

#### **Overview**

This standard identifies the requirements when you present individuals' preferences and needs. This includes identifying with individuals the preferences and needs they want you to present, then acting with and behalf of the individuals to present these effectively. It also includes supporting individuals to review the effectiveness of the representation arrangement.

Performance criteria	Identify with individuals the preferences and needs they want you to present	
You must be able to:	P1 access information about the procedures and practices of the decision making event at which you will be presenting the individual's preferences and needs	
	P2 support the <b>active participation</b> of the individual in making decisions about how they will be represented	
	P3 work with the individual to assess the outcomes they wish to achieve from your representation	
	P4 support the individual to <b>communicate</b> their preferences and nee	ds
	P5 support the individual to understand the options for their representation	
	P6 check your understanding of the individual's preferences and nee and how you will represent these	ds
	P7 make necessary changes where you or the individual have misunderstood anything or think something needs changing	
	P8 ensure that neither you nor the individual will be compromised by your working on their behalf	
	P9 where you feel you cannot represent the individual, make clear you reasons for this and agree the best alternative	our
	P10 complete records and reports on processes, agreements and outcomes, within confidentiality agreements and according to lega and work setting requirements	al
	Act with and behalf of individuals to present their preferences and need	sc
You must be able to:	P11 clarify the purpose, scope and goal of the representation and your role within it	r
	P12 prepare yourself to act on behalf of the individual by identifying suitable methods, gathering sufficient information and evaluating key points	
	P13 prepare a case that represents the best interests of the individual, ensuring that the case represents their views and preferences rather than your own	1
	P14 support the individual to understand the preparations you have made and confirm that the individual's views are clearly represent	ed
	P15 take note of any differences of opinion	
	P16 support the individual to understand the procedures and practices the decision-making process and the likely outcomes from the representation	i of
	P17 carry out your agreed role in presenting the individual's preference	es

and needs P18 ensure that representation and actions taken on behalf of the individual accurately represent their values, preferences. needs and interests P19 communicate the processes and outcomes from your representation in ways that can be understood by the individual P20 record the processes and outcomes from the representation within confidentiality agreements and according to legal and work setting requirements Support individuals to review the effectiveness of the representation You must be able to: P21 encourage the individual to participate in monitoring and assessing the effectiveness of representation arrangements P22 support the individual to evaluate the outcomes achieved against the outcomes they wished to achieve P23 support the individual to identify any changes required to the representation P24 explore any concerns you and the individual have about the effectiveness of the representation P25 support the individual to agree any actions that should be taken in relation to their concerns P26 access advice from others where the representation has not gone according to plan or the individual has raised concerns P27 complete records and reports on the representation, its effectiveness and any changes needed, within confidentiality agreements and according to legal and work setting requirements

Knowledge and understanding	Rights	
You need to know and understand:	K1	legal and work setting requirements on equality, diversity, discrimination and rights
	K2	your role in promoting individuals' rights, choices, wellbeing and active participation
	K3	your duty to report any acts or omissions that could infringe the rights of individuals
	K4	how to deal with and challenge discrimination
	K5	the rights that individuals have to make complaints and be supported to do so
	Your pra	ctice
You need to know and understand:	K6	legislation, statutory codes, standards, frameworks and guidance relevant to your work, your work setting and the content of this standard
	K7	your own background, experiences and beliefs that may have an impact on your practice
	K8	your own roles, responsibilities and accountabilities with their limits and boundaries
	K9	the roles, responsibilities and accountabilities of others with whom you work
	K10	how to access and work to procedures and agreed ways of working
	K11	the meaning of person-centred/child centred working and the importance of knowing and respecting each person as an individual
	K12	the prime importance of the interests and well-being of the individual
	K13	the individual's cultural and language context
	K14	how to build trust and rapport in a relationship
	K15	how your power and influence as a worker can impact on relationships
	K16	how to work in ways that promote active participation and maintain individuals' dignity, respect, personal beliefs and preferences
	K17	how to work in partnership with individuals, key people and others
	K18	how to manage ethical conflicts and dilemmas in your work
	K19	how to challenge poor practice
	K20	how and when to seek support in situations beyond your experience and expertise

