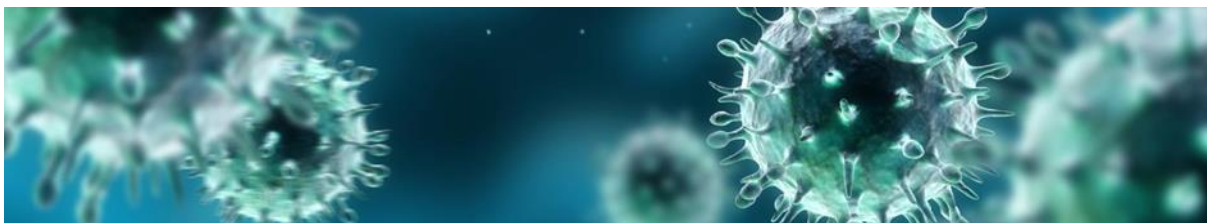


Course Title: Understanding the Safe Handling of Medication in Social Care and Prevention and Control of Infection in Social Care Settings



Description of the course

The focus of the course is to provide learners with up to date knowledge of the safe handling of medication. Learners will understand the types of medication they may come across and how medication is supplied and obtained. Learners will understand the requirements and guidance for the safe storage of medication and understand the requirements for the safe disposal of medication. Learners will also explore how the effects of medication should be monitored and what procedures should be followed should problems with medication administration occur. Learners will also understand how information is recorded and confidentiality is maintained.

Learners will gain the confidence in administering medication safely and in a way that meets the individuals' needs.

Learners will also understand how inappropriate use or handling of medication can have severe, or even fatal, consequences.

Learners will have the opportunity to engage in practical activities such as using medication dispenser's correctly and a focus on completing medication records sheets accurately and safely.

In relation to prevention of prevention and control of infection the course will provide learners with up to date knowledge of the Prevention and Control of Infection in Social Care Settings.

Course duration

Learners will undertake 3 hours of learning – which includes 2 hours focussing on medication administration and one hour on infection control.

Who is this course/qualification for?

This course is aimed at learners who work in social care settings who are required to develop their own knowledge and understanding of the safe handling of medication. The infection control element of the course is aimed at learners who work in social care settings who are required to develop their own knowledge and understanding to strengthen personal application in practice and encourage others that may be involved with an individual's care to follow infection control procedures.

Topics covered

This course is aimed at learners who work in the social care settings who are required to develop their own knowledge and understanding of the safe handling of medication. They will gain knowledge of how medication can be administered safely and in a way that meets the individual's needs. They will understand the requirements for the safe storage and disposal of medication. They will understand preparation required prior to administering medication and will understand the procedures to follow should there be problems with the administration of medication, including the reporting and recording mechanisms. They will understand how to monitor the effects of the medication and understand the importance of safeguarding individuals in relation to medication use. They will also understand their own role, accountability, and responsibility. They will also be exposed to examples of inappropriate use or handling medication can have severe, or even fatal, consequences. Ultimately learners will gain the relevant skills, knowledge and understanding to ensure their practice is safe whilst also ensuring they meet the service user's needs, wishes and preferences.

The infection control element will cover their role and responsibilities are around infection control to develop best standards of practice, understand the correct use of PPE, the process of decontamination when dealing with contaminated waste and including the importance of maintaining good personal hygiene. The knowledge will also support understanding of the methods of transmission, the conditions, and circumstances whereby organisms can grow and what measures can be taken to break the chain of infection from spreading.

Assessment method

No requirement for formal assessment, learners will be observed participating in the course and completion of the practical exercises. Learners will have the opportunity to engage in practical activities such as using medication dispensers correctly and a focus on completing medication records sheets accurately and safely. Additionally learners will have the opportunity to engage in practical activities and use resources such as gels, oils, UV light and other accessories to experience how cleaning effectiveness is important to protect oneself and other people.

Course fee: for the social care sector the course will be paid through your provider. If self-funding the cost of the course is £15.00.