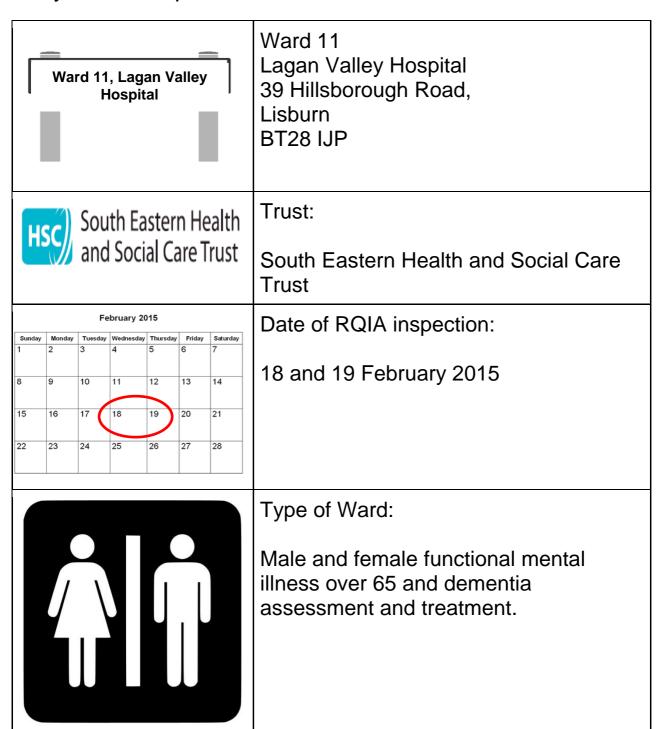


What we found when we visited Ward 11, Lagan Valley Hospital.

Easy to read report.



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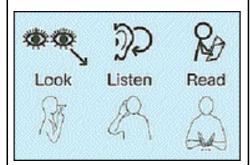


Who is RQIA?

RQIA is the group of people in Northern Ireland that visit wards in hospitals, homes and other services to check that they are good and make sure that they are safe for everyone. RQIA call these visits inspections. The people from RQIA that visit the ward are called inspectors.

The inspectors that visited ward 11 were called Alan and Shelagh Mary Rea.

What did Alan and Shelagh Mary do?



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- looked around the ward
- talked with patients on the ward
- talked to patients' families and carers
- talked to the staff working on the ward
- talked to the people that are in charge of ward 11

Alan and Shelagh Mary also

- read some of the notes that the staff write
- looked at some of the forms that the staff fill out

After Alan and Shelagh Mary visited the ward they wrote a report of what they found and sent it to the ward. RQIA asked the staff that work on the ward and the people that are in charge of the ward to make some changes. These will make the ward better place to be.

The patients said it was good that	
	Staff listened
	Staff were helpful and easy to speak to
	Doctors and nursing staff had discussed their treatment and medication with them.
	They could meet with the advocate
	They felt safe on the ward
	They could access the garden
	They knew who to speak to if something was wrong
	The care on the ward was of good quality

Alan and Shelagh Mary were concerned that	
	some staff had not completed all of their refresher training
	some staff had not received supervision sessions from their manager
	some of the ward's care records needed to be reviewed
	the advocate did not visit all of the ward
	some patient care plans were not reviewed on time
	some patients had not signed their care plan
	the occupational therapist (OT) did not attend the ward every day during the week
	the OT room needed some repairs
	activities for patients were not always available at nights and at weekends
	some patient care records did not explain why the ward's door had to be locked.

What next?



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After the inspection Alan met with the managers from ward. They are going to write back to Alan and tell him how they are going to fix the problems on the ward and make it a better place for patients.

One of the inspectors will visit the ward again to see if the ward has improved.