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**Infection Prevention and Control**

**New Qualifications in social care and Common  
Induction Standards (CIS)**

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# New Qualifications in Social Care

**Today's presentation will include:**

- New Qualifications in social care
- Units relating to infection control
- Common Induction Standards refresh

# New Qualifications - Qualifications & Credit Framework - (QCF)

- A government initiative across England, Wales and Northern Ireland
- It includes **all** vocational qualifications in all sectors
- A replacement to the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)  
i.e. NVQs

# New Qualifications in Partnership

- This presentation refers to Adult Social Care in England
- To meet the knowledge and skills requirements of employers
- We are also working with other Sector Skills Councils and Awarding Organisations

# a simple architecture



# What we have done! The QCF Development Programme

- The current Health and Social Care (HSC) NVQs level 2 & 3 will be replaced by HSC Diplomas at Level 2 & 3
- The current leadership & management in care service and the HSC NVQ level 4 will become a hybrid qualification at level 5

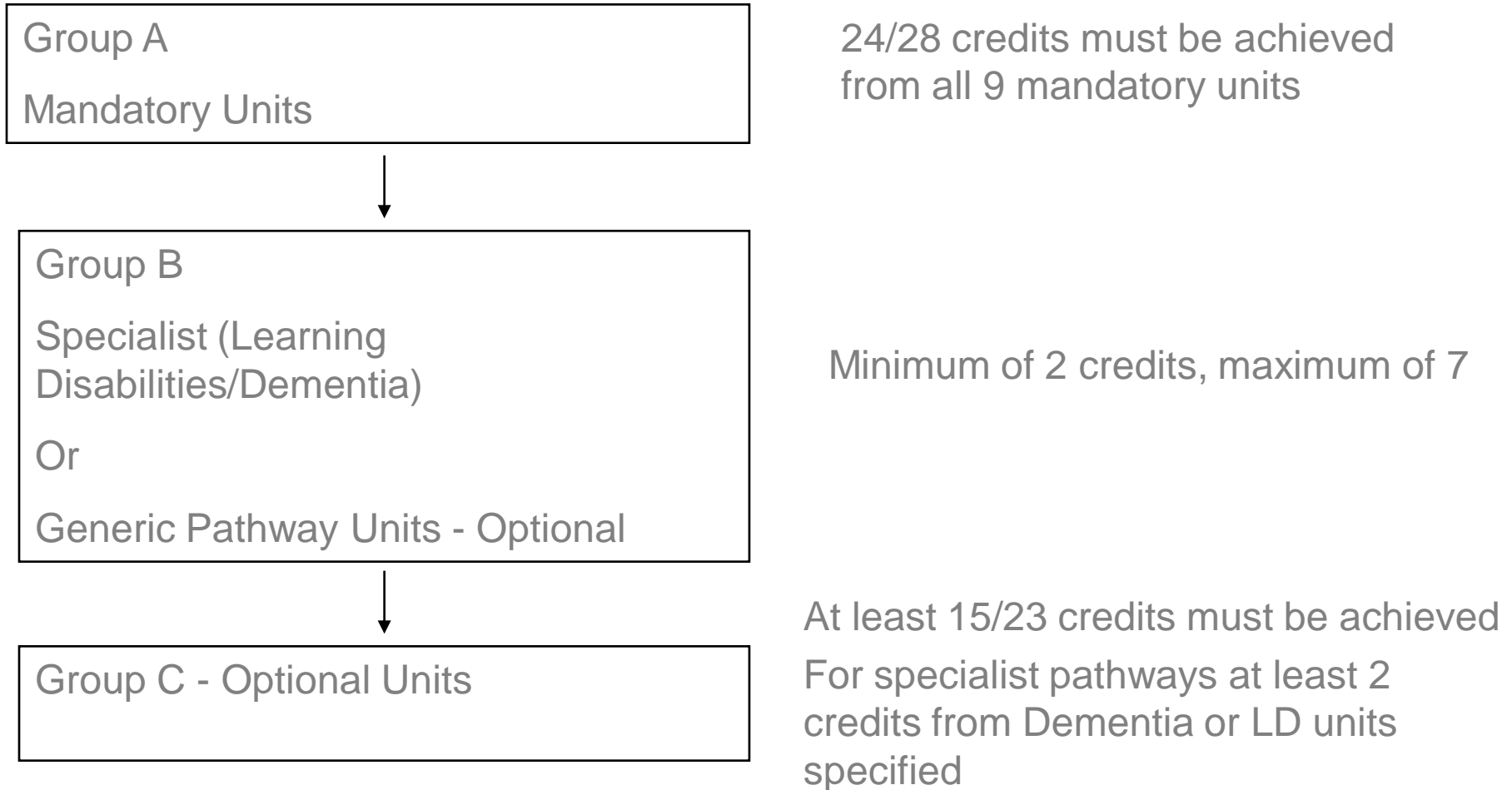
# What we have done ! Evolving QCF

- Several changes have occurred during the development process:
- Skills Funding Agency have extended funding until end of 2010
- HSC diploma level 2 & 3 will go live in Jan 2011

