Lead and manage practice for health and safety in the work setting



#### **Overview**

This standard identifies the requirements when leading and managing practice for health and safety in settings where children, young people or adults are cared for or supported. This includes monitoring compliance with health, safety and security regulations and requirements, contributing to the development of systems to manage risk to yourself and other people whilst promoting a culture of positive risk taking, and continuously improving health, safety and security policies, procedures and practices.

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# Performance criteria

# Maintain and monitor compliance with health, safety and security requirements

#### You must be able to:

- P1 ensure that **others** are aware of legal and work setting **policies**, **procedures** and **practices** required for health, safety and security relating to their work
- P2 ensure that there are systems in place to provide individuals, key people and others with updates on changes in legal and work setting policies, procedures and practices
- P3 monitor compliance with health, safety and security policies, procedures and practices
- P4 act as a role model in adhering to health, safety and security requirements
- P5 take appropriate action where health, safety and security requirements are not being adhered to
- P6 take **action** to address practices that are unsafe and unhealthy
- P7 report working practices that are unsafe and unhealthy
- P8 lead work with others to identify, assess, minimise and manage potential **risks** and hazards in the working environment
- P9 ensure that others use **approved methods and procedures** when carrying out **potentially hazardous work activities**
- P10 ensure that appropriate action is taken where there is the likelihood of an **accident** or injury
- P11 ensure that appropriate and immediate action is taken to manage emergencies
- P12 ensure that records and reports on health, safety and security issues, practices and **incidents** are completed by yourself and others, within confidentiality agreements and according to legal and work setting requirements

# Lead and manage practice that balances positive outcomes for individuals with risk and safety

#### You must be able to:

- P13 develop a culture that promotes the rights of individuals to take risks
- P14 lead practice that develops the understanding of individuals of their right to take risks balanced against the likelihood of harm
- P15 lead the use of assessments that balance the achievement of positive outcomes for individuals with risk and safety
- P16 ensure that individuals are supported to assess, balance and make decisions about risks associated with activities
- P17 ensure that support is provided to individuals who have experienced trauma, stressful situations or violence

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# Lead and manage practice in working in partnership to manage risk to personal safety

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- P18 ensure that others are aware of risks within the service provision
- P19 lead work in partnership to assess and manage risks to **individuals** that may arise from their own actions or those of other people
- P20 ensure that you and the people with whom you work are aware of their responsibilities and follow risk management policies, systems, procedures and practices
- P21 ensure that others are aware of their responsibility to take action to prevent behaviour that is illegal, abusive or harmful
- P22 monitor policies, systems, procedures and practices to identify if improvements are needed to risk assessments relating to individuals, **key people** and others
- P23 ensure that you and the people with whom you work are aware of and contribute to the implementation of an effective 'violence against staff' policy
- P24 manage policies, systems, procedures and practices relating to physical intervention and its use
- P25 ensure that support is provided to others who have experienced trauma, stressful situations or violence
- P26 gather feedback from individuals, key people and others on risk management policies, systems, procedures and practices
- P27 lead practice that supports individuals, key people and others to indicate where and how improvements could be made to risk management

# Work in partnership to develop health, safety and security policies, procedures and practices

#### You must be able to:

- P28 work in partnership to plan, monitor and review policies, systems, procedures and practices designed to promote people's health, safety and security
- P29 gather feedback from individuals, key people and others on health, safety and security policies, procedures and practices
- P30 support individuals, key people and others to indicate where and how improvement could be made
- P31 work in partnership to review and evaluate the policies, procedures and practices
- P32 identify areas of policy and practice that need improvement in order to ensure safety, security and protection
- P33 take steps to address areas of policy and practice that need improvement in order to ensure safety, security and protection
- P34 provide records and reports on your contribution to the development of health, safety and security policies, procedures and practices, in

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accordance with legal and work setting requirements

P35 use supervision and learning and development opportunities to support your team to develop the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to manage risk and adhere to safe and healthy practice

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# Knowledge and understanding

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## You need to know and understand:

- K1 legal and work setting requirements on equality, diversity, discrimination and rights
- K2 your role in developing and maintaining systems, procedures and practices which promote individuals' rights, choices, wellbeing and active participation
- K3 your duty to report any acts or omissions that could infringe the rights of individuals
- K4 how to **critically evaluate** and take informed action against discrimination
- K5 the rights that individuals have to make complaints and be supported to do so
- K6 how to ensure that individuals are informed about the service they can expect to receive
- K7 your role in developing and maintaining systems, procedures and practices which ensure that individuals have access to information about themselves in a format they can understand
- K8 conflicts and dilemmas that may arise in relation to rights and how to address them

