Implementation of Safety Huddles on PEAU

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Background

• PEAU
  – Linked to ED
  – 3 different areas
    • ED
    • short stay
    • long stay
  – Multiple specialties involved in patients
  – High turn over of patients
  – Nursing handover 7.30
  – Hospital wide medical handover 8.30-9.00 (9.30 if teaching)
Initial attempt at implementation

- June 2017
- Decision at a senior level that this should be implemented
- Staff not consulted
- Agreed with the principle but felt it was scripted
- Difficulties in determining timing
  - If at 9 am medical staff not always available
  - Discussion about benefits of having the huddle following rounds
  - Difficulty in getting all of the teams together at specific time
  - Adaptations made to trial different times but this caused confusion regarding the time.
Our plan

• Restart the huddle
• We have asked staff for input (coordinators on PEAU who lead)
• Timetable formulated for the day including the huddle at 1pm. Other catch up points at 9, 1630 and 2100