



Coventry and
Warwickshire Partnership
NHS Trust

STORIES FROM THE WARD

FRANK

PSYCHIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

Safe from day one

as told by Natasha Le Fort

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Frank is a young man with a diagnosis of mild learning difficulties, post-traumatic stress disorder, psychosis and epilepsy.

He was transferred to a psychiatric intensive care unit from an acute ward on 6th April² following an increase in aggressive behaviour that made Frank a challenge to support and care.



*We were **quite anxious** when he arrived on the ward as he has a history of frequent and **unpredictable seizures** which have led to respiratory and **cardiac arrest**. We need to act quickly if he has a seizure but we might not know when he is having one.*

*We discussed using close observations with Frank, but he told us he finds this **intrusive and stressful** and we know from his history that stress increases the likelihood of seizures*

When Frank was admitted, he was placed in a bedroom equipped with Oxevision to help his nurses keep him safe.

Oxevision helps Natasha and her team to take spot-check vital signs observations without disturbing Frank, and gives them 24/7 information on Frank's activities & behaviour in his bedroom.

*Oxehealth has really **enhanced Frank's safety** while giving us **peace of mind**.*

We can check Frank's pulse and breathing rate as often as we like without disturbing him, and get alerts if he spends more than 5 minutes in his bathroom.

*We can check that Frank is safe and healthy throughout the night, without putting him on close observations, and be **reassured** that we can **quickly respond** to any signs of a seizure we notice.*

Natasha Le Fort, Deputy Ward Manager, PICU



¹ A pseudonym has been used to maintain patient anonymity

² The date has been changed to maintain patient anonymity

ABOUT OXEHEALTH

Oxehealth's Oxevision supports Mental Health organisations to improve inpatient safety and quality whilst giving clinicians more time to care.

Oxevision uses an optical sensor to pay attention to patients in bedrooms when staff can't be there. It enables staff to take contact-free vital sign spot checks without entering the room. It provides real time alerts to high-risk activity and displays activity and behaviour reports.

In 2019, Oxehealth has won the HSJ Patient Safety Award for "Best HealthTech Solution" and Regional Parliamentary "The Future NHS" Award. Oxevision has been highlighted as an example of outstanding practice by the CQC¹.

FOOTNOTES

The Oxehealth Vitals Signs device is a certified medical device in Europe. It is intended for non-invasive spot measurements of pulse rate and respiratory rate. It is a fixed-installed device for use within single occupancy rooms within hospitals, general care, domestic and secured environments where a framework exists which mandates period checks by a trained professional to ensure subject safety. See Instructions for Use for intended use, contraindications, warnings, cautions, usage directions and maintenance.

The activity detection, fall risk, activity tracker and sleep products are activity trackers and do not have a medical purpose or functionality. They are not patient monitors or vital signs monitors. They cannot be used to make a medical or clinical decision.

¹ See <https://oxe.health/cqc-cwpt>

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