



# **European Social Network (ESN) European Framework for Quality in Social Services**





#### **About the Framework**

Members of the European Social Network (ESN) representing public social services across Europe underlined in a questionnaire in early 2025 that ensuring quality in social services was their highest priority. Access to quality social services is a key element of the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) and is notably enshrined in principles 11, 18, and 19.

The EU voluntary framework for quality in social services dates back to 2010. Since then, quality assurance policies have evolved, and it is high time to review and update the framework to ensure it can still provide adequate guidance for developing national and local quality assurance policies and frameworks. This is even more needed, as an <u>EU evaluation</u> found in 2022 that the voluntary framework's impact was very limited at national and even more local levels.

To revive EU action on improving social services quality, ESN led a working group on quality in social services between 2022 and 2025. The group gathered evidence to propose a new, up-to-date European Framework for Quality in Social Services that takes into account the latest developments in quality assurance.

Co-produced with sector professionals and rooted in recent practice, it aims to be a reference point for the development and review of social services quality assurance in European countries.

The framework is based on evidence gathered from 24 countries (Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom). The evidence was collected through questionnaires, presentations, group discussions and desk research. With this evidence, we produced several briefings that documented findings and led to the proposal of the final framework.





## **ESN's Working Group on Quality in Social Services**

The working group, consisting of professionals from public social services, providers and inspection bodies, as well as academics, met between 2022 and 2025.

- In 2022, the Group assessed key trends in social services quality assurance: 'Driving Up Quality'.
- In 2023, the Group agreed on key quality principles: 'Principles of Quality in Social Services'.
- In 2024, the Group defined standards and how they translate into statements from people using services and professionals: 'Towards a European Framework for Quality in Social Services'.
- The framework proposal was further refined by adding arrangements or how the standards can be fulfilled in practice. The framework, finalised in 2025, is now being presented. Further discussion how it can be implemented in practice will also take place on the occasion of its launch.

#### **Structure**

The proposal is based on six key principles for quality social services:

#### 1. Human Rights-based, 2. Person-centred, 3. Outcomes-oriented, 4. Safe, 5. Community-based, 6. Well-led

These principles are translated into quality standards, which are then presented as I and We statements, along with the arrangements that need to be in place to ensure these standards are fulfilled.

As all standards are formulated as outcomes, the third principle is not translated into separate standards; instead, it is mainstreamed into all standards.



# **Europe's Social Services Quality Framework**

# 1. Human Rights-Based

Theme	Quality Standard		Arrangements
	'I statement'	'We statement'	
	(Expectation)	(Aspiration)	
			Processes that a service provider can put in place to meet
	The outcome a	What a service	people's expectations and aspirations
	person should	provider should aspire	
	expect.	to.	
<b>Human rights</b>	know my rights -	We ensure people	1. We <b>inform</b> people using our services about <b>their rights</b> in a
awareness	and - my rights are respected. I am empowered and supported to exercise my rights.	using our services (and their relatives) <b>know</b> <b>their rights</b> and can <b>exercise</b> their <b>rights</b> .	way that is accessible and tailored to their capacities. This means we assess whether the information provided is easily understandable, using plain language and avoiding jargon. We also provide information in multiple formats (e.g., written, audio, visual) and languages to cater to diverse populations.  2. We gather feedback from people using our services (and their relatives, if applicable) to ensure they understand their rights and check if the information provided is accessible enough.  3. We provide accessible complaint mechanisms for people to report violations of their rights in the context of our service provision.



