

Appendix 1

Survey Data Collection Form (medics)

28/07/2023, 15:53

Awareness of the Ward Medicines Assistant Role

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Some questions may require a rating: 1 = strongly disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 4 = agree, 5 = strongly agree.

1. What is your job role?

2. Have you ever worked with a ward medicines assistant (WMA)?

- Yes
- No
- I am unsure

3. I am fully aware of what WMAs do on the ward.

1	2	3	4	5
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Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

4. I am aware of which tasks I can ask a WMA to help me with.

1	2	3	4	5
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Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

5. I feel I would benefit from education regarding the WMA role.

If you are unaware of what a WMA is, you may submit the survey after answering this question.

1	2	3	4	5
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Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

6. I find having a WMA on the ward to be helpful.

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Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

7. I feel having a WMA on my ward gives me more time for other tasks.

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Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

8. I feel having a WMA takes pressure off nurses on the wards.

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Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

9. I feel there is no need for the WMA role across wards.

1	2	3	4	5
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Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

10. Could you explain your answer to the previous question (Q9)?

11. What do you feel are the main advantages of having a WMA on the ward?

12. What do you feel are the main disadvantages of having a WMA on the ward?

13. Is there anything else you believe a WMA should be able to do?

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Appendix 2

Survey Data Collection Form (nursing)

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Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	

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4. I am aware of which tasks I can ask a WMA to help me with.

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Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

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Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

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1	2	3	4	5
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Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

8. I feel having a WMA takes pressure off nurses on the wards.

1	2	3	4	5
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Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

9. I feel there is no need for the WMA role across wards.

1	2	3	4	5
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Table S1 Responses to the survey

Responded to survey items	Staff group [†]									
	Senior medical		Junior medical		Senior nursing staff		Junior nursing staff		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Total	17	42.5	9	22.5	5	12.5	9	22.5	40	100
Have you ever worked with a WMAs?										
Yes	10	58.8	4	23.5	5	29.4	8	47.1	27	67.5
No	3	17.6	2	11.8	0	0.0	1	5.9	6	15.0
Unsure	4	23.5	3	17.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	17.5
I am fully aware of what WMAs do on the ward.										
Strongly agree or agree	7	41.2	1	5.9	5	29.4	6	35.3	19	47.5
Neither agree nor disagree	2	11.8	3	17.6	0	0.0	2	11.8	7	17.5
Strongly disagree or disagree	8	47.1	5	29.4	0	0.0	1	5.9	14	35.0
I am aware of which tasks I can ask a Medicines Assistant to help me with.										
Strongly agree or agree	5	29.4	2	11.8	5	29.4	6	35.3	18	45.0
Neither agree nor disagree	3	17.6	1	5.9	0	0.0	2	11.8	6	15.0
Strongly disagree or disagree	9	52.9	6	35.3	0	0.0	1	5.9	16	40.0
I feel I would benefit from education regarding the Medicines Assistant role.										
Strongly agree or agree	9	52.9	6	35.3	3	17.6	6	35.3	24	60.0
Neither agree nor disagree	5	29.4	3	17.6	0	0.0	1	5.9	9	22.5
Strongly disagree or disagree	3	17.6	0	0.0	2	11.8	2	11.8	7	17.5
I find having a Medicines Assistant on the ward to be helpful.										
Strongly agree or agree	8	47.1	4	23.5	5	29.4	5	29.4	22	55.0
Neither agree nor disagree	7	41.2	5	29.4	0	0.0	4	23.5	16	40.0
Strongly disagree or disagree	2	11.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	5.0
I feel having a Medicines Assistant on my ward gives me more time for other tasks.										
Strongly agree or agree	6	35.3	3	17.6	5	29.4	5	29.4	19	47.5
Neither agree nor disagree	8	47.1	6	35.3	0	0.0	3	17.6	17	42.5
Strongly disagree or disagree	3	17.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.9	4	10.0
I feel having a Medicines Assistant takes pressure off nurses on the wards.										
Strongly agree or agree	9	52.9	2	11.8	5	29.4	6	35.3	22	55.0
Neither agree nor disagree	6	35.3	7	41.2	0	0.0	2	11.8	15	37.5
Strongly disagree or disagree	2	11.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.9	3	7.5
I feel there is no need for the Medicines Assistant role across wards.										
Strongly agree or agree	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.5
Neither agree nor disagree	1	5.9	4	23.5	0	0.0	1	5.9	6	15.0
Strongly disagree or disagree	15	88.2	5	29.4	5	29.4	8	47.1	33	82.5

[†], senior doctor refers to consultant medical staff, junior doctor refers to any medical staff not at consultant level, senior nurse includes charge nurse, sisters, matrons, and junior nurse includes staff nurse, nursing associate or healthcare assistant. WMAs, Ward Medicines Assistants.