Service User Evaluation of Student Nurses



The SUE Questionnaire - Guidance for Mentors.

What is the SUE Questionnaire?

- The aim of this brief questionnaire is to provide Service User (SU) feedback on student performance in practice.
- The questionnaire is split into six simple criteria and the service user is asked to rate the student on a four point scale. There is also scope for additional comments at the end.
- This feedback should be confidential, i.e. the student should not be told which service users have provided feedback.
- The questionnaire is initially being used in the second year of the adult nursing programme.

How should the SUE questionnaire be administered?

- You (the mentor) will be integral to facilitating SU feedback
- Ideally you should choose **THREE** service users during the student placement. They should be individuals who you feel will be able to complete the questionnaire, (three is a guide, it is possible to select more or less respondents if circumstances dictate). Suitable service users are likely to be patients or clients looked after by the student but could also be a partner, parent, family member or friend of the SU.
- It would be a good idea to support the SU while the questionnaire is completed, answering any questions they may have and ensuring anonymity of SU when completed.
- The feedback should be shared with the student when possible and the implications of any findings should be discussed. The student may use the completed questionnaire as a form of evidence and they should be kept in the student's PPDF folder.
- The completed questionnaire should inform the mentors judgement in practice but the final decision about signing off progression criteria and/or competencies lies with the mentor.

If you have any questions please contact your PPF or the Northumbria University member of staff supporting the student.

The questionnaire has been successfully piloted, however if you have any suggestions for improvements to the tool or process or are struggling to get a suitable answer to your initial questions please contact:

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