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CSCOFM035 Protect the safety and welfare of vulnerable offenders

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Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the CSC Correctional Services Training Package Release 4.0

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to maintain current information on vulnerable offenders and reduce their risks.

This unit applies to those responsible for the supervision of vulnerable offenders in prisons, secure custodial centres and in the community. Vulnerable offenders include, but are not limited to, those who fall into the following risk categories:

- suicide and self-harm
- physical and cognitive
- drug and substance use
- children and young people
- first timer return offender
- gender diverse
- culturally diverse
- pre/postnatal women

The skills and knowledge described in this unit must be applied within the legislative, regulatory and policy environment in which they are carried out. Organisational policies and procedures must be consulted and adhered to, particularly those related to interaction with offenders and referral processes.

Those undertaking this unit work with moderate support at routine tasks involving a number of familiar steps.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Not applicable.

Competency Field

Offender management

Unit Sector

Not applicable.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1 Maintain current information

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

- 1.1** Check all information available on vulnerable offenders
- 1.2** Assess the background of the offender for indicators of risks, needs and factors to consider
- 1.3** Confirm the services and support required to meet sentencing and assessment requirements
- 1.4** Assist the offender to understand the conditions of the correctional environment and court orders and clarify their expectations of the services to be provided
- 1.5** Assist the offender to express concerns and issues and respond to these according to level of risk and urgency
- 1.6** Prepare reports and documentation and refer all concerns to relevant support in a prompt manner
- 1.7** Comply with all policies, procedures and agreed support of your organisation
- 2.1** Identify areas of concern in behaviour and respond to preserve the safety and welfare of all people involved
- 2.2** Assess risks in the environment and monitor in accordance with organisational policies and procedures
- 2.3** Observe the offender's routine to monitor changes in mood and behaviour and potential risks
- 2.4** Use effective communication strategies to identify offender behaviour change and any associated risk
- 2.5** Monitor movements and transfers of the offender
- 2.6** Seek specialist advice and support where needs and concerns are identified

2 Reduce the risks to offenders

- 2.7 Refer the offender to specialist services or programs where available
- 2.8 Promote and maintain the rights and responsibilities of the offender

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work environment.

Non-essential conditions may be found in the Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

Unit Mapping Information

This unit replaces and is equivalent to CSCOFM004 Protect the safety and welfare of vulnerable offenders.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=114e25cd-3a2c-4490-baae-47d68dcd2fde>