

Mobile Skills Unit

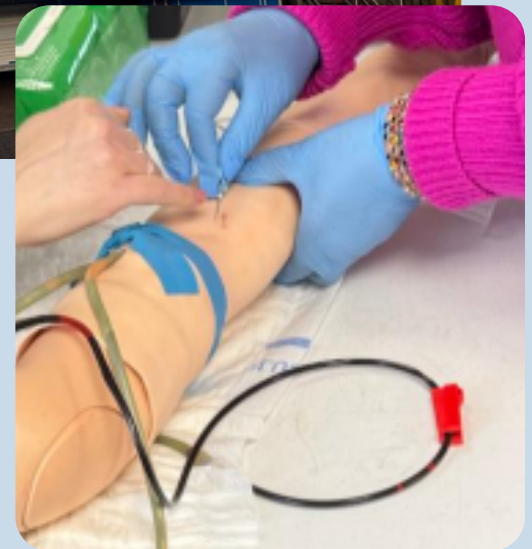
Developing clinical skills for care home staff



Mobile Skills Unit at Ranfurly

The Mobile Skills Unit (MSU) came to two care homes in the NHSGGC area from the 24th - 28th of March 2025.

Across the week the CHC team offered a total of 12 clinical sessions, providing clinical skill development opportunities to 98 care home staff.



Venepuncture practice

The clinical programme included:

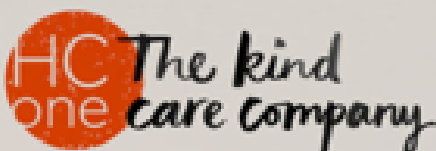
- Syringe pumps (CSCI)
- Venepuncture
- Male catheterisation (Refresher)
- Recognising deterioration in care home residents

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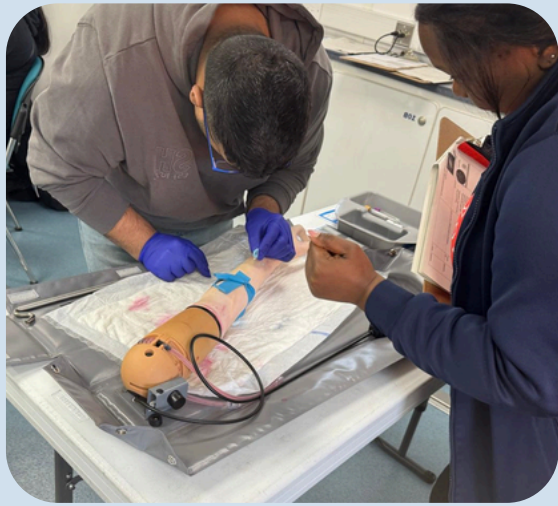


Care Home Collaborative facilitators

In partnership with



Venepuncture



Venepuncture simulation

Venepuncture was delivered as a 3 step competency development programme:

- Pre-session reading via an online workbook and assessment
- Attendance at a practical workshop for the simulation of venepuncture technique
- A period of supervised practice within the care home environment and the completion of the competency booklet

Session insight:

- 36 participants for venepuncture sessions over the course of the week
- Participant reported an 83% confidence rating following attending the session

“I felt very nervous beforehand, once I started the practical I felt very confident and comfortable”



Male Catheterisation (Refresher)

There was an opportunity for experienced registered nurses to refresh their skills on male catheterisation. The session considered legal concerns, the anatomy and physiology of the urinary system, and the theory of the procedure.

Session insights:

In addition to feeling more confident in undertaking male catheterisation, participants advised of being happy to act as preceptors within their teams.

80% of session participants have agreed to follow-up contact at 3 months to support measurement of impact and development of future plans.



Group discussion



Male catheter simulation

Recognising Deterioration



Recognising deterioration with SimMan

This session aimed to support staff to identify and escalate concerns for deteriorating care home residents.

The session used established care home scenarios and included an introduction to simulation with SimMan 3G Plus.

“Got to know more about deterioration and SBARD communication. I now feel more comfortable and confident!”

Session insights:

Following the session, all participants rated their confidence in recognising deterioration and escalation of concerns following the session as being high or very high

Syringe Pumps

This session was designed to enhance Registered Nurse knowledge of set-up, use and ongoing management of a BD Bodyguard T syringe pump.

These sessions were a pilot, which is part of a board wide quality improvement project to develop appropriate and sustainable syringe pump training for care home nurses



Syringe pump simulation

"I have (access to) the proper guidelines and know how to correctly set up and use a syringe pump. With this training I can share my knowledge and skills with my colleagues"

Session insights:

- No of participants 8
- Confidence post training rated at 9 out of 10
- Discussion points
 - Medication compatibility
 - Risk Assessment
 - Syringe mixing guidance

Evening Information Sessions



Group discussion

Supported by the NHSGGC Home First and Implementation Manger, the team delivered 2 evening information sessions aimed at family carers and the Care Home team. Topics covered included Power of Attorney, Future Care Planning and DNACPR. Sessions aimed at supporting all to understand the benefits of starting important conversations early.

Forward Planning...



For the final session of the March MSU programme, the CHC team in partnership with representatives of local community nursing teams considered partnership working opportunities for the development of simulation and clinical skills development. A few exciting plans are in development and we hope to be able to share these soon!

Thank You!

Thank you to the teams and managers at Cochrane, Ranfurly and Wyndford Locks for such a warm welcome and your support with planning.

Many thanks to Home First for support with the evening sessions and leading the discussion on a number of sensitive topics.

Thank you to colleagues at CSMEN, NES and The Blood Transfusion Service for your support and logistics.

Most of all, a huge thanks to all Care Home staff who took time to participate and bring the MSU to life.

Coming soon!

Practical Clinical Skills Opportunities for Care Home Staff

Program offers:

- Venepuncture
- Male catheterisation
- Care of the deteriorating resident
- Syringe Pumps



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