



SESSION

Monday

F 11.30 am and F 2.45 pm

Sandrea Mosses

DipHE BA Hons Cert. Backcare Management

Sandrea Mosses: Sandra has worked in the field of moving and handling since 1995. During that time she has worked across all major sectors, Local Authority, PCT and the acute sector. Sandra was in the first group to complete her certificate in BackCare Management at Loughborough University. For the past 5 years she has been working for Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust. This consists of two large hospitals and a smaller one with 1200 beds. She has over the years written a couple of articles, which have been published nationally.



Transporting Stretcher Patients Home by Patient Transport Services (PTS)

Very few homes are capable of accommodating a stretcher directly into their lounges. With the constraints on waiting times and pressure for beds, the Trust has seen a significant increase in the number of patients we are expected to transfer home on a stretcher. In an effort to meet this demand and protect the safety of the staff, the Trust has carried out significant work in this area and invested a considerable amount of money.

Risk assessment has been introduced as a standard process for any stretcher discharges. This has included training a core of staff to cover 24 hours, 7 days a week.

The Trust has also invested in step and threshold ramps; folding hoists to be carried on the vehicles; a variety of slings; powered stair climbers and tilt in space wheelchairs; winches for ramps and tailgate vehicles.

In a two year period we have moved from staff physically lifting patients and stretchers to minimal lifting through planning and the provision of equipment.