

CHS227 Conduct health screening programmes

OVERVIEW

This standard refers to the conducting of health screening programmes for identified at risk target groups or for specific clinical conditions. Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies. Version No 1

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

You will need to know and understand:

1. your own level of competence, authority and specialist knowledge base
2. the range of stakeholders involved, their information needs, roles and responsibilities
3. how to manage the factors influencing the effectiveness of investigations, procedures and interventions of screening programmes within your work practice
4. why it is important to recognise the contra- indications and risk factors for conducting screening programmes within your work practice
5. how to comply with risk assessments within health screening programmes relevant to your work practice
6. the importance of protocols and procedures for obtaining valid consent of participants
7. the purpose and scope of the screening programme
8. the range of facilities and resources needed to carry out the screening
9. the range and repertoire of information and appropriate tests required within the screening programme
10. the importance and significance of quality assurance, quality control and regular monitoring of quality within a health screening programme
11. the range of health and safety measures, infection prevention control and the relevant personal protective controls and containment, their importance and their applicability within the screening programme
12. the range and purpose of equipment and associated systems required for the screening programme and their application
13. the importance of following protocols and procedures for any required investigations including quality checks and the order of sequencing
14. the ways of presenting information, including statistical and factual information applicable to your speciality
15. how to communicate effectively in the appropriate medium to meet any recipients' needs and preferences
16. where applicable, the importance of follow up requirements resulting from screening programmes and how the referral process will be initiated
17. the relevant information that needs to be included in national or local health screening

- programmes interim and/or final reports
- 18.the importance of recording information clearly and accurately in the required format in accordance with current legislation, guidelines and local policies, procedures and protocols
 - 19.the importance of maintaining confidentiality of participants throughout the screening programme consistent with legislation and information governance
 - 20.the current national legislation, guidelines, local policies and protocols which affect your work practice
 - 21.the policies and guidance that clarify your scope of practice, accountabilities and the working relationship between yourself and others

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

You must be able to do the following:

- 1.work within your level of competence, responsibility and accountability
- 2.where appropriate, liaise with key members of the health screening team and relevant key stakeholders at the appropriate stages of the screening programme
- 3.inform participants of the purpose of the screening programme and their expected commitment
- 4.inform participants if any structures/systems are in place for referral and the selection criteria and processes for referral
- 5.ensure individuals fully understand what is expected of them during the screening programme and gain their written evidence of valid consent
- 6.collate appropriate information from the participants in the required format applicable to the screening programme
- 7.provide advice and information effectively throughout the screening programme, in the appropriate medium to meet any recipients needs and preferences
- 8.ensure any required screening tests is undertaken by the authorised health screening team member in accordance with the approved protocols and procedures
- 9.ensure all health screening testing results have been fully analysed and the reports are validated and authorised for inclusion in the report
- 10.collate all data and information from the screening programme
- 11.where appropriate apply statistical programmes to the data and information to validate the findings
- 12.produce a report on the screening programme, in the appropriate format for the target audiences in line with legislation, policies, protocols and procedures
- 13.maintain full, accurate and legible records of information collected in line with current legislation, guidelines, local policies and protocols

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This National Occupational Standard was developed by Skills for Health. This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004): Dimension: HWB1 Promotion of health and wellbeing and prevention of adverse effects to health and wellbeing. This standard has replaced HCS_BC13 and HCS_AUD13.