

Roles and Responsibilities

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Role of the Carer or support worker

- To care for the Service User in their own home
- To care for the Service User in the manner they wish to be cared for
- To represent the company you are employed by
- To act as the Service Users representative when required

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Care Workers' Responsibilities are:

- To protect the rights and promote the interests of the Service User and Carers
- To strive to establish and maintain the trust and confidence of Service Users and Carers
- To promote the independence of Service Users while protecting them as far as possible from danger and harm

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SSSC Registration

- Registration is compulsory for the majority of workers required to register with the SSSC
- If you don't register it will mean your employer will be committing an offence if they continue to employ you in this role.
- It's your responsibility to inform SSSC of any changes in your details, circumstances or generally keep in touch

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SSSC – Code of Practice

The Code of Practice places responsibilities on both the employer and the employee

Workers are **responsible** for making sure their conduct does not fall below the standards and that no action or omission on their part harms the well-being of people who use services

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Compliance with the Code of Practice

- Make sure you know your work place policies and procedures designed to protect and promote people's rights
- Ensure that you share with your colleagues any information which relates to service user's choices and preferences and rights
- Make sure that you discuss choices and preferences with service users
- Support service user to maintain independence together with other rights if necessary
- Never participate in or encourage discriminatory behaviour

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Employers' Responsibilities are:

•To ensure people are suitable to enter the workforce and understand their roles and responsibilities (PVG)

- Have written policies and procedures in place to enable the worker to meet their code of practice requirements
- To provide training and development opportunities to enable workers to strengthen and develop their skills and knowledge

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Legislation

- Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001
- Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Patients Rights (Scotland) Act 2011
- Data Protection Act 2018 (GDPR)
- Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007
- Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003
- Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007
- Equality Act 2010

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Regulation

The Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 allowed Ministers to introduce the **Regulation of Care (Requirements as to Care Services)** (Scotland) Regulations in 2002 These regulations set out the basic standards for care in all care services

The Care Inspectorate draws its power from the **Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010** Its main aim was to simplify and improve Scotland's public services

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Health and Social Care Standards

- The standards aim to raise the Service User's quality of life by raising the level of care and support provided
- The Health and Social Care Standards are written from the Service User's viewpoint
- Based upon 5 core principles
- Separate standards for different types of service provision

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Dignity and Respect

- My human rights are respected and promoted.
- I am respected and treated with dignity as an individual
- I am treated fairly and do not experience discrimination
- My privacy is respected

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Compassion

- I experience warm, compassionate and nurturing care and support
- My care is provided by people who understand and are sensitive to be needs and my wishes

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Be Included

- I receive the right information, at the right time and in a way that I can understand.
- I am supported to make informed choices, so that I can control my support
- I am included in wider decisions about the way the service is provided, and my suggestions, feedback and concerns are considered
- I am supported to participate fully and actively in my community.

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Responsive Care and Support

- My health and social care needs are assessed and reviewed to ensure I receive the right support and care at the right time
- My care and support adapts when my needs, choices and decision change
- I experience consistency in who provides my care and support and how it is provided
- If I make a complaint it is acted on

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Wellbeing

- I am asked about my lifestyle preferences and aspirations and I am supported to achieve these.
- I am encouraged and helped to achieve my full potential
- I am supported to make informed choices, even if it means I might be taking personal risks
- I feel safe and I am protected from neglect, abuse or avoidable harm.

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