# What we have done! Other work

- To support the HSC Diplomas several other qualifications have been identified
- Units from these may be used as optional units within the HSC Diplomas
- Units may also be used within smaller specialist qualifications as the QCF develops
- Units will allow learners to develop learning in bite sized chunks and reflect business need

# Structure – Level 2/ 3 HSC Diploma



# level 2 and 3 HSC Diploma mandatory units

## **9 mandatory units covering:**

- Personal Development
- Communication
- Equality and Inclusion
- Duty of Care
- Role of Health and Social care worker
- Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults
- Person-centred Support
- Health and Safety
- Handling information

# LMCS and HSC level 4 Hybrid = New Hybrid L5 QCF Qualification

Shared Core & Mandatory (A)					
Adult Pathways			Children's Pathways		
Residential manager (E)	Non residential manager (F)	HSC Practitioner (G)	Residential manager (A)	Non-residential manager (B)	HSC Practitioner (C)
Optional Adults (I)			Optional Children's (H)		
Generic -Optional Units (J)					

# Additional units / qualifications - Infection Control

**Additional Units – contained in 2 mandatory generic units**

- **Level 2** : ‘Contribute to health and safety in health and social care’
- **Level 3** : ‘Promote and implement health and safety in health and social care’

# Additional units / qualifications - Infection Control

## Mandatory Health and Safety Unit – Level 2

### Be able to reduce the spread of infection

4.1 Demonstrate the recommended method for hand washing

4.2 Demonstrate ways to ensure that own health and hygiene do not pose a risk to others at work

# Infection Control

## Mandatory Health and Safety Unit– Level 3

### Be able to reduce the spread of infection

4.1 Explain own role in supporting others to follow practices that reduce the spread of infection

4.2 Demonstrate the recommended method for hand washing

4.3 Demonstrate ways to ensure that own health and hygiene do not pose a risk to an individual or to others at work

# Additional units / qualifications - Infection Control

**Level 2 award in the prevention and Control of Infection (QCF)**

**3 units (mandatory) 70 guided learning hours**

- Principles of Infection Prevention and Control
- Causes and Spread of Infection
- Cleaning, Decontamination and Waste Management

*Awarding organisation – ASCENTIS but shared so all AOs can use it*

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- Physical disabilities
- Mental Health

# HSC Suite of Units/Qualifications

## Update:

### **Specialist units within the HSC diploma:**

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### **Specialist units/qualifications**

- Certificate in Supporting individuals with Learning Disabilities – level 2 & 3
- Dementia – level 2 & 3 awards and certificates
- Assisting and moving individuals - level 2 & 3 award
- Activities Organiser - level 2 & 3 awards and level 3 certificate
- Preparing for work in the care sector - level 2 & 3
- Commissioning, Procurement and Contracting in Care Services - level 3, 5 & 7 diploma

# CIS refresh - update

Jan - Mar	Public consultation
May	Signed off
June	Launch
June 2010 - 2011	Transition
June 2011	Review

# CIS refresh - update

## Revised standards

## Mapped to mandatory units for H&SC Diploma

1. Role of health and social care worker
2. Personal Development
3. Communicate effectively
4. Equality and Inclusion
5. Principles for implementing duty of care
6. Principles of Safeguarding in Health and Social Care
7. Person Centred Support
8. Health and safety in an adult social care setting

# CIS refresh - infection control aspects

## 8. Health and safety in an adult social care setting

### Preventing the spread of infection

- Know the main routes by which an infection can get into the body
- Understand the principles of effective hand hygiene.
- Understand ways in which your own health or hygiene might pose a risk to the individuals you support, or to other people at work.
- Be aware of common types of personal protective clothing, equipment and procedures and how and when to use them.
- Be aware of principles of safe handling of infected /soiled linen or clinical waste

# QCF / CIS update

## More information:

1. [www.skillsforcare.org.uk/qcf](http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/qcf)

2. [Frequently asked questions](#)

- Common Induction Standards - Entry to Social Care
- Qualifications & Credit Framework

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