**Guidelines for the Implementing Evidence Based Practice summative assignment**

***‘Summative Assessment: 3000 words (+/- 10%) assignment will be on a topic of the student’s own choice or from the list provided; identified from practice experience and of relevance to service users and their families’ care experiences’***

***The topic must be focus on improving patient safety and/ or patient experience.***

**Suggested topics**

**Please choose one (1) of the questions listed below.**

1. Care without control: The effectiveness of least restrictive options for individuals presenting with serious mental health needs
2. Risk assessment in community mental health: The effectiveness of current assessment tools in a changing mental environment
3. The effectiveness of ward based therapeutic activities in management of violence and aggression in inpatient mental health environments**.**

Examine the evidence supporting a clinical topic (chosen from your clinical experience) and critically appraise the evidence to underpin the evidence based practice, including a discussion of factors that may inhibit the implementation of the evidence base.

The Introduction

Identifying a research question, aims and objective, related to practice and service user and carers concerns.

Research question

Rationale for asking this question-why are you asking this? Is there a lack of evidence in the existing literature?

Introduce how you formulated your question

You must use PICO/PEO to clearly define your question.

Aims and objectives of this review

Methodology

You need to look at the evidence base for your chosen topic. This will require good literature searching skills and a clear account of the search strategy you used. 6-15 papers are recommended depending on your question.

Describe search terms used

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Results of the search strategy

Describe your findings and use a table to depict results and place in appendices

Quality Appraisal

Use an appraisal tool to appraise the papers you have selected. Put this information in your appendices and refer to it.

Mention bias in terms of research methodology for the papers you have selected

Summary and synthesis of the papers

What are the main points of the literature in relation to your research question?

Are there any themes coming through? Is there a reliance on particular areas?

Issues of Implementation

Consider how you would implement the approach in practice and with all the stakeholders

Conclusion

Complete the essay with a brief conclusion drawing together the key ideas that specifically answered your research question and finally the implication of your findings for practice.

Above all make sure you are being critical in a structured and logical way