You need to know and	Theory for practice		
understand:	K21	the nature and impact of <b>factors that may affect the health,</b> wellbeing and development of individuals you care for or support	
	K22	theories underpinning our understanding of human development and factors that affect it	
You need to know and understand:	Personal	and professional development	
	K23	principles of reflective practice and why it is important	
	Commur	nication	
You need to know and understand:	K24	factors that can affect communication and language skills and their development in children, young people and adults	
	K25	methods to promote effective communication and enable individuals to communicate their needs, views and preferences	
You need to know and understand:	Health a	nd Safety	
	K26	your work setting policies and practices for monitoring and maintaining health, safety and security in the work environment	
	K27	practices for the prevention and control of infection in the context of this standard	
You need to know and	Safe-gua	urding	
understand:	K28	the responsibility that everyone has to raise concerns about possible harm or abuse, poor or discriminatory practices	
	K29	indicators of potential harm or abuse	
	K30	how and when to report any concerns about abuse, poor or discriminatory practice, resources or operational difficulties	
	K31	what to do if you have reported concerns but no action is taken to address them	
	Handling	g information	
You need to know and understand:	K32	legal requirements, policies and procedures for the security and confidentiality of information	
	K33	legal and work setting requirements for recording information and producing reports	
	K34	principles of confidentiality and when to pass on otherwise confidential information	

You need to know and understand:	Specific to this NOS			
	K35	how and where to access information and support that can inform your practice when representing the needs and preferences of individuals		
	K36	how you can access, review and evaluate information about decision making events, the type of presentations required and the individuals' best interests in terms of representing their wishes and needs at decision making events		
	K37	factors that affect an individual's capacity to represent their own wishes and needs		
	K38	how to promote individuals' capacity to identify and promote their own wishes and needs		
	K39	any risks associated with the decisions being made and how they will need to be addressed in your presentation		
	K40	methods of supporting individuals to identify and express the needs and preferences they wish you to present at decision making events, taking account of any risks		
	K41	methods of supporting individuals to identify and agree the outcomes they want to achieve		
	K42	methods of preparing for and planning representations generally, and specifically for the decision making event at which you will be representing the individual's needs		
	K43	methods of identifying with individuals whether or not it is appropriate for you to make the representations		
	K44	methods of making representations on behalf of individuals in ways that enable them to retain as much control over their lives as possible		
	K45	methods of providing feedback in ways that sustain the individual's confidence and independence		
	K46	the role of independent advocates and when they may be needed		
	K47	methods of reviewing the outcomes of the presentation with the individual		
	K48	methods of reviewing with the individual your contribution to the process		
	K49	procedures through which individuals can contest the records of a presentation		
	K50	recording, reporting and other documentary requirements related to the preparations for, procedures within and outcomes from decision making events and how to communicate these to individuals, key people and others in ways that can be understood by all		

Present individuals' preferences and needs

## **Additional Information**

### Scope/range related to performance criteria

The details in this field are explanatory statements of scope and/or examples of possible contexts in which the NOS may apply; they are not to be regarded as range statements required for achievement of the NOS.

Note: Where an individual finds it difficult or impossible to express their own preferences and make decisions about their life, achievement of this standard may require the involvement of advocates or others who are able to represent the views and best interests of the individual.

Where there are language differences within the work setting, achievement of this standard may require the involvement of interpreters or translation services.

Active participation is a way of working that regards individuals as active partners in their own care or support rather than passive recipients. Active participation recognises each individual's right to participate in the activities and relationships of everyday life as independently as possible To **communicate** may include using the individual's preferred spoken language, the use of signs, the use of symbols or pictures, writing, objects of reference, communication passports, other non verbal forms of communication, human and technological aids to communication **Decision making events** may be informal or formal events where decisions are likely to be made about the individual, their situation and/or their family; they may include case conferences, appeal panels, court proceedings. The **individual** is the adult, child or young person you support or care for in your work

**Others** are your colleagues and other professionals whose work contributes to the individual's well-being and who enable you to carry out your role

Scope/range related to knowledge and understanding The details in this field are explanatory statements of scope and/or examples of possible contexts in which the NOS may apply; they are not to be regarded as range statements required for achievement of the NOS.

# All knowledge statements must be applied in the context of this standard.

Factors that may affect the health, wellbeing and development of individuals may include adverse circumstances or trauma before or during birth; autistic spectrum conditions; dementia; family circumstances; frailty; harm or abuse; injury; learning disability; medical conditions (chronic or acute); mental health; physical disability; physical ill health; poverty; profound or complex needs; sensory needs; social deprivation; substance misuse

#### Values

Adherence to codes of practice or conduct where applicable to your role and the principles and values that underpin your work setting, including the rights of children, young people and adults. These include the rights: To be treated as an individual

- To be treated equally and not be discriminated against
- To be respected
- To have privacy
- To be treated in a dignified way
- To be protected from danger and harm

To be supported and cared for in a way that meets their needs, takes account of their choices and also protects them

To communicate using their preferred methods of communication and language

To access information about themselves

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