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Introduction to research
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A healthcare worker wearing a blue gown and a clear face shield is attending to a patient in a hospital bed. The patient is wearing a white gown. The background is slightly blurred, showing a hospital room setting.

Aim and objectives of Literature Review

- Impact of Coronavirus in Care Homes
- Measures that have been taken to stop the spread in Residential and Nursing homes
- Effectiveness of policies and procedures taken.
- Impact on mental health inside care homes.

Methods

Research of medical journals, medical articles, analytical research.

Key Words: Literature review, Coronavirus, Care Homes, Impact, elderly people, pandemic, research.

Inclusion –Data research, elderly people as a category, England research only

Exclusions – young people, research from other countries

Findings

- More effective approaches to respond of the prevention of spreading (Newham and Hewison, 2021)
- PPE the most important tool to prevent spreading. (Cousins, de Vries and Denning, 2021)
- Social and emotional well being threatened because of social distancing and isolation. (Gastmans, 2014)
- Residents with Dementia affected more by changes in routine. (Lithander *et al.*, 2020)

Key Themes Identified

- Slightly depression state because no visitors or family allowed
- Social distance impact
- Residents unhappy because no activities allowed as before it was a routine.
- Ethical care
- Dignity
- Beneficence

Conclusion

- Coronavirus heavily affected the care home sector
- Beginning of the pandemic, showed there was a lack of infection control prevention
- Some managers did not have the needed skill set to deal with the shortage of PPE
- Policies and procedures needed to be update to meet standards of dealing with the pandemic.
- Shortage of staff was one of the biggest issues when also dealing with shortage of PPE