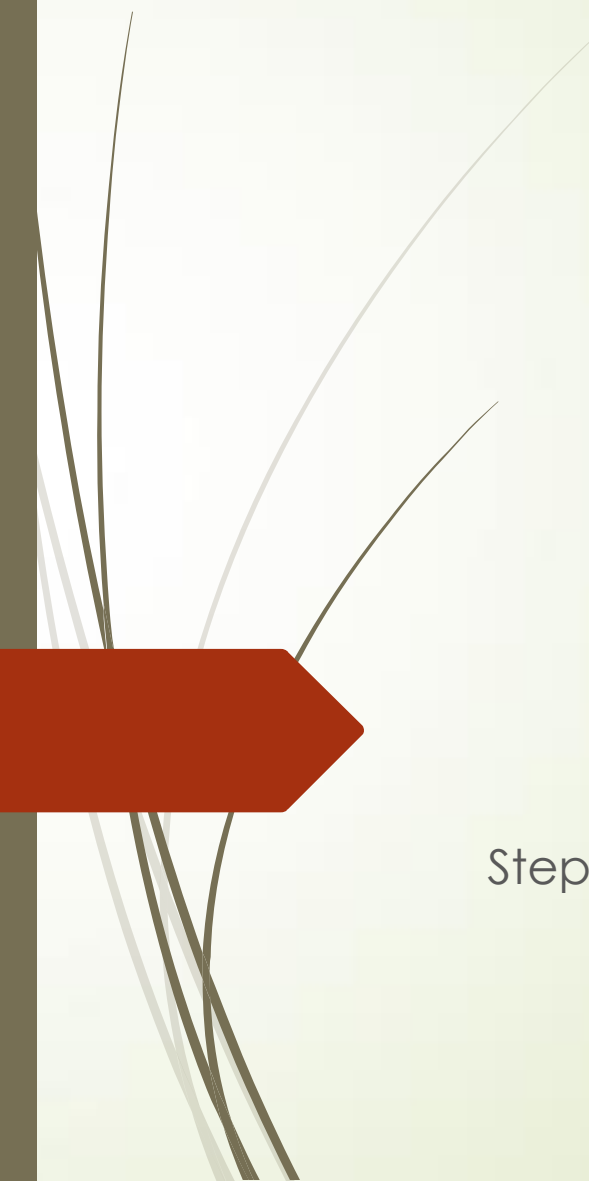


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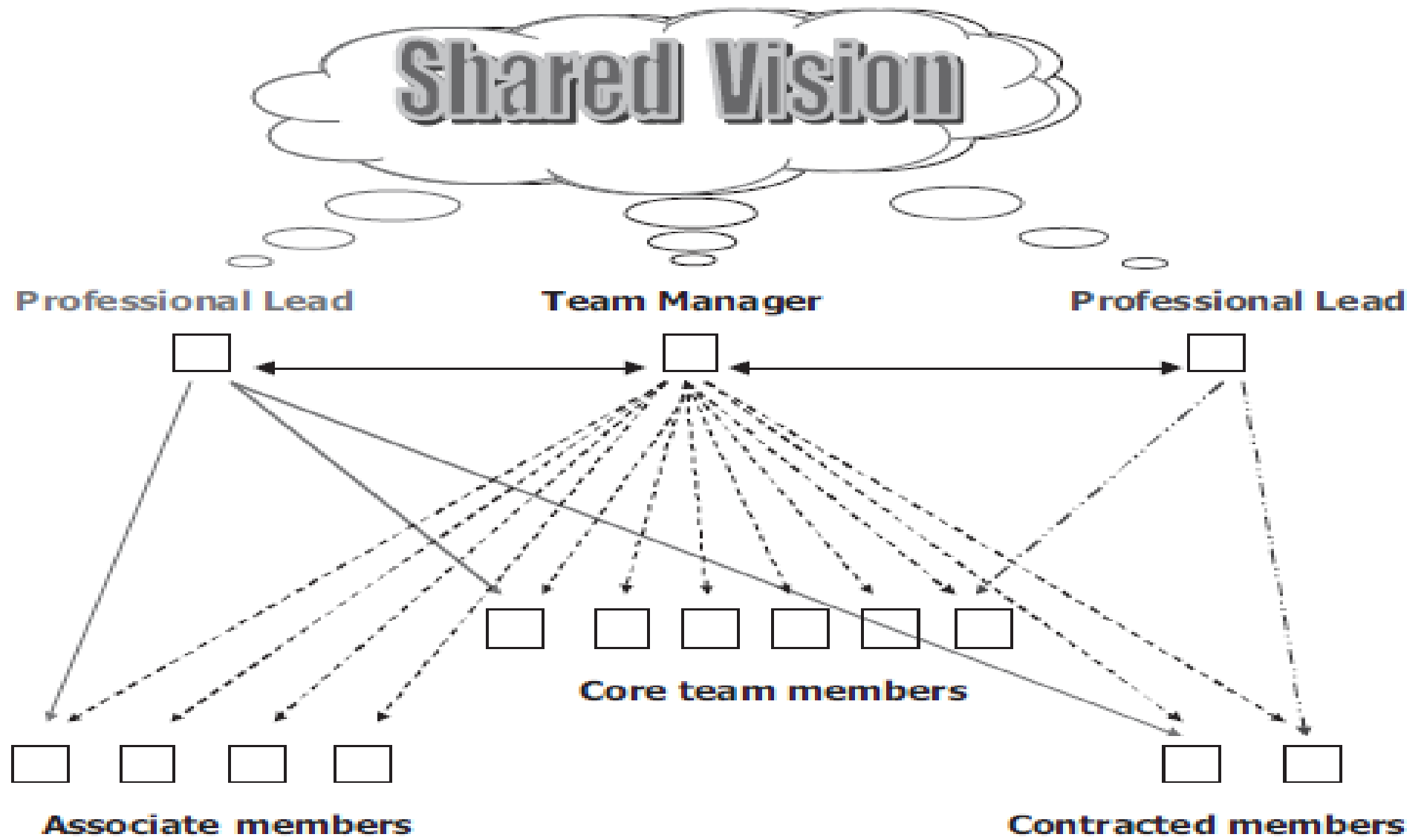


Figure 24.1. The multidisciplinary-led team

Common Roles

- What else?
- Are they PICU Specific?
- If so what expertise needed?

Box 24.4. Examples of common team roles/ responsibilities

- Input into decision-making
- Engaging with patients
- Communicating information
- Promoting the unit's philosophy
- Induction of new team members
- Development of others
- Supporting relatives/carers
- Accepting referrals
- Referral assessments^a
- Communicating outcomes of assessments
- Admission protocols
- Care and treatment planning
- Risk assessment
- Progress reviews
- Emergency management of disturbed behaviour

^a Participation in referral assessments should be a common responsibility (each discipline will bring its own perspective completing a referral assessment thus enabling a more thorough, rounded and complete assessment).

Specific Roles

- What else?
- Are they PICU Specific?
- If so what expertise needed?

Box 24.6. Examples of consultant psychiatrist roles

- Providing necessary support to unit staff
- Taking lead role in the multidisciplinary team for the unit
- Medically leading referral assessments
- Supervising/advising other medical staff on the day-to-day management of the patients
- Leading/taking a key role in the multidisciplinary team patient review rounds
- Taking a key role in team weekly referral meetings
- Writing medical reports and presentations in hearings for Hospital Managers and Mental Health Tribunals
- Taking an active role in coordinating, planning and implementing care planning arrangements
- Providing regular supervision for junior doctors and facilitating their appraisals
- Taking an active role in developing the service and representing it
- Ensuring the clinical governance structures are medically robust and working adequately and monitored appropriately through clinical audit
- Liaising with medical colleagues, providing information on psychiatric intensive and low secure care

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- ▶ **PIC...range of interventions practiced within a PICU ????**
- ▶ Intensive episodic interventions?
- ▶ Set of interventions aimed at acute disturbance and crisis?
- ▶ Locked acute wards?
- ▶ ??? Emergency Psychiatry
- ▶ Changing face of PICUs
- ▶ What do PICUs provide?

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