### Your practice

# You need to know and understand:

- K9 legislation, statutory codes, standards, frameworks and guidance relevant to your work, your work setting and the content of this standard
- K10 your own background, experiences and beliefs that may have an impact on your practice
- K11 your own roles, responsibilities and accountabilities with their limits and boundaries
- K12 the roles, responsibilities and accountabilities of others with whom you work
- K13 how to access and work to procedures and agreed ways of working
- K14 the meaning of person-centred/child centred working and the importance of knowing and respecting each person as an individual
- K15 the prime importance of the interests and well-being of the individual
- K16 the individual's cultural and language context
- K17 how to build trust and rapport in a relationship
- K18 how your **power and influence** as a leader and manager can impact on relationships
- K19 the role of independent representation and advocacy for individuals

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K20	how to work in ways that promote active participation and maintain individuals' dignity, respect, personal beliefs and preferences
K21	how to work in ways that achieve positive outcomes for individuals
K22	how to manage resources to deliver services that meet targets and achieve positive outcomes for individuals
K23	how to distinguish between outputs and outcomes
K24	how to work in partnership with individuals, key people and others
K25	how to identify and manage ethical conflicts and dilemmas in your work
K26	how to challenge and address poor practice
K27	how to address concerns and complaints
K28	how and when to seek support in situations beyond your experience and expertise
K29	the nature and impact of factors that may affect the health,
	wellbeing and development of individuals you care for or support
K30	theories underpinning our understanding of human development and factors that affect it

#### Personalisation and resources

# You need to know and understand:

- K31 how to critically evaluate evidence and knowledge based theories and models of good practice about empowerment and citizen directed services
- K32 how to identify and promote the potential of individuals to use their personal strengths and resources to achieve change
- K33 the value and role of family networks, communities and groups in achieving positive outcomes, and ways to develop them
- K34 the nature of **personalisation** and personalised services, including self directed support
- K35 the range of resources available within informal networks, within the wider community, through formal service provision and through innovation
- K36 how assistive technology can be used to support the independence of individuals
- K37 how to lead, manage and support others to plan, deliver and review personalised services with individuals

#### **Continuing professional development**

# You need to know and understand:

- K38 principles of reflective practice and why it is important
- K39 your role in developing the professional knowledge and practice of others
- K40 how to promote evidence based practice

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K41	methods of managing performance to meet targets and achieve positive outcomes
K42	how to assess performance
K43	how to provide constructive feedback to others on their practice and performance
K44	how to address performance that does not meet required standards
K45	how to use supervision to support the practice and performance of others
K46	how to use appraisal to support the practice and performance of others
K47	systems, procedures and practices for managing workloads
K48	methods for delegating work
Commun	vication
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K49	factors that can affect communication and language skills and their development in children, young people or adults
K50	methods to promote effective communication and enable individuals to communicate their needs, views and preferences
K51	factors that can affect communication within and between organisations
K52	methods to promote effective communication within and between organisations
Health ar	nd Safety
K53	legal and statutory requirements for health and safety
K54	your work setting policies and practices for monitoring and
	maintaining health, safety and security in the work environment
Safe-gua	rding
K55	legislation and national policy relating to the safe-guarding and protection of children, young people and adults
K56	the responsibility that everyone has to raise concerns about possible harm or abuse, poor or discriminatory practices
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indicators of potential harm or abuse

how and when to report any concerns about harm or abuse, poor or

what to do if you have reported concerns but no action is taken to

how to support others who have expressed concerns about harm or

discriminatory practice, resources or operational difficulties

local systems and multi-disciplinary procedures that relate to

safeguarding and protection from harm or abuse

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#### **Multi-disciplinary working**

# You need to know and understand:

K62 K63	the purpose of working with other professionals and agencies the remit and responsibilities of other professionals and agencies
	involved in multi-disciplinary work
K64	features of multi-disciplinary and interagency communication
K65	how different philosophies, principles, priorities and codes of
	practice can affect partnership working

