Newly Qualified Social Worker - Supported Year

7-eyed supervision model template

Developed from- Supervision in the helping professions by Peter Hawkins and Aisling McMahon (2020) 5th edition by OU Press.

This simple two-page template can be used and adapted to supplement organisational processes. It may help to prepare for supervision and also be used by supervisors to make sure sessions balance the variety of needs of NQSWs. It will also support the use of the NQSW standards and ethics to scaffold consolidation of learning during the supported year.

We suggest recording broad themes on the first part of the form to prompt and remind you to raise these issues during supervision. On the second part of the form you may record discussions and actions.

N.B. This form should be a development tool and is not intended to replace an NQSWs local procedures for recording of supervision. Writing any data identifying others on this form, subjects it to all usual data compliance regulation and employer case recording and governance procedures.

1: The people using services – what & how they present

Standard: Communication, engagement and relationship-based professional practice Related: Ethics, values and rights-based practice Ethics: Respecting Diversity, Honesty and Integrity
Goal: Helping NQSWs unpack & formulating the issues
2: The NQSW's strategies and interventions
Standard: Promoting wellbeing, support and protection Related: Use of knowledge, research and evidence in practice Ethics: Human Rights and Dignity, Social Justice
Goal: Increase the NQSW's options & addressing the reasoning and timing

3: The relationship between NQSW and the people using services			
Standard: Self-awareness and reflexivity Related: Communication, engagement and relationship-based professional practice. Ethics: Participation and coproduction, Self-determination			
Goal: Reflecting on and using an external perspective on interpersonal & professional dynamics			
4: The NQSW's skills and wellbeing in relation to their role			
Standard: Professional leadership Related: Self-awareness and reflexivity. Ethics: Respecting Diversity, Self-determination			
Goal: Resilience and wellbeing issues for the NQSW as well as professional judgements			
5: The supervisory relationship			
Standard: Working with complexity in unpredictable and ambiguous contexts Related: Promoting wellbeing, support and protection Ethics: Participation and coproduction			
Goal: Regular review of the effectiveness of supervision and caseload dynamics			
6: The supervisor offering support from their own experience/learning			
Standard: Critical thinking, professional judgement and decision making Related: Use of knowledge, research and evidence in practice			
Ethics: Honesty and Integrity Goal: Responses to the NQSW & sharing the supervisor's own concerns or relevant experience			

7: The wider contexts in which the work happens

Standard: Professional leadership
Related: Critical thinking, professional judgement and decision making
Ethics: Social Justice, Partnership
Goal: Organisational, professional and societal issues including Codes of practice, Codes of ethics, local policies & inter-agency relationships

Modes Bullet point summary of discussion Decisions/next steps