

# Eugene Jones South Health NHS FT

## Speakers

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We've got over 100 plus social workers in our trust at the moment. But we are looking at how we can strengthen and use their expertise to better effect within the organisation to essentially inform and progress, better clinical care, better care outcomes for people, and more personalised practice, and use the expertise of social workers to fully integrate and support our MDT multidisciplinary team working. In terms of social workers, what I feel they bring in support of the multidisciplinary team is a focus very much on holistic care. So and also not focusing on deficits, but rather on strengths. So an opportunity to look at assets, people's skills, knowledge, and service users expertise, rather than the areas that they need help and support with, to build upon those assets to look at things from a truly holistic family community orientated approach, something that will support our doctors and nurses. But looking at things through a holistic lens of community and assets, family and integration, jobs and opportunities, through that lens. What we need to look at is more of a strategic longer term view. And in terms of social workers, they are the answer to providing more systemic sustainable provision, moving out of acute and crisis, but rather into prevention, into recovery into those areas of longer term impacts that we know will improve people's life course, and health and social care outcomes. So we recognise in the trust that social workers do need support, and we need to

