

SCOTLAND'S NEW HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE STANDARDS

As you will be aware, the new Health and Social Care Standards (the Standards) became effective from 1 April 2018, replacing the National Care Standards.

The Standards are unique in that they are relevant across all health, social care and social work services. Not just to those involved in care delivery, but also those involved in the planning and commissioning of health, care and social work services. Care Inspectorate, Healthcare Improvement Scotland and other scrutiny bodies will be required to take the Standards into account when regulating and inspecting services.

It is, however, not only about scrutiny and inspection. The Standards help us demonstrate our continuing commitment to delivering person-centred outcomes that meet the needs of the individual. The Standards have been published with care experiences of individuals at the heart, underpinned by six principles: Dignity and respect; Compassion; Be included; Responsive care and support; and Wellbeing.

The “easy read” version of the standards is attached on separate link.

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