



Standard of Practice

Feeding

This standard of practice is to support the CSW in providing safe, respectful and effective personal care to the public population in a dignified and ethical approach. Standards of Practice outline the expectations of the CSW and their responsibility in the delivery of care.

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Assisting with nutritional intake through meal preparation, set up of food or by actively feeding the person(s) who cannot put food to their own mouth. Some person(s) are fed through feeding tubes with a liquid nutrition.

When the person(s) must be assisted to eat by requiring another person to feed them, the person(s) will need a Care Support Worker.

The CSW may assist with feeding when the feeding includes assistance with eating by mouth using regular or special needs utensils. Some person(s) will have the need to be fed through a feeding tube. Adding formula to a feeding pump or bag is a delegated procedure and can be delegated to a CSW if the tube is a PEG Tube, but a CSW must never add formula to a naso-gastric tube. The CSW must observe and document all input of fluids and foods in order to monitor hydration and prevent dehydration and monitor nutritional intake.

It is important that the SW has received the proper training and also it is important for the SW to be aware of the policy of the facility that they are working in.

The client care plan should always be followed.

All abnormalities or concerns should be reported immediately to the CSW's appropriate supervisor (family member, care coordinator, nursing supervisor etc.).