

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details the formal action taken by the organisation with regards to the HSE Inspection report from April this year. This Core Brief focuses on the management of falls.

Health and Safety Executive Action Plan July 2017

As staff will be aware the organisation has been taking formal action with regard to the HSE Inspection report from April 2017.

We have recently formally responded to the HSE indicating our commitment to action their report and have devised an action plan for the organisation to progress the highlighted issues.

As previously indicated, the three topics considered by the HSE are related to;

- Management of falls
- Management of sharps
- Management of skin health

Over the coming days we aim to give a brief overview of some of the actions and commitments made by the organisation in order to comply with the HSE requirements. In this Core Brief, we are providing information on the

Management of Falls

Key issues are:

- The management of falls focussed on 2 main areas – patient falls and moving and handling training and competency for staff.
- The organisation has now developed an action plan to progress the requirements of the Scottish Moving & Handling Passport, which all Boards and Councils in Scotland are committed to.
- The moving and handling training is focussed on ‘competency’ of the staff which is established through ‘competency assessors.’
- Within clinical areas and specialties, competency assessors are now being trained in addition to those who were trained previously.
- Arrangements are also in place to ensure risk assessments and competency assessments will also take place within non clinical environments e.g. Property, Procurement and Facilities staff.

- A strategic plan is now in place to progress our Falls Management System.
- The focus will be the risk assessment of patients to ensure that we minimise the risk of patient falls by using a range of proactive measures including information, education and training for staff, and use of falls prevention devices.
- Falls bundles training is now being rolled out faster across the organisation. It is vital that staff are released to attend this training. We are also monitoring reviewing and analysing falls data to establish which are the most effective interventions.
- Please ensure that you are familiar with the Falls Management information on the intranet.

If you have any questions on this issue please contact the Health and Safety team.

Look out for tomorrow's Core Brief when we will be taking about the management of sharps.

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