-3rd July 2019

I was fortunate enough to have been able to attend the recent Health Service Journal Patient Safety Congress and National Outreach Forum annual meeting that took place in Manchester early July made possible due to a grant from the BACCN (alongside some funding by the @ICU_Reading charity). This is the largest patient safety conferences within the UK addressing the main causes of death in hospital – failures to recognise or act on deterioration – and an essential opportunity for front line clinical staff to share and advance the optimal management of high-risk patients across the whole hospital, and beyond. We have increasingly come to realise that not only need we to understand the multiple human factors at play, but more importantly we have to make it easy for staff to “do the right thing” when a patient is deteriorating within the acute hospital setting – every time!

The Patient Safety and National Outreach Forum is one of the leading patient safety conferences, addressing the number one cause of avoidable deaths in hospital. Leading clinicians and researchers from across the UK will be discussing best practice and innovation with regards to some of key issues we all face on a daily basis:

- * Why hospitals aren't safer: what they must do to be better?
- * Managing deterioration from care home to intensive care – the patient's complete journey
- * How to make it easy for staff to do the right thing – every time
- * Learn how to engage your local board and policymakers in making your system work for you on a local level
- * The acute care - end of life care interface (becoming more and more the remit of Critical Care Outreach teams)
- * Multi professional working
- * Optimising education, training and clinical competence
- * Specialist care in maternity, paediatrics, cancer and the frail elderly

Attending this conference enabled me to build on connections & links made over the last 5-10 years with various experts & leading practitioners within the field of Critical Care Outreach that had not only played part in exploring the role of Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANP) within Critical Care Outreach locally (presented our local approach at the 2018 Conference) but actually led to perhaps being one of the first teams developing ANP's within Critical Care Outreach enhancing not just the care we deliver to our patients and their loved ones (regardless of where they are within the acute hospital setting) but also the support we provide to the wider healthcare team (both medical and nursing) on a daily basis.

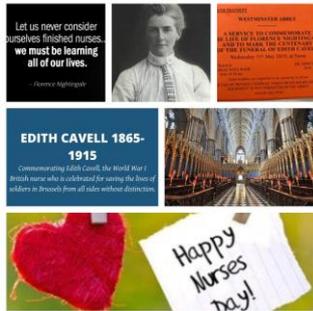
I shared some of the highlights of the congress through SoMe, but if you've missed it here's a wakelet summary of some of my personal key points/messages <https://wke.lt/w/s/1uAOBD>



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The congress inspired me to start writing my own blog

"VoicesofCriticalCareNurses2020" <https://voicesofcriticalcarenurses2020.blog/2019/07/26/learning-from-history/>



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The care of the sick, the infirm, the very young and the very old – has been practised in some form or the other since the beginning of recorded history, although as a skilled profession it i...
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Once again "Thank You" to the BACCN for making this possible.

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