

Working with behaviour that challenges in healthcare settings; identifying and responding to triggers

Transcript - Poor communication: Toby's story

Two members of staff (one HCA and one Staff Nurse are stood around talking).

Staff Nurse

Toby has been obsessed all morning about his mum. I know it's his autism but still... He's driving me crazy! Anyway, it's time for the drug round so I'll get on with that.

Toby walks up to the staff nurse.

Toby

Is my mum coming today? What time is she coming? It is today she is coming, right?

Nurse

Not now Toby I am busy, I'll talk to you in a minute

Toby walks away counting

Toby

1, 2, 3, 4, 5...

Toby walks back to the staff nurse and is still counting.

Toby

...57, 58, 59... Is my mum coming yet?

Nurse

(In a harsh voice)

Not now Toby I'm busy, in a bit.

Toby

it's not fair, it's not fair
(jumping on the spot with rage), I want my mum!

STAFF NURSE

Toby, calm down!

TOBY

I want my mum!

Toby then hits the nurse and HCA comes on to the scene

HCA

Toby, calm down!

STAFF NURSE

Relax, Toby take it easy...

HCA goes to touch Toby's arm, Toby pushes her over and she falls over.