			4.	We help people using our services engage with <b>local advocacy organisations</b> and community groups to  exercise their right to participation in activities in our local community.
human rights	The social service I use respects my dignity and upholds human rights anchored in UN treaties, European Conventions, and national and regional laws relevant to the rights of people using that social service.	We respect people's dignity and provide our services in accordance with human rights anchored in UN treaties, European Conventions, and national and regional laws relevant to the people using our services. Our staff is aware of and respects people's rights.	<ul><li>3.</li><li>4.</li><li>5.</li></ul>	We have a code of ethics and professional conduct to operationalise a human-rights-based approach in service delivery.  We inform staff and people using our services about the code of ethics and professional conduct.  All staff are required to sign and adhere to the code of ethics and professional conduct, and we offer regular training about it. Measures are in place to address any breaches.  We have established regulations and procedures for professional interventions in accordance with the code of ethics and professional conduct.  Our staff receives training on human-rights-based service provision that respects people's dignity.  We conduct surveys to gauge people's perceptions of how their dignity and human rights are respected in interactions with staff and services.
Privacy,	My <b>privacy,</b>	We ensure that the	1.	We have structures, regulations and procedures to
•	intimacy and	privacy, intimacy and		ensure the privacy, intimacy and confidentiality of people
confidentiality	confidentiality are	<b>confidentiality</b> of the		using our services.
	respected.	people using our services are respected by our services.	2.	We review the existence and implementation of <b>privacy</b> and confidentiality policies within the organisation regularly.



3. We monitor the number and nature of <b>reported breaches</b>
of privacy or confidentiality and evaluate how they were
addressed.
4. We have <b>cyber and data security</b> assurance protocols.
5. We have defined data security/data protection rules
according to statutory and regulatory requirements.
6. We train our staff to <b>respect privacy, intimacy, and</b>
<b>confidentiality</b> in practice and monitor their adherence to
confidentiality protocols.
7. We evaluate the design of <b>service delivery spaces</b> to
ensure they are conducive to <b>maintaining privacy</b> .
8. We inform the people using our services about our
obligations to protect their privacy, intimacy and
confidentiality and what they can do if they feel this
obligation is not respected.
9. We assess how well the <b>organisation informs</b> people
about their rights regarding privacy and confidentiality and
obtains their consent for information sharing.
10. We monitor people's <b>awareness</b> and the use of <b>complaint</b>
mechanisms.
11. We provide <b>onboarding</b> and <b>regular training</b> for staff
members to ensure they understand the importance of
respecting the <b>intimacy, privacy, and confidentiality</b> of
the people using our services.
12. We assess the <b>frequency and effectiveness of staff</b>
training programmes on privacy, intimacy, and
confidentiality practices.





<b>Equality and</b>	I am <b>not</b>	We respect the	1.	We have inclusive policies, structures, rules and
non-	discriminated	principle of equality		procedures that ensure equal treatment and non-
discrimination	<b>against</b> because of	and <b>do not</b>		discrimination of people using our services and review their
	my gender, race,	discriminate against		implementation.
	colour, social status,	people using our	2.	Our anti-discrimination policy is anchored in our code of
	ethnic or national	services based on		ethics and professional conduct.
	origin, language,	gender, age, social	3.	We provide <b>non-discrimination</b> , <b>diversity</b> , <b>inclusion</b> ,
	expressed opinions,	status, ethnic or		cultural awareness and anti-bias training for our staff and
	property, religion,	national origin,		assess the frequency and effectiveness of training for staff
	disability, sexual	language, expressed		on equality, diversity, anti-bias and anti-discrimination
	orientation, birth or	opinions, property,		practices.
	any other status.	religion, disability,	4.	We collect and analyse feedback from people using the
		sexual orientation,		service regarding their experiences with <b>discrimination</b> or
		birth or any other		bias while using our service.
		status.		





