Plan, implement, monitor and evaluate strategies for protecting the health and wellbeing of the population



Overview

This standard covers planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating strategies for protecting the health and wellbeing of the population.

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 monitor and assess the degree of risk to the health and wellbeing of populations
- P2 identify emerging patterns and develop effective processes for managing them
- P3 monitor the effectiveness of different approaches to protecting the health and wellbeing of individuals and populations and minimising risks
- P4 refer people to the correct individuals or organisations when this is necessary providing accurate and necessary information consistent with maintaining confidentiality
- P5 arrange for any necessary investigations to be undertaken promptly
- P6 make effective contributions to the management of incidents, outbreaks and emergencies
- P7 clearly explain to relevant others how to minimise risks to the population's health and wellbeing

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to apply the principles of assessing and investigating risks to health and wellbeing including long-term exposure to environmental hazards
- K2 the principles of emergency planning and managing environmental incidents, including the roles and legal responsibilities of the local department of public health and other agencies
- K3 the principles of controlling diseases and the importance of clear and effective on-call procedures
- K4 the role and responsibilities of people and organisations involved in protecting the population's health and wellbeing (e.g. communicable disease control consultants and specialists, primary care trusts/cooperatives, health authorities/boards, local authorities, environmental health, microbiology, genito-urinary medicine departments, infection control personnel, hospital control of infection committees)
- K5 how to apply legislation relevant to the protection of the population's health and wellbeing
- K6 the importance of, and how to achieve, effective relationships with the media in the protection of the population's health and wellbeing
- K7 clear and effective recording of incident and disease control and prepare a written control report
- K8 how to map out an operational framework to systematically monitor the incidence and distribution of communicable diseases and environmental hazards

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Additional Information

External Links

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