

Electrical Equipment Safety Awareness

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Aims of the Presentations/Discussions to Managers and Team Leaders on their (and user) Responsibilities Regarding Electrical Safety when Using Health Board Electrical Equipment

- Raising awareness of electrical safety of equipment via discussions with Managers and Team Leaders with a particular emphasis on Medical Equipment (across the Health Board).
- Explaining the particular hazards associated with all electrical equipment.
- Explaining Managers and Users responsibilities in line with the Medical Device Management Policy (Policy 467).
- Explaining the relationship between the device user and the Clinical Engineering Department.
- Explaining the importance of visual and pre use checks of equipment prior to use.

Presentations/Discussions to date-& future scheduled meetings – as at 28 February 2022

Focused on Community and Mental Health/Learning Disability:

- Pembrokeshire area - Bro Cerwen, & South Pembrokeshire Hospital (SPH) meetings with 9 Managers/Team Leaders.
- Ceredigion area - Cardigan Integrated Care Centre.
- St Non's Ward.
- Sunderland Ward – SPH.
- Bladder & Bowel Screening Clinical Nurse Specialist – SPH.
- Clinical Leads - SPH.
- Amman Valley Hospital.

Feedback from Managers

- Very positive and grateful for the information provided so far.
- The 'pitch' of the presentation is suitable and relevant.
- Managers have requested repeat visits to other departmental Managers /Supervisors within their area.
- Substantial questions - some about acceptance testing of medical equipment and particularly the Medical Device Management Policy (MDMP).

Observations and Themes

- There does not appear to be the awareness of the MDMP that there should be – Managers have agreed that they will pursue theirs and their users responsibilities.
- Not a full understanding by some of the Clinical Engineering Department. Acceptance testing completed prior to equipment issue.
- Some good practice observed relating to visual inspections, however this is not consistent in all departments visited to date.

The Way Forward

- Further promotion of Electrical Safety Awareness to all Health Board Managers.
- Future promotion of Electrical Safety Awareness to all users of medical equipment via presentations/discussions.
- Raising awareness of MDMP via Global e-mail.
- Explaining to Managers that the use and maintenance of Medical Devices is a partnership between the user, the Manager and Clinical Engineering Department. Teamwork is essential.
- Consider Electrical Safety Awareness to be included in the H&S Induction Training for Managers.
- An All Wales Electrical Safety Awareness training is being developed.