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**Infection Prevention and Control  
New Qualifications and Common Induction  
Standards (CIS)**

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# New Qualifications in Partnership

- “ This presentation refers to Adult Social Care in England
- “ We are also working with other Sector Skills Councils and Awarding Organisations

# 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

# a simple architecture



# QCF development programme

## Social Care

- “ A UK wide programme for the development of new QCF qualifications has been created
- “ Current NVQs to be replaced by Health and Social Care (HSC) Diplomas at Level 2, 3 and 4/5
- “ work-streams have been identified

# work-streams

- “ To support the HSC Diplomas several other work-streams have been identified
- “ Units from these work-streams 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

# possible structure of the level 2 & 3 HSC Diploma

**CORE UNITS**

**REQUIRED UNITS A**

**REQUIRED UNITS B**

**OPTIONAL UNITS**

These units will be completed by all learners undertaking the HSC Diploma in England Adult Social Care = 9 units

These units will allow the learner to tailor the Diploma to their service area

# level 2 and 3 HSC Diploma core units

4 core units covering:

- ” Personal Development
- ” Communication
- ” Equality and Inclusion
- ” Duty of Care

# required units A . Adults England only

5 mandatory units:

- “ Role of Health and Social care worker
- “ Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults
- “ Person-centred Support
- “ Health and Safety
- “ Handling information

# required units B . subject to change

3 types of HSC Diploma in England

” Generic

” Dementia Pathway

” Learning Disabilities Pathway

If learners wish to take a specialist pathway they will be required to take either the **Understanding Learning Disabilities Unit** or the **Dementia Awareness Unit**

## optional units . subject to change

“Learners can select from a range of units in the optional bank to reflect their job role

“Could be Health and social care bank or other

# timescales for QCF development

- “ December 2010 . Skills Funding Agency to withdraw funding for National Qualifications Framework (NQF) qualifications -NVQs
- “ December 2010 . NQF closes
- “ QCF qualifications to be available for delivery in time for closure of NQF

# Additional units / qualifications - Infection Control

## **Additional Units – contained in 2 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)**

“Awarding organisation . ASCENTIS  
but shared so all AOs can use it

“3 mandatory units

“Guided Learning hours - 70

# Additional units / qualifications - Infection Control

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

### 3 units

“Principles of Infection Prevention and Control

“Causes and Spread of Infection

“Cleaning, Decontamination and Waste  
Management

# Additional qualifications -Dementia

## Level 2

- ” Award (knowledge only)
- ” Certificate (competence)

## Level 3

- ” Award (knowledge only)
- ” Certificate (competence)

Credit size will be important

Level 3 credits are larger than level 2

# Additional qualifications

. **subject to change**

- “ Leadership and management for care services diploma level 5
- “ Health and social care diploma level 5
- “ Commissioning, Procurement and Contracting level 3, 5 & 7
- “ Learning Disability certificate . Level 2 & 3

# CIS refresh - update

**Jan – Mar      Public Consultation Process**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> –      Signed off by Board sub committee**

**May -      Frequently asked questions on website**

**June -      Launch –**

**” Leaflets / press release**

**” Regional events**

**June 2010 – June 2011      Transition phase**

**June 2011      Review**

# CIS refresh - update

Revised standards - Mapped to Core and shared 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:

Frequently asked questions

Common Induction Standards - Entry to Social Care

Qualifications & Credit Framework - Standards and Qualifications

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