

Hospice UK national conference, 2022

Example 2: Abstract unlikely to be accepted

Title: Pet Enhancing Therapy (PET)

Background: We saw the need to use the pets that staff and visitors brought into the hospice to provide a different type of care for our patients and their families. We know from the evidence that pet or animal therapies make a difference to people in hospice and palliative care.

Aims: To monitor and evaluate our PET programme and to see what difference it made to care

Methods: In 2017 – 2018 we provided PET to 110 patients, children and young people. We evaluated the experience, audited our documentation and fed back into our service recommendations from the audit and evaluation.

Results: Over the period of time that the pets visited we saw an increase in satisfaction from patients and families, a feeling of wellbeing and community as well as improvement in the bereavement of children and young people who use our service.

Conclusion: We believe that this made a significant difference to the experience of patients and their families. In our presentation we will show how we did this, lessons learnt and recommendations for the future and why we are still providing and evaluating the service.

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