Central and South West England and Wales

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Introduction
Show what the basic bid is for
Outline the objectives of the bid
Outline the expected outcomes

To pilot the role of a designated physiotherapist (25 hours per week) within the Oncology directorate. This post-holder will also be working with other organisations. The need for such a role has been explored with collation of data relating to the potential number of oncology patients who would benefit from such a post. To improve the level of rehabilitation for in-patients at Poole Hospital, it was thought that increasing the physiotherapy resources for the oncology wards would improve the access to physiotherapy allowing more patients to receive rehabilitation which will improve their functional potential and independence at discharge. A standard approach to the management of patients with spinal cord compressions is established and an equitable physiotherapy service is thereby helping to improve the quality of life after discharge.

Particular emphasis would be given to those with no spinal instabilities. This should result in providing with earlier mobilisation and rehabilitation. Increasing the physiotherapy levels the understanding of rehabilitation would improve in the wards with all members of the MDT being encouraged to participate in the delivery of rehabilitation.

There would be enhanced working between the physiotherapists and nursing members of the MDT being encouraged to participate in the delivery of rehabilitation. Palliative care centres in Dorset to ensure that protocols are established and an equitable physiotherapy service is maintained. As a senior physiotherapist in the Dorset Cancer Centre, there would be enhanced working between the physiotherapists and nursing members of the ward team augmenting opportunities for collaborative working and patient care.

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Implications if the bid is unsuccessful

Background
Outline existing provision (attach GAP analysis if available and appropriate)

Describe the context (relationship to PCT, Trust, Network)

Describe how the project fits with current thinking / policies at local, regional, Network and national level

more straight forward discharge. For those patients being discharged from the hospital, there would be a more robust service across Dorset with the potential for a patient-focused and evidence-based referral system. A clear role for physiotherapy professionals would be identified and a post-discharge service would be identified. This would be written outlining the role of physiotherapy in demonstrating the benefits both to the patient and the wider community.

In the all of the previously mentioned new developments, the views of patients, care professionals and the views of patients, care professionals would be considered. The physiotherapy department provides a limited service to the oncology wards at a strategic level. There are currently very limited oncology physiotherapy links with the hospices only. This new physiotherapy link will ensure that there were better physiotherapy links with the hospices and other groups at a national level. There are currently very limited oncology physiotherapy services for in-patients in Poole Hospital. The physiotherapy department will continue to offer a service to in-patients in Poole Hospital, which is not solely dedicated to these wards. At present a maximum of 18 hours per week of a specialist physiotherapist may be allocated to these wards. With these resources, there is very limited service to the oncology wards. With these resources, there is very little scope for developing innovative practices or opportunities for improving support for the oncology wards. With these resources, there is very little scope for developing innovative practices or opportunities for improving support for the oncology wards.

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Demonstrate fit with Macmillan corporate objectives (SDM will advise)

Proposal Content

Provide fuller details of the service / post named in the basic bid

Describe delivery of the service

Identify project manager

Identify key stakeholders and level of engagement to date

Outline proposal evaluation criteria

Outline exit strategy or approach to secure long-term funding

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3-year pilot for 0.69 WTE Specialist Physiotherapist within the Oncology directorate. This proposal enhances the delivery of the Oncology rehabilitation and better preparedness for discharge. By working as an integral member of a ward based team, the post-holder would attend multi-disciplinary meetings and other relevant strategic oncology meetings. The post-holder will also be a key member of the core planning team. In addition, the post-holder would work with other health professionals on the Oncology wards emphasising the importance of equitable physiotherapy services, identifying the number of patients that would benefit from ongoing oncology physiotherapy in the community. Using established links with local palliative care centres; the post-holder would attend multi-disciplinary meetings and other relevant strategic oncology meetings. The use of outcome measures to evaluate the physiotherapy groups such as spinal cord compressions and functional levels at discharge for particular patient groups. A proposal highlighting the potential oncology rehabilitation post discharge that would benefit from a service provided by a Specialist Physiotherapist. In the final 6 months of the pilot project evaluation will be carried out. The Trust / PCT would be approached through the usual channels to secure ongoing funding.
Provide the cost profile for the project

Should funding not be secured, however the improvements to practice and collaboratives developed working with organisations during this opportunity would continue.

3 years salary of 0.69 WTE Senior 1 Physiotherapist
£23,317 p.a.

Total = £69,951 (for the 3 years)