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Information requested:

1. What tools are used by mental health services in the State Hospital;
2. Are your Mental Health Services using validated tools or locally developed or amended tools;
3. Are there statistics available to show what, if any, formal risk training has been offered in your area.

Response:

1. At TSH, as is the case in all Scottish forensic mental health services, the main tools used for the assessment of risk are those that follow a structured professional judgement format. The main ones used in the State Hospital are the HCR20 v3, SARAv3, RSVP v2, PCL-R, SAM, SAPROF and SRP. Details of these can be found on the Risk Management Authority website in the RATED document (<https://www.rma.scot/research/rated/>). The BEST, PECC (including DASA) and the Gender Sensitive Nursing Tool are also used. The RATED guide to risk assessment tools also contains reference to other risk tools that the team here may, on occasion use.
2. The tools used by TSH are validated.
3. The team deliver HCR20v3 this is training in the structured professional judgement process and the administration of the tool itself.

Total of 5 HCR20 courses delivered within TSH:-

2021 9 staff invited / 9 attended
2022 13 staff invited / 13 attended
2023 10 staff invited / 10 attended

Total of 11 VRAMP (Violence Risk Assessment and Management Planning) courses delivered within TSH. This is a local process which contains information from the risk assessments completed:-

2021 - 9 staff invited / 8 attended
2022 - 48 staff invited / 39 attended
2023 - 43 staff invited / 30 attended