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Research Proposal: The impact of Person-centred care on patient outcomes in UK Health and Social Care settings

Topic, Review Questions and Objectives

The proposed secondary research will explore the impact of person-centred care (PCC) on patient outcomes within UK Health and Social Care settings. Person-centred care is a core principle underpinning modern healthcare practice and policy in the UK. The scoping review for this research is “What evidence exists on the impact of Person-centred care on patient outcomes in UK Health and Social Care settings?”

The objectives of this scoping review are to:

1. Identify and map existing peer-reviewed literature on person-centred care in UK health and social care practice
2. Examine reported patient outcomes associated with PCC, such as patient satisfaction, wellbeing and quality of care
3. Identify gaps in the current literature to inform future research and practice.

Rationale and importance of the Topic

Person-centred care has become a key priority in UK health and social care policy, particularly within the NHS long term Plan and the Care Act 2014, which emphasize dignity, choice and partnership working. Evidence suggests that PCC can improve patient satisfaction, enhance engagement with services, and lead to better health outcomes (Health Foundation, 2016).

However, despite its widespread promotion, there remains variability in how PCC is implemented in practice across different care settings.

Methods: Data Collection and Analysis

This research will use a scoping review methodology to systematically map existing literature. Peer-reviewed primary and secondary studies will be identified through electronic databases such as CINAHL, PubMed, and google scholar. Inclusion criteria will focus on studies published in English within the last ten years, relating to UK health and social care settings and person-centred care outcomes.

Ethical Considerations

As this study involves secondary research only, no direct involvement of human participants is required. Ethical approval is therefore not necessary. However, ethical principles will be upheld by accurately representing sources, avoiding plagiarism, and adhering to academic integrity and Harvard referencing guidelines.

Conclusion

The research proposal has outlined a planned scoping review examining the impact of person-centred care on patient outcomes in UK health and social care settings. The findings from this research will support evidence-based practice and contribute to improving the quality of person-centred care.

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