## 2. Person-Centred

statement'		Arrangements		
	'We statement' (Aspiration)			
he outcome a person	What a service provider	Processes that a service provider can put in place to meet people's expectations and aspirations		
ny <b>aspirations</b> and upports me in <b>leveloping</b> my <b>potential</b> .	person's <b>aspirations</b> and encourage and support	<ol> <li>We create opportunities for people to express their wishes, life goals, and aspirations.</li> <li>We ensure that we find out what is meaningful for the person and support the person in leading a meaningful life.</li> <li>We build a relationship of trust with the person to understand what's important to them.</li> <li>We co-create with the person an outcome-based personalised care and support plan based on the person's resources, preferences, needs, dreams, goals and aspirations and work with them towards the achievement of these goals.</li> <li>We have flexible arrangements for providing people with support programmes and training tailored to their goals and aspirations.</li> <li>We flexibly adapt our care and support to people's needs and preferences (e.g., choosing the times).</li> </ol>		
1 t	nould expect.  Ity service recognises my aspirations and upports me in eveloping my	he outcome a person hould expect.  What a service provider should aspire to.  We recognise the person's aspirations and encourage and support them in developing their potential. We focus on people's abilities and strengths to encourage and support them in maximising their		



			7.	accommodate all people who use or intend to use our service.  Our staff have comprehensive information about
				all programmes and training available for people using the service.
			8.	We regularly <b>document</b> and update people's choices, preferences and goals in their care plans and service delivery.
			9.	We continuously <b>monitor the person's situation or progress</b> against the goals set in the person's care and support plan.
Co-creation	I am <b>involved in all</b>	We involve <b>people in all</b>	1.	We have processes to <b>engage people in decision-</b>
	care and support	care and support		making about their care and support.
	decisions affecting my	decisions affecting their	2.	We co-create personalised care and support plans
	life. This means I am	<mark>lives</mark> . This means they		with the persons using our service and empower
	actively engaged in the	are actively engaged in		them to be <b>engaged</b> during the <b>implementation</b>
	planning,	the planning,		and evaluation of the <b>plan</b> .
	implementation,	implementation,	3.	We ensure that people <b>understand their options,</b>
	evaluation, and	evaluation, and decision-		inform them about the <b>advantages and</b>
	decision-making	making processes		disadvantages of the choices they plan to make,
	processes regarding	regarding their care and		and ensure that they understand the implications.
	my care and support.	support. We take their	4.	We train our staff on how to <b>co-produce</b> care and
	My wishes and	wishes and preferences		support plans with people using our services.
	preferences are taken	into account in the	5.	We assess the <b>frequency</b> and extent to which
	into account in the	planning and provision of		people using the service <b>co-create</b> and <b>update</b>
	planning and provision	their care and support.		their care and support plans,



	of my care and support.		6.	We assess if people confirm that <b>their preferences</b> and goals are reflected in their care and support plans.
Responsiveness	My service responds to my needs in a <b>timely manner</b> .	We ensure that our services are responsive and meet people's needs in <b>a timely manner.</b>	2. 3.	being taken charge of by our service and make proposals on how we will take care of the person.
Accessibility	type of support I	We ensure that people can easily reach and use the support they need when needed. This means we empower people to seek and receive the care and support they require without unnecessary obstacles.	2.	Our services are designed to ensure full physical access for people who use or intend to use our service.  Our service is located in an area that is reachable via public transport, or we have alternative arrangements in place to ensure that people can reach our service.  We organise our services to give people the flexibility they need to meet their needs and preferences best (e.g., choosing the times and days for meetings).





4. Our <b>online services are accessible</b> . There are no
digital barriers hindering access to our online
services.
5. We provide <b>easy-to-understand information</b>
published through channels accessible to people
who use or intend to use our service.
6. We ensure that <b>information</b> about our services,
including contacts, access to our service, and details
about its operations and goals, is accessible to
people with disabilities or people with language
difficulties.
7. We ensure our <b>communication channels</b> and
complaint mechanisms are accessible for people
with disabilities or other barriers such as language
difficulties.
8. When we support people who do not understand
and speak our language, we provide multi-
language information and translation when
possible.
9. We regularly <b>evaluate the accessibility</b> of our
services for individuals with varying needs,
including those with disabilities, language barriers,
or other specific requirements.





