Raising Awareness of HCSW Central across AHP's in Dumfries and Galloway



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Background

Health care support worker central is an online Turas hub that supports learning and development of nursing, midwifery and AHP HCSW, across Scotland, in all care settings. The AHP Dumfries and Galloway HCSW scoping report (2024) recommended that project based work be carried out. The purpose of this work was to sign post staff to existing tools and resources, predominately HCSW central, thus supporting skill maximisation and carer development across support worker levels of practise.

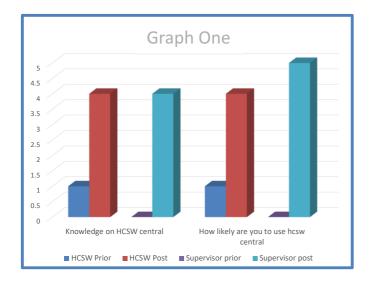
Aim

By April 2025, at least 50 % of AHP HCSW in Dumfries and Galloway, will have knowledge of HCSW Central, in alignment with the NMAHP strategy (2025) and raise awareness of HCSW central amongst HCSW Supervisors.



Method

- Project team were recruited and participated in the project for 8 weeks.
- Project team researched and familiarised themselves with HCSW central, RPL and Turas resources.
- Poster advertising workshops was created.
- 2 X HCSW workshops and 2 x Supervisor workshops were arranged.
- Communication with AHP leads and AHP mailing lists were used to promote workshops.
- Data was collected prior to each workshop and on completion of the session.
- A poster was created to advertise HCSW central in AHP departments for further and future information.
- Questions asked pre and post workshop, on a scale of 0-5 were:
 - Prior level of knowledge of HCSW central?
 - How likely staff were to use this resource?



Results

- Out of a total of 87 AHP HCSW, 45 HCSW and 35 supervisors registered for the workshop. Not all staff attended in person but a video was created to be watched at a convenient time.
- Results from pre and post questions are displayed in Graph One.

Conclusions

Workshops have been supported by more than 50% of AHP HCSW's in Dumfries and Galloway. Feedback has been positive by staff who have attended. Further research would be needed to determine if this resource is embedded into HCSW staff's learning and development.

Good to have this opportunity to learn what tools can be used to promote my learning.