

ACUTE MEDICAL UNIT (AMU) NURSING HANDOVER



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Aim

To reduce the time taken to deliver nursing handover from 88 minutes to 40 minutes by October 2019.



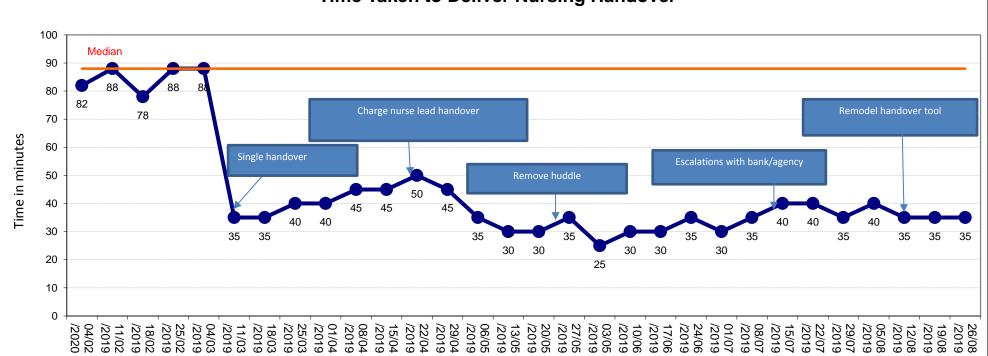
Challenges

- Unpredictability of patient numbers and complexities of care within AMU
- Facilitating team meetings
- Changing imbedded practice and culture.



Outcome measures





What has it achieved?

Released valuable nursing time Promotes patient safety and satisfaction with service Streamlined Nursing handover process Engaged team Defined Roles during handover

Learning

Handover to be led by senior staff

Handover needs preparation to be efficient

Electronic handover tools must be updated with relevant details prior to handover.

Staff benefit from the social and learning aspect of nursing handover with their colleagues.

Handover needs to start and on time with all staff present.