

Unit 78: Assist the Practitioner to Carry Out Health Care Activities

Level:	2
Unit type:	Optional
Credit value:	3
Guided learning hours:	19

Unit Aim

This unit develops the assistant's role and skills in supporting the health care practitioner and can be evidenced in a range of environments.

The unit requires an understanding of relevant legislation, policies, protocols, guidance, and procedures. The learner assists the practitioner but may not be directly involved with an individual. This unit should be applied in the context of the learner's own role and work setting.

Assessment requirements

This unit must be assessed in line with *Skills for Health Assessment Principles for Qualifications that Assess Occupational Competence* document. Detailed information can be found in *Annexe A* of the qualification specification.

Evidence for skills within learning outcome 2 must come from real work activities.

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
1 Understand current legislation, national guidelines, policies, protocols and good practice when assisting the practitioner to carry out health care activities	1.1 Summarise own roles, responsibilities and accountability with regard to: • current legislation • national guidelines • policies, protocols and good practice guidelines • local ways of working

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
2 Be able to assist the practitioner in carrying out health care activities	2.1 Identify the information needed by the practitioner: • prior to carrying out health care activities • during health care activities
	2.2 Confirm the identity of the individual
	2.3 Confirm valid consent has been obtained
	2.4 Carry out tasks as required by the practitioner, the care plan and within the scope of own competence
	2.5 Communicate information to other team members while maintaining confidentiality
	2.6 Explain how to seek guidance and refer on to the appropriate person if any adverse events occur in line with organisational requirements
	2.7 Recognise and respond to changes in an individual's health and wellbeing
	2.8 Collaborate during activities that require teamwork
	2.9 Record information as directed by the practitioner in line with national and local policy

Additional information about the unit

Exemplification of terms used in assessment criteria:

Individual refers to someone requiring care or support; it will usually mean the person or people supported by the learner.

Health care activities could include clinical or therapeutic activities.

Valid consent (must be in line with agreed UK country definition) may include:

- The individual must have the mental capacity to make the decision
- The individual must have sufficient non-bias information to make an informed choice
- The individual must not be pressured into making a decision and must give consent freely.