

Developing a Learnpro module for Dysphagia Management

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Dysphagia post-stroke

National recommendations around screening for swallowing difficulties post-stroke.

- ▶ SIGN Guidelines 119: Management of Patients with Stroke :identification and management of dysphagia.
 - All stroke patients should be screened for dysphagia before being given food or drink.
- ▶ Scottish Stroke Care Standards
 - 100% of patients are screened by a standardised assessment method to identify any difficulty swallowing safely due to low conscious level and/ or the presence of signs of dysphagia within 4 hours of arrival at hospital before the patient is given any food/ drink or oral medication.

NHS Forth Valley pre-review.....

In August 2011:

Poor attendance at local swallow screening training

- ▶ 1 attendee over 24 sessions offered in a year

Poor knowledge of diet descriptors in NHS Forth Valley

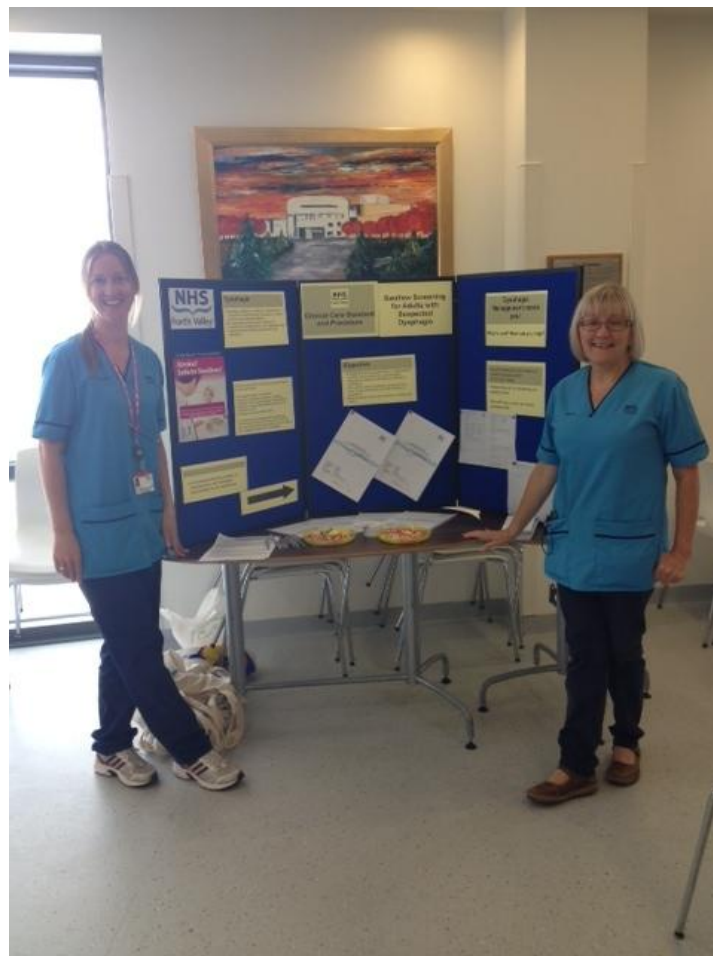
- ▶ Identifying correct terms used locally:
 - 19% for food descriptors
 - 45% for fluid descriptor

78% of SSCAs target for swallow screening

- ▶ (Target 90% at this time)



What next....



Thoughts...

- ▶ Time frame
 - 2011 —————> 2017
- ▶ Ring-fenced time
 - ?Funding for backfill
- ▶ Target audience
- ▶ Part of a tool box

Improvement For Patients

- ▶ Quality assurance
- ▶ Evidence based practise
- ▶ Increased knowledge and confidence
- ▶ Improvement in patient care

Improvement in management of eating and drinking
in stroke care