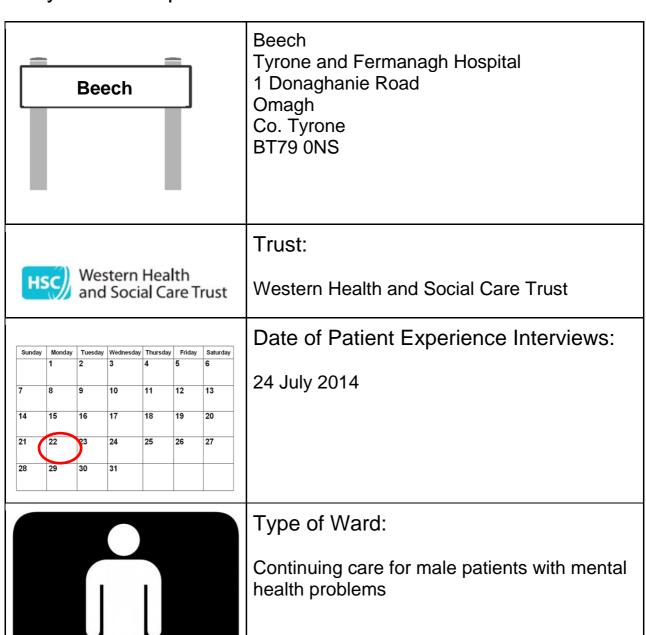


What we found when we spoke to patients on Beech Ward Easy to read report.



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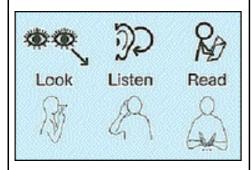


Who is RQIA?

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 RQIA also talk to patients, these are called Patient Experience Interviews. The people from RQIA that visit the wards and talk to patients are called inspectors.

The inspector that spoke to the patients on the ATU unit was called Audrey.

What did Audrey do?



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Audrey

- looked around the ward
- •talked with patients on the ward
- •talked to the people that are in charge of the ATU unit

After Audrey finished speaking to the patients, they told the people in charge of the ward what patients said.

The patients said it was good that			
	They knew why they were in hospital and understood the rules of the ward		
	They were involved in their care and treatment plans		
	They could see an advocate		
	They got time of the ward and could access the grounds of the hospital site		
	They felt safe on the ward		
	They knew who to speak to if something was wrong		
	The care on the ward was very good		

Audrey saw that		The ward was calm and welcoming
		Signage around the ward was good
		Staff were warm and friendly
The patients said they were concerned that		
		They did not know what plans were in place for them to move out of the ward

What next?



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After the Patient Experience Interviews

Audrey wrote a report about what the patients said and sent it to the ward. RQIA asked the people that are in charge of the ward to make some changes.

The people in charge of the ward will write back to Audrey and tell her 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.