



'Tidy Time'

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Background

Bedspaces within Paediatric Critical Care (PCC) usually contain various equipment and busy shifts can often result in clutter accumulating, leading to an unsafe bedspace. The implications of this have been attributed to recurring incident themes on PCC and shown to provide a poor patient experience in Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

The aims of this project were to:

- Explore the impact of an untidy bedspace in relation to patient safety.
- Implement a programme to support staff, raising awareness and promoting a positive culture

Methods

An observational audit was undertaken over a 4-week period of each bedspace across PCC, and electronic records were audited to assess documentation of safety checks.

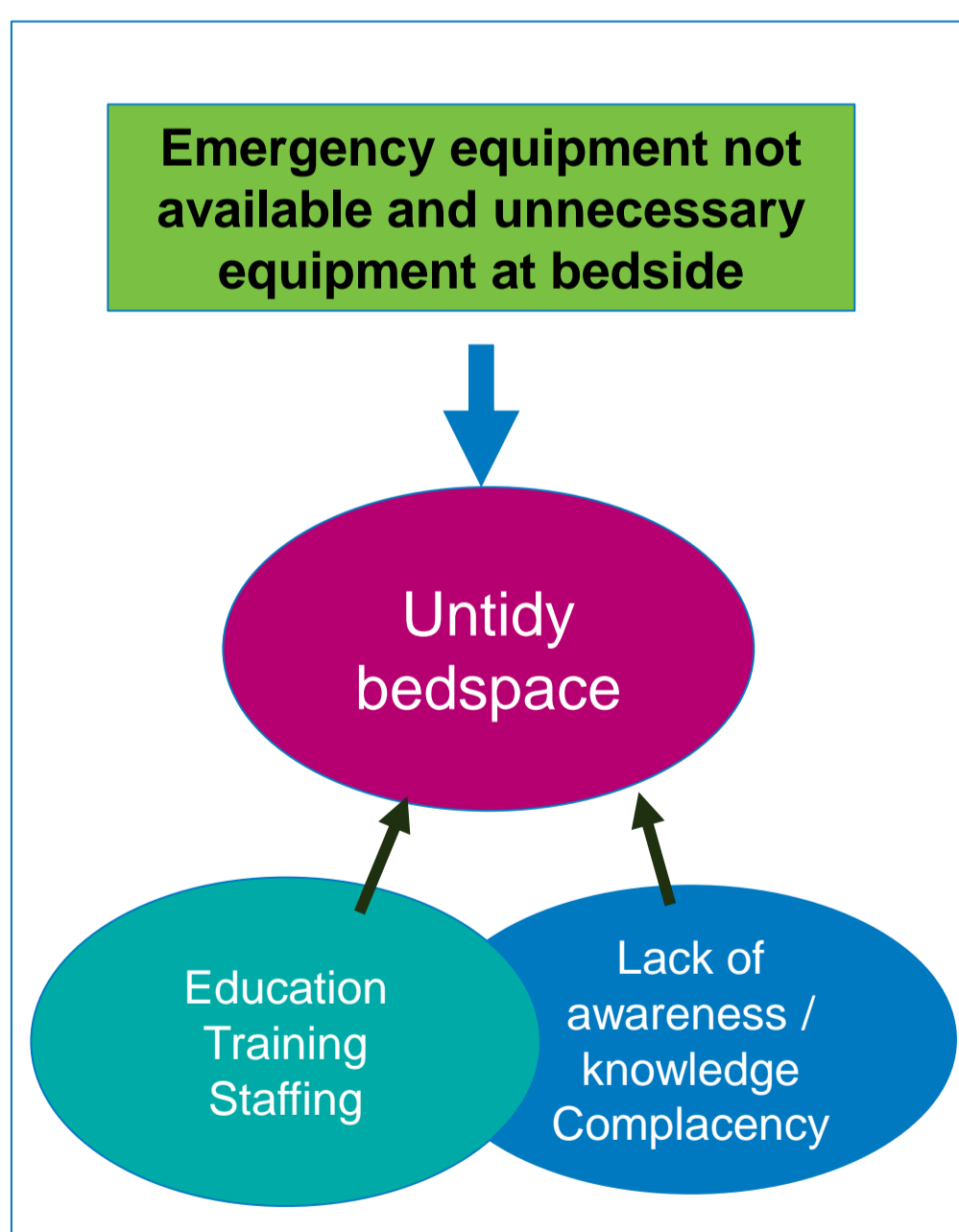
A teaching programme was developed and implemented over a 2-week period, focussing on positive role-modelling, with posters shared and a display board used to disseminate information.

Following the project launch, the audit was repeated to determine its effect

References

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Results



Following the project launch, improvement was noted in the bedspaces being clean and tidy (65% to 83%) and correct equipment being readily available (68% to 92%)



Conclusions

This project has empowered a junior nursing workforce to have the initiative and independence to take a lead within their bedspace to ensure the delivery of harm-free care. Raising the awareness of the significant risks associated with having an untidy bedspace has highlighted the duty of care required to ensure patient safety is not compromised