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Appraise information and knowledge resources in a health context



Overview

This standard is about appraising health related information and knowledge resources. The appraisal is in connection with the validity, reliability, applicability, timeliness, authority and relevance of these resources. This work could be done in relation to, for example, product evaluation, the critical appraisal of relevant literature, pathways development and service re-design. You will need to be able to define the requirements for appraisal, select the appropriate processes and techniques, consult with any relevant clients or end users and make the results available for decision making and benefits realisation.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 select the appropriate processes and techniques to appraise information and knowledge resources
- P2 develop suitable processes and techniques to appraise information and knowledge resources where none currently exist
- P3 appraise the information and knowledge resources against relevant criteria
- P4 decide whether the results of the appraisal are applicable
- P5 consult with any relevant individuals on the results of the appraisal
- P6 record and present a summarised statement of the appraisal to support effective decision making
- P7 review the process to help improve future appraisals of information and knowledge resources

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the relevant legislation, policies, procedures, codes of practice and guidelines in relation to your work
- K2 the importance and reasons for adhering to information governance
- K3 the principles of knowledge management
- K4 the ways in which effective knowledge management can contribute to improvement in the delivery of health care and organisational effectiveness
- K5 the health and business context for knowledge management
- K6 the trends and developments in the external environment and health sector which impact on the need for information, evidence and knowledge
- K7 the context of evidence based practice within the knowledge management framework
- K8 the key relevant professional resources
- K9 the different and emerging types of information and knowledge resources
- K10 the reasons why appraisals of information and knowledge resources are necessary
- K11 the processes and techniques for appraising information and knowledge resources
- K12 how to develop and refine processes and techniques for appraising information and knowledge resources
- K13 the criteria which are used to appraise information and knowledge
- K14 the reasons why it is important in some cases to consult with clients and end users on the results of the appraisal
- K15 how to consult with clients and end users on the content of the appraisal and the results
- K16 how to record and present the results of the appraisal
- K17 the security issues attached to the use of information and knowledge
- K18 the importance of reviewing the process to improve future practice based on user feedback

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Additional Information

External Links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: IK3 Knowledge and information resources

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