**The Effective Ward Manager**

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**Biography**

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I have been the Director of Nursing and Quality at Mid Yorkshire for the past 5 years. I have been a Director of Nursing in two Trusts in the North West over the last 14 years. My main aim is on developing a sustainable workforce that delivers an excellent patient experience each and every time. This has meant looking at the way in which we can develop different skills and roles within the Trust. Proud that I work with colleagues that are focused of increasing and improving the impact of nursing and midwifery.

**Abstract**

**“Supporting Ward Managers to lead through Covid – 19”**

The past 14 months has seen the word “unprecedented” used more than we’ve seen it before. Our experience of living and working through the pandemic has meant that all of us have had to work in different ways, look after our patients in ways that we may not be used to and to support our colleagues through what has been a wretched time.

Throughout all of this, the role of Ward Manager remains pivotal to patients receiving safe care, a good experience and that colleagues are supported. Certainly not a small ask in normal times – seemingly impossible on days when the rules are changing by the hour.

This presentation will focus upon three main aspects:

* How do you show accountability for your service?
* How do you manage your staffing?
* What does support look like?