# 3. Community-Based

Theme	<b>Quality Standard</b>	S	
	'I statement' (Expectation)	'We statement' (Aspiration)	Arrangements  Processes that a service provider can put in place to meet people's
	The outcome a person should expect.	should aspire to.	expectations and aspirations
Choosing where to live	and get the support to achieve it. My autonomy is respected, and I	We support individuals where they choose to live, foster their autonomy and help them live independently and within their community for as long as possible.	<ol> <li>We inform people with care needs about available community care services, including digital and remote support and home adaptation possibilities that can make it possible to live in the community. We provide this information both in writing and verbally and tailor it to the person's ability to understand.</li> <li>For people with care needs, we offer a variety of resources to support their independence inside their homes and to prevent their social isolation.</li> <li>To support independent living, we develop tailored living plans that outline the steps and resources needed to create a suitable living environment, including modifications or support services.</li> <li>We work with and refer people to local community services, network support, and remote or digital services</li> </ol>



			to help them live in their <b>homes</b> and participate in the community despite their frailties.  We ensure that the <b>person decides</b> whether they wish to move into a <b>residential setting</b> without pressure from staff or their relatives.  We provide training on <b>skills related to independent living</b> (such as budgeting, cooking, or self-care) through training or support programmes.
Inclusive Communities and neighborare arrarenable remanage daily life indepensible	person to create the most suitable living environment and foster conditions that enable them to manage their daily life as independently as	3.	For people with care needs, we ask if their living environment responds to their needs and how it should change so they can live more independently.  Based on the experience of people using our services, we inform relevant decision-makers about barriers that restrict people's possibilities of living in an inclusive environment. We also encourage people using our services to participate in consultations about local planning and housing, ensuring that the local environment is designed according to their needs.  We, together with the person using our service, are actively involved in adapting their personal and public environment to make it accessible and inclusive. Where required, we contact decision-makers and civil society to promote such changes.  In residential services, we involve people in the design of their living environment and respect their choice of design as much as possible.



Social life	I maintain and live my personal relationships and can define, build and keep my own network.	We enable people using our services to maintain and build their relationships and networks – both faceto-face and digitally.	<ol> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> </ol>	We help the person to identify and overcome barriers that prevent the person from maintaining and building a social network.  Our staff is trained in communication techniques for determining who is important in the lives of people using the service and for supporting people in establishing and maintaining relations with those people.  We inform the person using our services about communication and assistive devices available to maintain relations with their relatives and social networks in the local community to facilitate relationship maintenance and building.  We ensure the person using our services has access to assistive devices, software or applications to facilitate communication for persons with specific needs or disabilities.  We help the person to use assistive and communication devices to keep in contact with their social network while
Meaningful Community Participation	I can contribute and participate meaningfully in my community and am aware of participation opportunities there.	We support people using our services in contributing and participating in their communities in meaningful ways.	1.	respecting their privacy in their digital communication.  We ask people using our services about their interests in community activities and support them in pursuing these interests.  We inform people using our services about ways they can participate in the community. For instance, we inform and guide individuals about activities, social groups, leisure, and learning opportunities available in their community.





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## 4. Safe

Theme	Quality Standards		Arrangements		
	'I statement' (Expectation)	'We statement' (Aspiration)	Processes that a service provider can put in place to meet people's		
	The outcome a person should expect.	What a service provider should aspire to.	expectations and aspirations		
Staff & Safety	I <b>feel safe</b> with the <b>staff</b> in charge of my care and support.	We ensure that people using our service feel safe and that staff make people feel safe in their presence.	<ol> <li>We have robust recruitment procedures, which include comprehensive background checks, reference checks, and qualification verification to ensure candidates meet the necessary standards.</li> <li>We have sufficient competent staff to meet people's support needs safely. This means we respect or exceed the staff ratios defined by legislation.</li> <li>We train our staff to create a safe environment and recognise signs of distress or discomfort in people.</li> <li>We provide crisis management training so staff can ensure clients feel secure during emergencies.</li> <li>We hold regular surveys that specifically assess clients' feelings of safety while using the service and provide feedback on staff behaviour, including anonymous options.</li> </ol>		
Safety & Risk	The service I use	We care for the	We have arrangements in place, including a <b>safety</b>		
management		<b>safety</b> of people using our services.	statement and procedures to assess, monitor, and mitigate risks that may arise from the provision of services related to		



