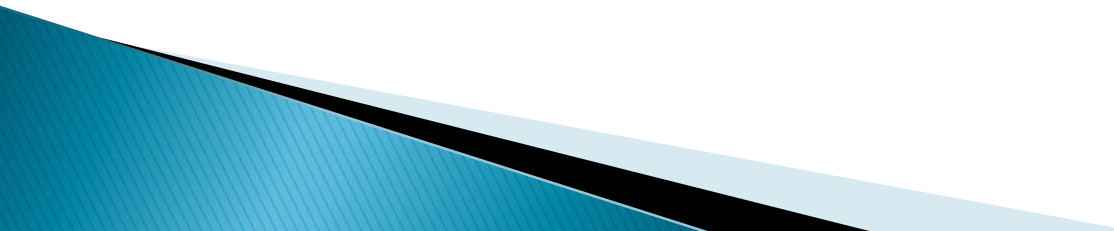


Accountability in nursing clinical practice: decision-making analysis in an English emergency department

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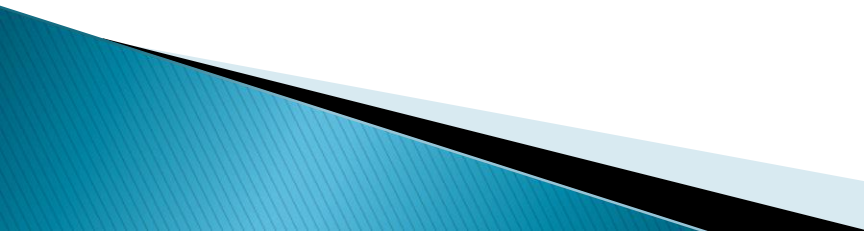
Background

- ▶ Workload increase in emergency departments
 - Winter pressures
 - Staff shortages
 - Skill-mix issues
 - ▶ Task prioritisation due to lack of resources
 - Ethical dilemmas
 - Decision-making
 - Legal repercussions
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Objective

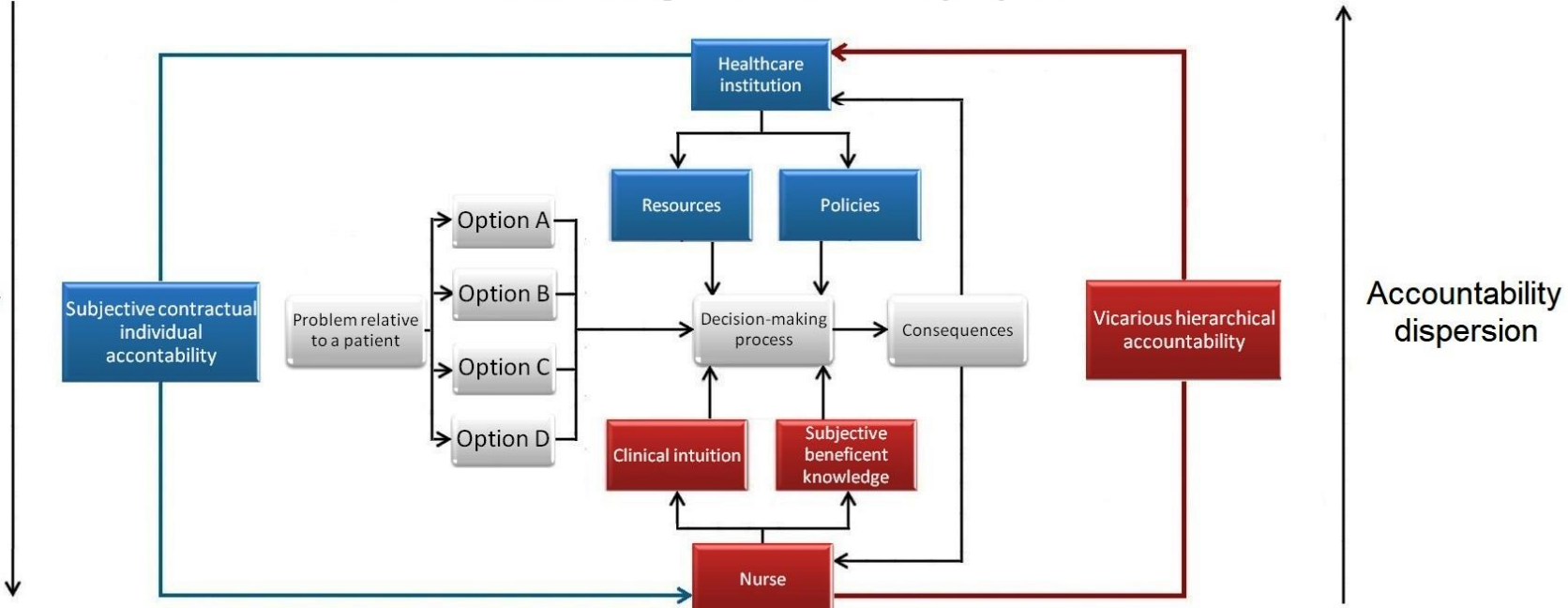
- ▶ Present the main factors that affect legal and ethical accountability in Emergency Nursing in England

