

1 weekend timeframe and the review would have been
2 completed on Monday morning on the clinician's return.
3 For example, one Friday afternoon we had been made
4 aware that a client's mobility had deteriorated to the
5 point where a wheelchair would be beneficial for
6 mobility. Occupational therapy did not maintain a
7 stock of wheelchairs but we knew of a few wheelchairs
8 around the site that were non-client specific and
9 obtained one of them for the client. The client's
10 mobility was reviewed alongside physiotherapy
11 colleagues on the following Monday morning.

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13 In terms of engaging with families, this was dependent
14 on each family. Given our general working hours we did
15 not always see families. However, if we needed to make
16 contact I understood where to locate the contact
17 details or could have passed information through the
18 nursing team who had more regular contact with family
19 members.

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21 It is our own responsibility to maintain our continuing
22 professional development. The Belfast Trust
23 facilitated us with the opportunity to maintain
24 corporate and professional specific training events.
25 As previously mentioned, as an occupational therapist
26 we have the professional responsibility in maintaining
27 our professional registration and we re-register every
28 two years through the HCPC, having to confirm that we
29 have maintained our professional code of conduct and

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1 continued with our own CPD. Upon starting my
2 employment with the Belfast Trust I was invited to
3 complete the corporate induction in Belfast City
4 Hospital.

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6 Within the Occupational Therapy Team we completed
7 supervision within a timely manner. This included a
8 variety of types including; one-to-one formal
9 supervision, peer supervision within our wider
10 Occupational Therapy Team, and informal supervision
11 within the office. 14:29

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13 When I started in MAH as an agency Band 5 occupational
14 therapist, the CCTV cameras were functioning. There
15 were cameras within our office environment and signs at 14:29
16 the front door of the building to advise they were
17 installed and functioning. I am aware that within the
18 ward environment CCTV covered the communal areas and
19 were not installed within the bedroom, en suite and
20 bathroom environments, given the personal nature of 14:30
21 these rooms.

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23 Our Occupational Therapy Team was managed by the
24 Assistant Service Manager for Learning Disability
25 Occupational Therapy Services. The ASM did not 14:30
26 geographically sit within MAH but there was always a
27 way to get in contact if there were any urgent
28 questions. The ASM did make contact with MAH on a
29 regular basis and it was an invaluable source of

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support.

The Occupational Therapy Team has an office within the Moyola day services building. "

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And the witness describes how they were unable to see anything on site from that office.

"During my time within the in-patient Occupational Therapy Team I would say it has been a tight knit team that has worked closely with one another, utilising each other for our strengths within our daily work. We bounced ideas between each other and often came up with creative solutions.

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When changes were made within the hospital profile, Occupational Therapy were not generally included within the discussion. I recall on an occasion occupational therapy were asked to assess a change in ward environment for a number of clients and advised of any adaptations would be required at the end of the week before the schedule moved. Thankfully at that point there were no adaptations were required. We generally heard of on-site developments in the likes of multidisciplinary team meetings.

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During my employment there were a number of senior management changes. This generally brought a different style of communication with the staff team as a whole.

1 I remember there were meetings for all staff members to
2 attend and they would inform staff of ongoing issues
3 and developments and, as referenced above, at other
4 times some decisions would filter down through the
5 multidisciplinary team meetings. "

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7 And the witness then states that to progress their
8 career they moved to work within the Trust Community
9 Learning Disability Team and they do not provide any
10 input to MAH, and that they thoroughly enjoyed their
11 employment within MAH, and then provides the usual
12 declarations in relation to their statement.

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14 So Chair and Panel, that concludes the reading of the
15 three statements for this afternoon.

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16 CHAIRPERSON: That's fine. Thank you. I think
17 tomorrow we've got one longish witness. But nothing to
18 be read tomorrow? We might. Well, okay. But we can
19 start at 10:00 tomorrow. Yep. Okay. Thank you very
20 much. Okay everybody, we'll start at 10:00 o'clock
21 tomorrow morning. Thank you for your attendance today.

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23 THE INQUIRY ADJOURNED UNTIL TUESDAY, 4TH JUNE 2024, AT
24 10:00 A.M.