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Requested:

Could you provide me with your training curriculum regarding hygiene, in terms of - duration of training, in-depth and specificity of the training, whether there is any mandatory or non-mandatory training every year or every three years etc. for nurses, healthcare workers (new or experienced), volunteers and formal/informal carers potentially.

Clarification:

In terms of physical cleanliness and hygiene of a patient. When the role of the professional individual is the cleansing of a patient's body.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) delivers a mandatory All Wales NHS Induction programme for all newly employed Health Care Support Workers (HCSW) and Nursing staff. This programme is delivered throughout all Health Boards in Wales, ensuring consistency. A part of the induction covers patient personal hygiene: Section 15 of the lesson plan, which is delivered by way of presentation. Copies have been provided at Attachments 1 and 2.

A copy of the NHS Wales Induction for Clinical Healthcare Support Workers (Nursing) workbook has also been provided at Attachment 3.

In addition, the UHB delivers a Skills to Care course, in which HCSWs complete a section within the workbook in relation to personal hygiene and their role in protecting patient privacy and dignity. A copy of the worksheet has been provided at Attachment 4.