



Dignity and Respect

Course Aims

This module starts by exploring the meaning of dignity and respect and the key elements that are involved. It then moves on to examine approaches that encompasses respect for an individual and affords protection for an individual's dignity highlighting the relevant legislation.

Course Objectives

- ✓ Outline of the key components of dignity and respect
- ✓ Identify ways in which an individual's dignity and respect can be undermined
- ✓ Approaches to protecting an individual's dignity
- ✓ Respect and dignity in practice
- ✓ Key legislation that supports individuals receiving care to maintain their dignity and respect
- ✓ Equality in practice
- ✓ Case study scenarios to reflect the key elements through good practice



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Respect for each person's dignity and rights needs to be at the heart of high-quality health care and social care and is fundamental to the human rights based approach in health and social care. In 2009 only 12 out of 148 councils in England were assessed at excellent for promoting dignity and respect in their social care services, compared to 17 in 2008. This module will enable organisations to ensure that the workforce has access to a cost effective resource that promotes dignity and respect. The assessment contained within the module promotes compliance and a consistent approach across the organisation that can be shared with partners. Maintaining dignity does not always require resources as small changes can make a big difference to people.