#### **Handling information**

# You need to know and understand:

K66	legal requirements, policies and procedures for the security and confidentiality of information
K67	legal and work setting requirements for recording information and producing reports within timescales
K68	principles of confidentiality and when to pass on otherwise confidential information
K69	how to support the effective sharing of information to achieve positive outcomes for individuals
K70	how to record written information with accuracy, clarity, relevance and an appropriate level of detail
K71	how to use evidence, fact and knowledge-based opinion to support professional judgements in records and reports
K72	how and where electronic communications can and should be used

for communicating, recording and reporting

## Leading and managing practice

# You need to know and understand:

K73	how to <b>critically analyse</b> theories about <b>leadership</b> and <b>management</b>
K74	standards of practice, service standards and guidance relating to the work setting
K75	national and local initiatives to promote the well-being of individuals
K76	models of practice for the use of early interventions
K77	lessons learned from government reports, research and inquiries into serious failures of health or social care practice and from successful interventions
K78	methods of supporting others to work with and support individuals, key people and others
K79	how to lead and manage practice that achieves positive outcomes for individuals
K80	methods of supporting others to recognise and take informed action

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	against discrimination
K81	how to develop systems, practices, policies and procedures
K82	how to implement, monitor and evaluate systems, practices, policies and procedures
K83	how to promote the services and facilities of your work- setting
K84	techniques for problem solving and innovative thinking
K85	how to motivate others
K86	how to critically evaluate evidence and knowledge based theories and models of good practice about change management
K87	how to use change management techniques
Risk ma	nagement
K88	how to critically evaluate principles and frameworks of risk assessment and risk management
K89	principles of positive risk-taking
K90	how to lead others to develop practice that supports positive risk-taking
Managin	g people
K91	legal and work-setting requirements for employment practices
K92	internal and external governance arrangements for the work-setting
K93	factors that can lead to pressures on the service, individual and team performance
K94	how to manage time, resources and workload of self and others
K95	how to manage team dynamics
K96	how to create a culture that promotes openness, creativity and problem solving
K97	how to create a culture that supports people to embrace change
Specific	to this NOS
K98	legislation and work setting procedures and practices to prevent and control infection
K99	aspects of your own health and hygiene and that of team members that can help prevent the spread of infection
K100	legislation and work setting requirements for the storage and administration and disposal of medication
K101	legislation and work setting procedures for food hygiene
K102	legislation and work setting requirements for dealing with incidents and emergencies
K103	different kinds of incidents and emergencies that may arise in your

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	work setting
K104	your responsibility for keeping yourself and others safe within your
	work role and environment
K105	additional hazards to consider when working alone
K106	how to take responsibility for your own health and wellbeing
K107	practices for safe moving and handling
K108	approved methods and procedures for potentially hazardous
	activities you undertake at work
K109	national and local guidance on falls prevention and factors that
	impact on falls

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#### **Additional Information**

Scope/range related to performance criteria

The details in this field are explanatory statements of scope and/or examples of possible contexts in which the NOS may apply; they are not to be regarded as range statements required for achievement of the NOS

An **accident** may be a major or minor incident that is unforeseen and causes injury; accidents may be due to falls; hazards in the environment; illness; disability; weaknesses; sensory and cognitive impairment; frailty

**Action** would include challenging working practices and using supervision, performance management and training to improve practice

**Approved methods and procedures** may include methods and procedures that have been set down in legislation, set by the employer, identified in risk assessments and/or set down by the producers of items, materials or equipment

**Designed to promote people's health, safety and security** may include policies, systems, procedures and practice designed to identify, assess and reduce stress and risk of danger, harm and abuse to individuals, key people, yourself and others. Harm and abuse may include neglect; physical, financial, emotional and sexual abuse; bullying; self harm; reckless behaviour

**Emergencies** are occurrences that present immediate and threatening danger to people, goods and/or the environment; they may relate to fire, security, serious accidents, minor accidents or first aid

**Incidents** require immediate attention to avoid possible danger and harm to people, goods and/or the environment. They may include intruders; chemical spillages; lost keys, purses etc, missing individuals; individuals locked out; contamination risk; aggressive and dangerous encounters; bomb scares

The **individual** is the person you support or care for in your work

**Key people** are those who are important to an individual and can make a difference to his or her well-being. Key people may include family, friends, carers and others with whom the individual has a supportive relationship

**Others** are workers that you manage, your colleagues and other professionals whose work contributes to the individual's well-being and who enable you to carry out your role

