

Peer Support Fife Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Carer Survey

Peer Support Fife (www.peersupportfife.org.uk) is a voluntary sector user led organisation promoting peer support and peer led alternatives in mental health. Other areas of work include promoting and supporting survivor, user and carer participation and leadership in service planning and provision.

This survey aims to find out from carers about their experiences of the Fife acute psychiatric inpatient setting, through supporting the person they care for. There is also an equivalent survey for service users.

Thank you for taking part. (please circle answers)

1. Gender of person you care for? Male Female

2. Age of person you care for?

16-18 18-21 22-25 26-30
31-45 46-60 over 60

3. How would you describe your ethnic background?

White Scottish Other White British Irish Eastern European
Other European Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi
Chinese Caribbean African Arab Gypsy Traveller

Other ethnic group (eg Indian Scottish, Japanese, American)

4. Which ward was the person you care for an inpatient of?

Lomond Ward Rothes Ward Woodbank Ward
Stratheden Hospital Whyteman's Brae Kirkcaldy Whyteman's Brae Kirkcaldy

Ravensraig Ward Ward 2, Queen Margaret Hospital
Whyteman's Brae Kirkcaldy Dunfermline

8. Please describe the acute inpatient care experience for the person you care for (tick choices)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The nurses listened to and supported them					
The psychiatrist(s) listened to and supported them					
Advocacy was available when they asked for it and was helpful					
They were invited to multi-disciplinary (staff, carer, advocate) meetings to discuss their care plan					
They felt safe and secure in the ward					
They were happy with the medication given to them					
They agreed with the diagnosis given to them					
They had access to occupational therapies					
They had access to psychological/talking therapies					
They were encouraged to discuss their hopes and plans for the future					
There was a focus on recovery					
The acute inpatient stay was a positive one for the person I care for					

9. Please comment on your experience of visiting the acute ward and of your carer role

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The nurses listened to me and were supportive					
The psychiatrist listened to me and was supportive					
Advocacy was available to me in respect of my caring role					
I was able to visit whenever I wanted (within visiting hours)					
There was information on different therapies available for the person I care for					
There was information available on carer rights and support for carers					
I was consulted regarding the care plan for the person I care for					
I was invited to attend meetings with staff to discuss the progress of the person I care for					
The acute inpatient care experience was a positive one for me as a carer					

10. Please suggest any improvements that you think could be made in the acute inpatient setting

11. If you would like to discuss your experience of caring for a person in an acute ward, confidentially in a one-to-one interview please contact:

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or leave your name and contact details below

Thank you for completing this survey on Fife Acute Inpatient Care.

We will be holding focus groups in different areas of Fife and there is also an online survey with a link on our website – www.peersupportfife.org.uk.

Please return completed survey to:

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