	the health, safety, and well-being of those using our service,
	our staff, and (if applicable) visitors of our service.
2.	We ensure people using our services have access to and are
	supported to understand information concerning their
	safety.
3.	We have risk management policies and procedures in place
	for each service, which enable an adequate identification of
	escalating risks to the service provision, and management
	structures are in place to effectively respond to identified
	risks.
4.	We conduct regular audits of the physical environment
	where we provide our service to ensure adherence to safety
	standards.
5.	We have a regularly reviewed <b>safety risk register</b> and carry
	out regular risk assessments and audits.
6.	We have policies and procedures in place to effectively
	prevent, identify, manage and review accidents and incidents
	to prevent reoccurrence and assure learning within and
	across the organisation (as appropriate).
/.	We have a robust <b>information management</b> system in place to store and manage updates to information for people who
	use our services to avoid unsafe care due to outdated
	information.
Ω	We have <b>channels</b> for people using our services and
0.	community members to report safety concerns, risks, or
	incidents without fear of retribution. These reports are
	registered in a tracking system to monitor their resolution.
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		9.	We document <b>near misses and incidents</b> and learn from them to improve the service. Incidents involving people using our service are openly discussed with the person and
			any representatives of their choosing.  We have <b>emergency preparedness</b> and <b>crisis management plans</b> , including for extreme weather events, and our staff are trained to implement those, ensuring clients feel secure during emergencies.  We provide <b>risk management training</b> programmes for staff members.
to live a <b>life free</b> from harm, abuse and neglect.	We have effective safeguarding procedures to ensure those who use our services live free from harm, abuse and neglect.	2.	We have <b>safe behaviour guidelines</b> that explain appropriate and safe behaviour for staff when working with people using our services. Our <b>staff</b> are aware of the expected standard of behaviour.  We ensure that all <b>people using our services</b> are aware of the safe behaviour guidelines, know what constitutes inappropriate behaviour and feel comfortable raising concerns over their wellbeing.  We have <b>health promotion and prevention</b> policies in place for people using our service.  We have <b>channels</b> for people using our services, staff and community members to raise concerns if they feel <b>uncomfortable</b> in a situation or if anyone has done something to hurt them. They can report this without fear of retribution. These reports are registered in a tracking system to monitor their resolution.





			6. 7.	All allegations of bullying, harassment, or abuse are escalated to management, who conduct thorough investigations. Management investigates all cases of suspected inappropriate behaviour. We promptly refer cases of criminal misconduct by staff towards users, between users, or from users towards staff to the attention of law enforcement authorities. If any misconduct could put individuals in our services at risk, we ensure that this risk is adequately addressed, for example, by suspending the working relationship with the staff members involved. We ensure our staff is aware of each person's triggers and techniques for managing them to ensure that distress does not escalate to behaviour likely to cause harm to others. We regularly collect feedback from people using our service regarding their feelings of safety and well-being while using the service and their experiences related to harm and abuse.  We make sure people in our services who have experienced
			0.	harm or abuse have access to the help they need.
Safe Environment	am supported in identifying any risk in my	Wherever the person who uses our service lives, we support them in <b>identifying</b> any risk in their surroundings.		We have adequate arrangements in place to identify and respond effectively to <b>safety risks</b> in the <b>living environment</b> of people using our service.  Where appropriate, and especially at times of <b>increased risk</b> for the person's <b>safety</b> , we make arrangements such as using technology to support people in their homes or transferring them elsewhere if their home is not safe.



