

KNOWLEDGE OF RISK

Knowledge

An ability to draw on knowledge of definitions of risk behaviours (for example, self-harm, suicide, violence and aggression, abuse, neglect, and exploitation)

An ability to draw on knowledge that patients receiving inpatient care may present with multiple risk behaviours and needs

Knowledge of mental health, risk, and its impacts

An ability to draw on knowledge that risk behaviours and mental health crises are expressions of overwhelming and intense psychological distress and can be present for all patients regardless of diagnosis

An ability to draw on knowledge of the impact that the patient's risk behaviour and distress can have on the physical and emotional wellbeing of family and carers, and fellow patients

Knowledge of suicidality

An ability to draw on knowledge that suicide is the most prevalent risk in patients receiving inpatient care

An ability to draw on knowledge that there is an increased risk of suicidality during admission and the first few weeks post-discharge

An ability to draw on knowledge that some patients may react to knowledge of (or news about) a suicide by becoming suicidal themselves, and so there can be an increased risk when a suicide occurs within the patient's network

an ability to draw on knowledge that the impact of a death by suicide will be an interaction between the patient's circumstances and the nature of their relationship to the deceased
