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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 5.0

Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria on at least one occasion and include:

- applying relevant information to the wellbeing and welfare of offenders with mental health conditions
- observing the behaviours of offenders affected by mental health conditions and providing clear, accurate and appropriate reporting
- establishing and maintaining supportive and professional relationships with offenders with mental health conditions
- providing supervision and management of offenders based on assessed risk and individual needs
- responding to incidents and emergencies
- consulting with senior staff and appropriate personnel.

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and include knowledge of:

- relevant policy, regulatory, legislative, and legal requirements
- code of conduct
- duty of care
- rights of offenders
- common mental health conditions
- relationship between mental health conditions and secondary conditions
- symptoms and signs of common mental health conditions and associated behaviours
- relationship between mental health conditions and offending behaviour
- cultural practices that may impact on mental health assessment and/or treatment
- range of different incidents and emergencies
- organisational policies and procedures related to responding to and reporting risks, behaviours and incidents involving offenders including:
 - organisational processes to respond to acute incidents
 - organisational reporting processes

- organisational offender information sharing system
- protective supervision and surveillance of offenders at risk of harm including:
 - suicide and self-harm prevention strategy
 - early intervention
 - relevant support programs within the organisation
- current issues facing offenders with mental health conditions and existing services to address their needs and rights.

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must hold credentials specified within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment must satisfy the Principles of Assessment and Rules of Evidence and all regulatory requirements included within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment must occur in workplace operational situations. Where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in simulated workplace operational situations that reflect workplace conditions.

Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.

Resources for assessment must include access to:

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or simulations
- acceptable means of simulation assessment
- applicable documentation, including workplace procedures, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals
- relevant materials, tools, equipment, and PPE currently used in industry.

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides are found in VETNet -

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