Help individuals to develop relationships and to live with others



Overview

This standard is about helping individuals to develop and maintain positive relationships and to live with others. This includes encouraging effective relationships within the context of living in a group, and addressing any tensions that occur.

There are two elements

- 1 Encourage and support positive relationships
- 2 Help individuals to resolve difficulties in maintaining their relationships

Target group

This standard is applicable to those who provide individuals with support and guidance towards assisting them to live in groups.

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Performance criteria

Encourage and support positive relationships

You must be able to:

- P1 facilitate relationships between individuals by taking actions that are fair, and which balance the needs of individuals with those of the group
- P2 help individuals to treat other people with respect, including respecting their cultural values and beliefs, and to respect other people's belongings
- P3 promote the tolerance of others
- P4 create suitable opportunities for individuals to learn from their behaviour within the context of group living
- P5 assist individuals to take responsibility for their behaviour and relationships within the group, and to join in with group activities and tasks
- P6 encourage positive links with other people who can help to develop the social skills of the individual
- P7 promote the good aspects of group living to individuals and others during their work
- P8 respect the right for confidentiality, according to legal and organisational requirements
- P9 maintain effective communication with relevant colleagues and other stakeholders to further encourage positive relationships between individuals

Help individuals to resolve difficulties in maintaining their relationships

You must be able to:

- P10 obtain and use relevant information regarding relationships through discussions, observation and other suitable sources
- P11 help individuals to accurately identify any difficulties which they have with relationships and group living
- P12 make valid judgements concerning the difficulties which individuals are having in developing and maintaining relationships and provide appropriate support to such individuals
- P13 identify situations which individuals create to cause other people problems, and help them to take appropriate action to reduce or remove the problem
- P14 discuss inappropriate behaviour with those concerned and help them to improve their behaviour
- P15 contribute to the development and implementation of contingency plans to deal with potential crises and conflicts
- P16 maintain effective communication with relevant colleagues and other stakeholders to help individuals resolve problems in developing and maintaining relationships

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the principles and processes of effective communication and how to apply them
- K2 the importance of encouraging individuals to express their personal feelings and needs and how to do this
- K3 how to confirm that your own actions and behaviour are consistent with anti-discriminatory practice
- K4 the range of requests which individuals are likely to make and how to deal with these
- K5 relevant policy and procedures of your organisation
- K6 the importance of keeping individuals informed
- K7 people to refer to when individuals' problems, requests and needs are outside your area of competence and responsibility
- K8 the reasons why certain problems and requests cannot be addressed within your organisation
- K9 the principle and standards of confidentiality and how to apply them
- K10 the importance of encouraging individuals to develop and maintain positive relationships with others and how to do this
- K11 the range of problems individuals may have in their relationships, including those of:
 - K11.1 isolation and exclusion
 - K11.2 conflict
 - K11.3 covert and overt bullying and abuse
 - K11.4 support that they may require and how this can be offered
- K12 how to offer appropriate support in ways which maintain the dignity of the individual
- K13 the importance of encouraging individuals to maintain their interest in areas outside their immediate environment and how to do this
- K14 the boundaries of your role and responsibilities

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