**Policies and procedures** are formally agreed and binding ways of working that apply in many settings. Where policies and procedures do not exist, the

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term includes other agreed ways of working

**Potentially hazardous work activities** would include food hygiene, working with hazardous substances, actions in emergencies, lone working, administration of medication, infection control and moving and handling

**Practices** may include activities, procedures, use of materials or equipment, working techniques

A **risk** takes account of the likelihood of a hazard occurring and may include the possibility of danger, damage or destruction to the environment and goods; the possibility of injury and harm to people, self-harm, bullying, abuse, reckless behaviour

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Scope/range related to knowledge and understanding

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All knowledge statements must be applied in the context of this standard.

In relation to all knowledge statements you need to know and understand the specified areas of knowledge and be able to critically apply the knowledge and understanding in your leadership and management practice

**Critically analyse** is to examine something closely such as a policy, procedure, theory, complex situation, problem or an approach to practice – identifying the parts or issues that contribute to the whole product, situation or idea and determining how these different parts affect the quality of the whole product or how the individual issues affect the overall situation

Critical analysis involves a weighing-up of the factors concerned, for their contribution of strengths / weaknesses or advantages / disadvantages of a product or in a situation. Critical analysis is part of the process of understanding issues and developing original and creative responses

**Critically evaluate** is to weigh arguments for and against something, assessing all evidence, this could relate to factors such as models of care service delivery, policy development, theories, approaches to practice

Critical evaluation requires a weighing up and making judgements on factors such as currency, relevance, validity, outcomes, cost, sustainability, risk, and fitness-for-purpose of a product or a service against other products, services or ideas, using relevant criteria to frame the evaluation and inform decision-making

**Employment practices** should include recruitment, performance management, disciplinary procedures, grievance procedures

**Evidence based practice** uses systems, processes and 'practice wisdom' that has been proved to be effective in supporting the achievement of positive outcomes. Evidence may have been drawn from a variety of sources: research, both formal and informal, and the views and opinions of individuals, key people and those involved in the delivery of care services

Factors that may affect the health, wellbeing and development may include adverse circumstances or trauma before or during birth; autistic spectrum disorder; dementia; family circumstances; frailty; harm or abuse; injury; learning disability; medical conditions (chronic or acute); mental health;

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physical disability; physical ill health; poverty; profound or complex needs; sensory needs; social deprivation; substance misuse

**Leadership** is the ability to provide strategic direction and a sense of purpose. Effective leaders create a sense of trust, confidence and belief, inspiring people to adopt the values and behaviours they promote. They are innovative, creative and motivating

**Management** is the ability to set the operational direction and organise the effective running of the service provision to meet the overall service needs including ethical, legislative, regulatory and organisational requirements. Effective managers facilitate and organise resources in order to optimise the performance of others, allowing them to carry out tasks and achieve goals efficiently and effectively. They provide clarity and accountability that enable teams to meet their objectives

**Outcomes** are the changes or differences that individuals or care services are trying to achieve. Hard outcomes are changes that are clear and obvious, or those that involve a visible change in people's behaviour or circumstances. Soft outcomes are changes that are less easy to observe and measure, or those that involve more subtle changes inside people such as a change in someone's attitude, sense of well-being or how they see or feel about themselves

**Outputs** are the tangible products, services or facilities that are a result of organisational activities or the activities of those involved in the delivery of the service provision. Outputs may be used to achieve outcomes

**Personalisation** can be defined as 'changing the power balance so that each person really does have choice and control over the care services that they want. From being a recipient of services, individuals become involved in selecting and shaping the services they use'. Personalisation is a social care approach that encompasses citizen-directed support; self-directed support; the use of direct payments or personal budgets; the provision of accessible information and advice on care and support and the promotion of independence and self-reliance amongst individuals and communities

Depending on how it is used the **power and influence** of leaders and managers may have either a positive or negative effect upon relationships

#### **Values**

Adherence to codes of practice or conduct where applicable to your role and

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the principles and values that underpin your work setting, including the rights of children, young people and adults. These include the rights:

To be treated as an individual

To be treated equally and not be discriminated against

To be respected

To have privacy

To be treated in a dignified way

To be protected from danger and harm

To be supported and cared for in a way that meets their needs, takes account of their choices and also protects them

To communicate using their preferred methods of communication and language

To access information about themselves

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