

# Psychological support for people with motor neurone disease : Developing a Community Service

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## Background and Aims

**A Serious Case Review in January 2018 identified significant delays in accessing specialist psychological support for this group of service users**

**NICE NG42 guideline 1.6.2**

- **Does Mersey Care have the service to support this patient group?**
- **Develop a training package for staff**
- **Map the patient journey.**



## Evaluation

**Mersey Care agreed a secondment for a part time clinical psychologist – started 1 April 2020**

**Mersey Care Centre for Perfect Care developed a bespoke training package for suicide prevention, which has commenced roll out**

**Mapping of patient journey is ongoing with an evaluation into the MND psychology service and service user input into the future of the service.**



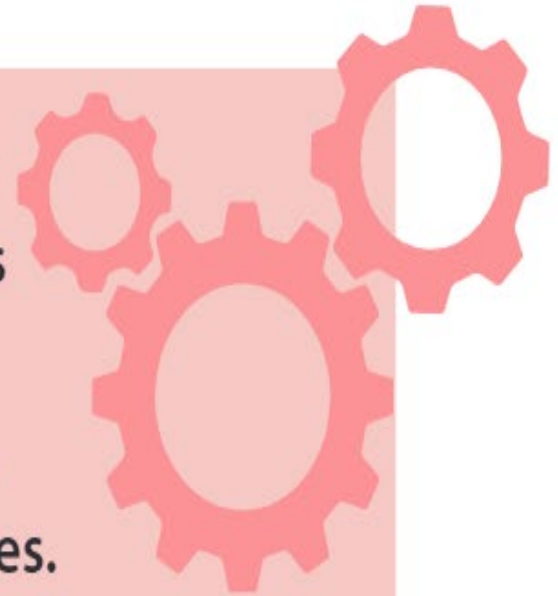
# Conclusion

- **Positive patient feedback**
- **No further incidents of risk**
- **Suicide training going well**
- **Integrated working.**



## Recommendations and Actions

- Professionals should seek support to feel confident to address the mental health needs of their patients
- Encourage staff to report incidents through their organisation's risk management structures as it can be the beginning of the development of new services.



# Questions?

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