

School of Health Sciences

Management Workbook

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RISK ASSESSMENT

The NMC Code of Professional Conduct (2004) states that ' As a registered nurse, midwife or specialist community public health nurse, you must act to identify and minimise the risk to patients and clients.' As an employee, you will be expected to take responsibility for identifying risks and hazards in your area of work and to take the appropriate action to minimise these risks. Your local hospital / trust has a Risk Strategy which in Derby aims to ' ensure a more systematic approach is taken to risk management while developing a high level of staff competence and involvement.' As a nurse you will carry out risk assessment activities on a regular basis and will continually re-evaluate the care you give accordingly. Remember that you may also need to consider the risk to yourself of carrying out certain activities eg- when undertaking manual handling, and this is equally important as establishing risk to clients/patients and other members of staff.

Risk Assessment

Policies and Procedures

Risk Management and Health and Safety Policies
Policy for the Identification and Reporting of Equipment Faults
Falls Prevention Policy

NMC Proficiencies

Domain: Professional & Ethical Practice: Outcome
1.1, 1.2 (1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.1.5, 1.2.1, 1.4.1)
Domain: Care Delivery: Outcome:
2.4,2.8 (2.3.1, 2.3.3, 2.8.4)
Domain: Care Management: Outcome:
3.1 (3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.4, 3.1.5, 3.3.1)

References

Nursing and Midwifery Council (2004) 'The NMC Code of Professional Conduct: standards for conduct, performance and ethics.'

Southern Derbyshire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust Risk Management and Health & Safety Manual (2002)

Mentor /student comments

Mentor sign

Student sign

Risk Assessment

Scenario 1

You are walking down the ward when you notice that there is some water spilled on the floor in the corridor.

1. What 2 actions do you immediately take?
2. Whose responsibility do you consider it is to clear up spillages?
3. What are the potential consequences of not addressing the situation straight away?

Scenario 2

You are admitting Mrs Jones to your ward and on looking through previous notes it is apparent that she has a history of falls both at home and in hospital. She normally walks with a stick but does not have it with her.

1. Which assessments should you complete as part of the admission process?
2. What other members of the MDT would you refer to?
3. Name 3 steps you could take to minimise the risk of Mrs Jones falling in hospital.
4. How would you ensure that other members of staff are aware that Mrs Jones is a falls risk?