



CPD AND SOCIAL CARE

The CPD Standards Office is a unique organisation and was founded with the vision of understanding and enabling positive and successful CPD and learning experiences. As a highly specialised expert team, our university led research has equipped us with extensive expertise on all things CPD.

Between the work of the Professional Development Consortium and the CPD Standards Office dual CPD research and accreditation activities sharpen our knowledge and expertise. This enables us to work with individual coaches, training providers, employers, and 'membership organisation's as a collaborative CPD network & community.

This factsheet provides some detail on the CPD requirements in the social care sector.

CPD and Social Care

The Social Care sector is overseen by the HCPC (Health and Care Professions Council).

The standards set by the HCPC must be adhered to by all health and care professionals in order to stay registered with the Council. The CPD that is undertaken needs to be recorded, although it is not stipulated how. Professionals can choose to record it themselves or to register with a professional body, who have a CPD scheme they can follow.

Some examples of Professional Bodies in this area are:

The British Association of Social Workers

The British Chiropractic and Podiatry Association

British Diabetic Association

British Psychological Society

College of Occupational Therapists

The HCPC recommends that each registered practitioner completes at least 1 CPD activity every 2 months and if the Council pulls an individual up for an audit they are expected to account for a gap of 3 months or more in CPD activities.

CPD undertaken must be in a variety of formats, including lectures, workshops and structured reading and should also be relevant to the professional's current practise.

We hope you have found this factsheet helpful.

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