

MHANZ Southern Regional Group

Date: 19th June, via Zoom, 12.30 – 13.10

Present: Joanne Morton, SDHB Southland site; Glenda Rickerby

Apologies: Joanne Robertson, SDHB Educator, Sarah Campion SDHB Otago site Coordinator

Effects of Covid 19 Lockdown level 4 on staff doing M & H activities

Joanne was seconded onto the IPC team so was able to apply expertise for donning & doffing PPE pre M & H activities.

Level 3 to Level 2 gave Jo 1 weeks' notice that the Trainer revalidation was going ahead. They watched the Webinar's on the Arjo site around Prone patient positioning & performing M & H activities wearing PPE. Jo said that face positioning was changed every 2 hours to reduce the potential for PI's on the face.

Also discussed was the equipment requirement, cleaning of the same & the appropriate cleaning for the equipment when it was needed in another area. Jo talked about 2 gowns for patients who tended to grab the staff person supporting them.

Effects of Lockdown on staff moral during the Level 4 lockdown.

Most staff just got on & performed their work but there was a lot of fear. Patients tended to not engage with health services during lockdown. Consequently, when they did engage, they were sicker & required more health support.

Educational Learnings

We discussed the possibility of discussion on the MHANZ website how Covid affected other areas of the country & would this be a possible topic and with PPE use at the next MHANZ meeting day.

Meeting finished at 12.05 as Jo had another meeting.

Next meeting: Zoom, Wednesday 8th July, 1 – 2pm.