



Practice Developments in Improving Autism Spectrum Disorder Services at RMCH

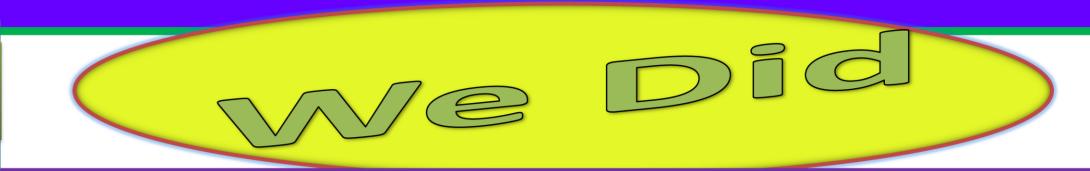
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You Said



- Our child needs a better experience in hospital
- Our child becomes stressed by new & restricted environments
- 3-4 hours in hospital are a real challenge for us and our children
- Staff need to recognise
 that children with autism
 are different and complex
 individuals
- Staff don't understand how stressful it is for my child to be in hospital
- We want staff to understand our child's experience
- My child refuses to have treatments/procedures



Practice Developments: We have

- Identified service users with Autism early through multi-professional involvement
- Utilised routine service user and carer feedback & evaluation to
- Provided quality standards for care
- Strengthened the Autism Service Improvement Group (ASIG)
- Increased staff awareness through bespoke training & education events
- Introduced person centred assessment
- Provided patient communication tools
- Developed care pathways based on specific needs & interventions
- Identified local Autism Champions
- Increased multi-professional collaboration
- Increased training awareness for professionals
- Shared practice developments with children's services in Eye & Dental Hospitals
- Increased resources e. g. Picture key rings, IPADs, social stories
- Contributed to development of pathways for transition to adult services
- Increased liaison with community services