Methodology

- ▶ Mixed qualitative study
 - ▶ Three data gathering methods:
 - Reflections on practice (2014–2016)
 - Ethical analysis of 54 applicable policies
 - 34 semi-structured interviews to LRI ED nurses
 - ▶ Data evaluated using ethnographic content analysis
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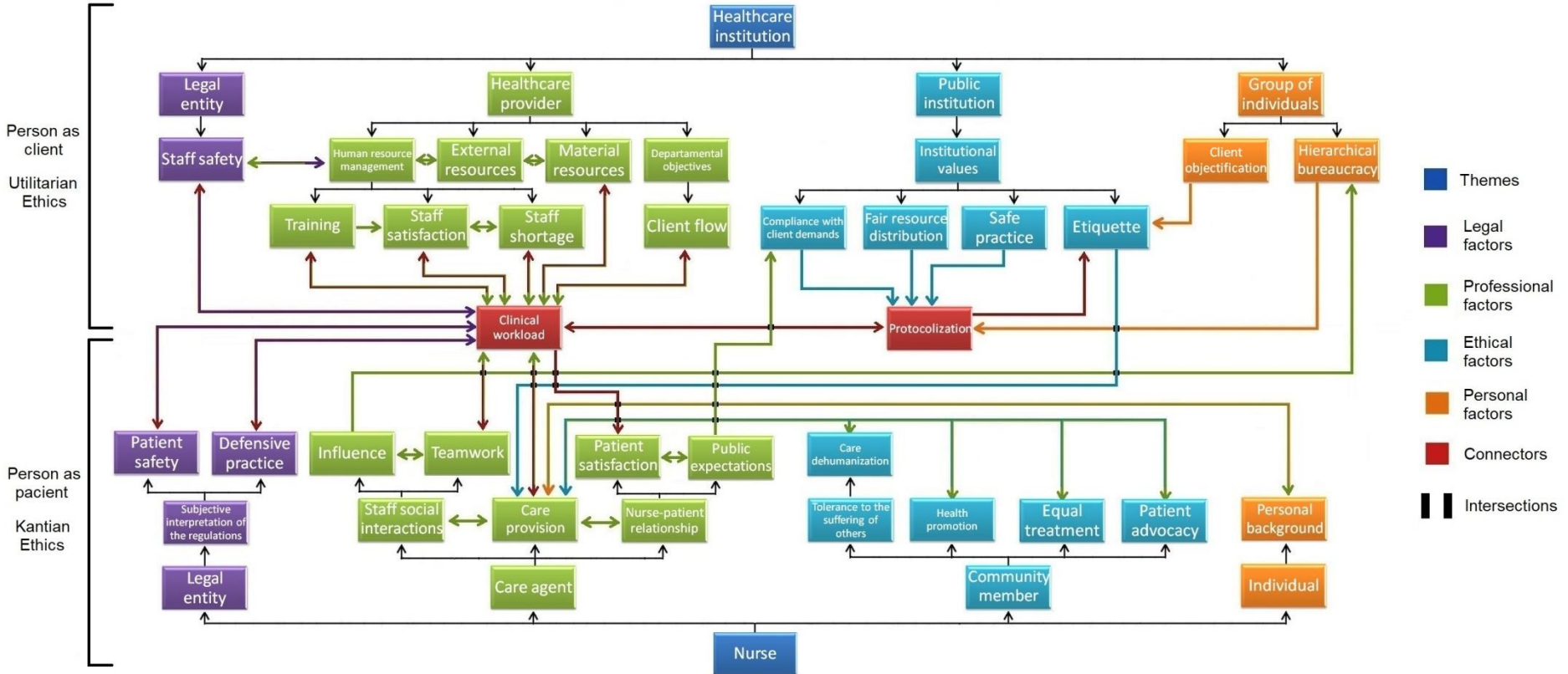
Results (I)

Clinical nursing accountability cycle

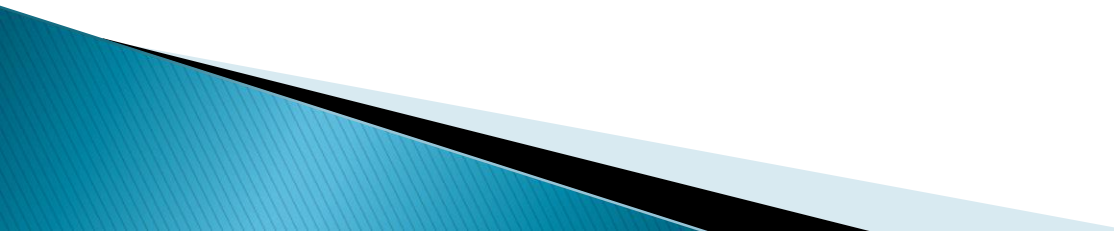


Results (II)

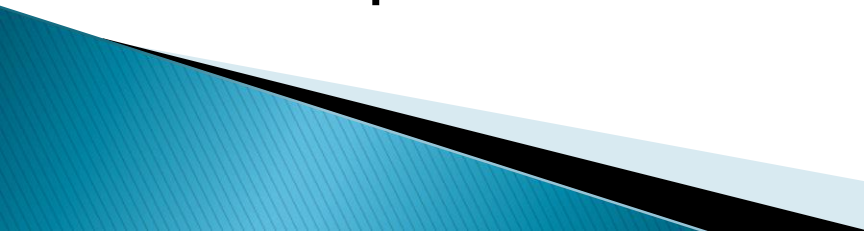
Relations amongst clinical nursing accountability factors



Discussion

- ▶ Accountability as a subjective concept
 - ▶ Relation nurse–healthcare institution
 - ▶ Ethical dichotomy
 - ▶ Moral judgement of the concrete case
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Conclusions

- ▶ Nursing accountability and decision-making are dependent on the nurse, the healthcare institution and the context
 - ▶ They are regulated by four factors:
 - Legal
 - Ethical
 - Professional
 - Personal
 - ▶ Due to the current context in ED, legal factors take precedence over other factors
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