				When providing accommodation, we comply with legislation linked to safe housing.  We have a regularly reviewed risk register and carry out regular risk assessments of the person's living environment.
Balancing Autonomy and Safety -	I can <b>decide about my life</b> without putting	We support people in making <b>conscious life choices</b> while	1.	We support people in <b>making their own choices</b> as much as possible, taking into account their capacities and potential safety risks.
Handling Risks	others at risk.	respecting the safety of others.	2.	We support people's access to all the <b>information necessary</b> to make informed and <b>risk-aware decisions</b> about life choices. This includes our staff informing them about the advantages and disadvantages of the choices they plan to make, and our staff ensures that the person understands the implications.
				We have a policy that helps staff accompany a person in their life choices, even if they may not be safe, as long as this is a conscious decision. In this regard, we provide staff with guidance on positive risk-taking to encourage the autonomy of people using our services while ensuring their safety. Our staff respects decisions made by people using our service and assists them in implementing them, even when they may not personally agree with the decision.  The service will only overrule the persons' decisions where there is foreseeable harm to other people or risk of serious harm or immediate death of the person making the decision. If this happens, service staff clearly explains the reasons why we do not support the person's decision and documents the





			explanation. We also inform them how they can appeal our decisions.
		5.	We have procedures in place to assess mental capacity in
			cases of doubt about people's ability to understand the risks
			and consequences of their decisions.
		6.	Where appropriate, we involve the people who are important
			to the person in <b>decision-making</b> to ensure that their
			personal environment is aware of safety concerns.
		7.	We record <b>decisions and agreements</b> taken with people
			using our services, with documentation on how we informed
			them about potential risks related to care and life choices.
Transition	When I need to When people are	1.	We establish <b>good relationships</b> with other care providers
and	be <b>discharged</b> to <b>discharged</b> to		and informal carers to ensure safe transitions between
Continuity	another service, I another service, w	9	services along the person's pathway.
	am <b>safe</b> and ensure their <b>safet</b> ;	<b>7</b> . 2.	We <b>collaborate</b> with other relevant services to reduce
	involved in the They are involved i	n	bureaucratic obstacles for individuals seeking care and
	decision, and my the decision, and		ensure seamless transitions between services.
	care and support their needs are	3.	When we refer a person to another service, we have a <b>robust</b>
	needs are communicated to		<b>transition</b> plan that outlines the steps taken to ensure safety
	communicated the new service to		and continuity of care during the discharge process.
	to my new ensure their safety	. 4.	We communicate eventual <b>safety protocols</b> to both the
	service to ensure   We also ensure tha	at	individual and the receiving service, ensuring that all parties
	my safety. My their care remains		are aware of specific needs and care requirements
	care remains safe safe during the	5.	When a person is referred to another service, we ensure that
	during the transition phase.		<b>key information</b> is communicated to their new service
	transition phase.		provider to ensure their safety, the safety of their staff and
			other service users.



<ul> <li>6. When our services receive a referral for a new person, we ensure our staff receives adequate handover information when the person enters the service.</li> <li>7. We make post-discharge assessments to evaluate whether the individual's needs are being met in the new environment</li> </ul>
and to address any emerging issues.

## 5. Well-led

Theme	Quality Standard	ds	Arran	gements
	'I statement'	'We statement'		
	(Expectation)	(Aspiration)		sses that a service provider can put in place to meet people's
	The outcome a person should expect.	What a service provider should aspire to.		
Good	I have	We follow <b>good</b>	1.	We have good systems of accountability. This includes clear job
Governance	confidence in the <b>leadership</b> of my social service.	governance  fprinciples such as  transparency,  accountability and  fairness. We use  these to manage and	2.	descriptions and an <b>organisational chart</b> with clear attribution of <b>responsibilities</b> , line management, and roles.  We provide <b>training for staff</b> to ensure they understand their <b>roles</b> and responsibilities.  We have <b>sustainability policies</b> in place for our workforce regarding their working conditions, well-being, retention, and skills development and for our finances regarding responsible.
		deliver high-quality, sustainable care and		skills development and for our finances regarding responsible



