

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the role of the Mental Health Officer.

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All Teach All Learn



**ALL HUMAN
INTERACTIONS ARE
OPPORTUNITIES EITHER
TO LEARN OR TO TEACH**

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My Story

- Born in N.Ireland in a rural farming community, witnessed aspects of the troubles and worked across a divided community following the peace process.
- Moved to Scotland in 2001 and qualified as a Social Worker from University of Stirling in 2006. Great memories!!
- Have worked in Adult Services across Forth Valley since 2007 in variety of Adult Care Teams.
- In 2012 qualified from Edinburgh University with a Post Graduate in Mental Health Officer Studies
- Since then I have worked in a variety of roles within Community Integrated Mental Health Teams that primarily work with those affected by severe and enduring Mental ill health.



Outcomes

- March 2020– Introduction to new ways of working.
- Focus on MHO experience and the Impact of Covid.
- Gain Knowledge and Understanding which can be shared with wider colleagues
- Inform future practice



MHO role under Covid-19

- New practice
- Reduced face to face contact
- Virtual Tribunals
- Limited court proceedings
- Interactions with Named Persons
- Witnessing forms
- Advocacy?

Lets discuss.....



QUESTIONS



FINAL THOUGHT – BE KIND

**"The effects of kindness
are not always seen
immediately.
Sometimes it takes
years until your
kindness will pay off,
and is returned to you.
And sometimes you
never see the fruits of
your labors, but they are
there, deep inside of the
soul of the one you
touched."**

Dan Kelly