Belfast Nursing Homes ECHO Network

Background & Aim: To increase confidence in decision making in relation to the care of residents and to promote team building within each nursing home.
To increase the number of trained staff within nursing homes by sharing information and to provide a source of peer support.

To discuss the changing Guidelines and Procedures due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and Brexit.

Provide knowledge and support to colleagues and peers in the sector.

72 ECHO sessions

38 Average Participants

84 Education Presentations

Evaluation findings

95% agreed or strongly agreed that the quality of the ECHO sessions was High to Very High.

69% of participants have attended 1-20 ECHO Sessions.

90% of participants agreed the topics delivered where relevant to their role.

77% agreed or strongly Agreed that Case Based learning as the focus for discussion is an impactful way of learning.

92% of participants agreed they have shared ECHO learning with other members of staff or service.

73% of participants Agreed or Strongly agreed that participation in ECHO helped them feel more supported in their role.

77% would recommend ECHO as a useful learning tool to others.

98% of participants would like to participate in this Network again.

98% agreed that they have applied knowledge gained through the ECHO network & applied it their practice.

93% agreed that participation in ECHO had increased their knowledge of service initiatives across other service.

Feedback

"Sessions during the pandemic were invaluable. I felt well informed and confident to cascade the information to my staff and reassure them"

"I am grateful I participated in echo during the pandemic. It enabled me to feel equipped, confident and able to take on the challenge. In turn, it helped alleviate any concerns for my staff team and helped keep them and the service well led."