

Correction:

Re: “Safe times: 11.30am–12.00 and 4.30pm–5.00”, by Merinda Epstein (*Aust Health Rev* 2006, vol 30, no 2, pp. 137-143).

The order of two paragraphs on page 142 of the article was reversed due to an error in the production and proofreading process. These paragraphs are reprinted below in the correct order.

Also within my records was a direct quote from a private telephone conversation I had with a friend and colleague. In this instance, the phone — as is very common — was placed right opposite the nurse’s station. There was no privacy, and I guess we all knew that you took your private life into your hands every time you made a call. Sometimes I got so desperate for contact with the outside world I took a risk. I knew it was a calculated one.

It’s amazing to me that this private conversation was actually recorded in a file and no one subsequently reading the file (day after day after day) seemed to have had the ethical drive to black it out and bring it to the attention of those with authority within the unit. This was even more shocking given the fact that what I had said that was so worth recording was something that I believe was entirely sensible. I had asked my boss not to tell too many people that I was an inpatient in a psychiatric unit. To this day I have no idea why this was seen as an example of me being “manipulative with a work colleague”.

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