

Transcript of the introduction to LAMP video

Hello my name is Betsy Scott. I am the practice experience manager for mental health in East London NHS foundation trust.

I would like to introduce to you LAMP, the London Association of Mental Health Nursing Practice.

This is a new association which continues the project work of Tim Bryson, the aim of the association is to bring together those of us that support student nurses and the staff who train them in clinical practice.

The aim is to give us a forums to come together for face-to-face meetings and also to collaborate for an online resource, to work on projects that will help improve the experience that the student has in clinical practice. And also to help us produce the best nurses that it is possible to produce at the end of a period of training.

We want all qualified nurses to be able to deliver care with compassion and with a high level of competence, we want our students to become nurses who have commitment and in turn as they become staff nurses have the courage to gate keep within the profession of nursing and also to the profession of nursing and by doing so maintain the safety and the high commitment of quality care that we have towards our patients.

At the moment LAMP is specific to all trusts in London and universities that support those trusts and it is specific to mental health nursing, but who knows what the future may bring, we're starting small and there may be opportunities to expand the association outside of London, and also for other branches to model what we are doing in mental health.

For the first year my own trust, the East London NHS Foundation Trust will act as host to the new association and City University as very kindly agreed to host the online resource within their own IT system.

You may be wondering why the association is called LAMP. There were a number of inspirations starting with the Hope Bell which is symbol of mental health America, then of course the nursing profession itself has a long association with lamps. London itself is a city of light, and lamps are associated with protection and guidance. Of course a lot of us are nurses and as you know we do like to shorten names.

So ladies and gentleman I give you LAMP, the London Association of Mental Health Nursing Practice, a leading light in mental health education,