		support and ensure		investment, cost management, transparency, and long-term
		our leaders are		planning.
		compassionate and	4.	We have workforce planning tools to ensure we can react to
		capable.		changing demands.
			5.	We have <b>transparent recruitment</b> procedures for hiring managers.
			6.	We provide <b>regular training for managers</b> to develop their management skills.
			7.	We have succession planning/talent management
				arrangements in place.
			8.	We have a <b>business continuity plan</b> in place should there be a
				disruption to essential services.
			9.	We keep <b>records of strategic decision-making</b> .
			10.	We implement protections for <b>whistleblowers</b> and encourage
				staff to report unethical behaviour or concerns without fear of
				retaliation, fostering a culture of transparency.
Culture of	The service I use	We promote a	1.	We develop partnerships with <b>standards authorities</b> and other
Learning	follows best	culture of continuous		services to receive support in managing our process of
	practice and	learning, innovation,		continuous quality improvement.
	embraces a	and <b>improvement</b> in	2.	We regularly <b>evaluate our strategy</b> and quality assurance
	culture of	our organisation and		processes and communicate about it to all stakeholders
	permanent	the local system.	3.	We actively seek feedback from people using our service and
	improvement.	Therefore, we see		from staff (e.g. through surveys, individual talks and active
		positive and negative		inquiry) and use their feedback to improve.
		feedback as valuable	4.	We benchmark our policies and practices against best
		input, which helps us		practices.
		identify areas for		



		improvement and implement necessary changes.	5.	We follow and <b>seek external advice</b> , including audits or evaluations, to assess organisational practices.
Inclusive leadership	I am meaningfully involved in the planning,	We meaningfully involve people in the planning, implementation,	1.	We have processes in place to meaningfully <b>involve people</b> in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of our service and their voices to be represented in decision-making processes related to our strategic development.
	·	and evaluation of our service, and their voices are represented in	2.	We <b>actively seek people's input</b> and feedback to develop our services through consultation bodies composed of people who use our services, user committees and boards, surveys, focus groups, or suggestion boxes.
	represented in	decision-making processes related to	3.	We <b>evaluate the participation rate</b> in service development and evaluation processes to monitor people's involvement in these processes and act if the involvement is low.
	to its strategic development.	development.	4.	We train our management in joint decision-making, co- created service planning and participative communication techniques for an inclusive strategic development of our service.
			5.	We offer <b>training programmes</b> that empower people using our services to <b>understand and influence decision-making</b> processes in our service.
			6.	We measure the <b>frequency of initiatives</b> where people using our services are actively involved in co-designing services or programmes.



Staff Training	I have	Our staff is	1.	We employ the necessary number of well-trained staff and
& Wellbeing		appropriately trained and		<b>adequately</b> support them to understand and fulfil their roles and responsibilities.
	appropriately trained and	equipped to take care of the people	2.	We employ staff with the right skills to respond to the needs of the people who use our services.
	available to		7	
	support me.	using our services.	٥.	We provide <b>mentorship or buddy</b> programmes for new staff to help them develop the skills necessary to support clients effectively.
			4.	We provide our staff with appropriate and <b>regular training</b> , including <b>induction training</b> . We have <b>skills development programmes</b> to offer development opportunities for staff
				members.
			5.	We conduct regular <b>performance reviews</b> for staff and management.
			6.	We provide <b>supervision and opportunities</b> for ethical reflection, for example, by setting up case reviews, practice analysis groups, and interprofessional discussions.
			7.	We constantly monitor the <b>workload of all staff members</b> and the adherence to rules and regulations concerning working time and workplace safety and security.
			8.	We provide <b>professional psychological</b> support for staff members. Their own good psychological state is directly linked to their ability to provide care with respect and dignity.
				We have <b>health promotion and prevention</b> policies in place for our staff.
			10.	We have <b>programmes for handling stress</b> at work.





		We understand any negative impact of	1.	We have <b>carbon reduction policies</b> in place, for example, in travel and transport, medicines, and supply chains.
_	friendly.	our activities on the environment, and we strive to <b>make a</b>	2.	The arrangements of our estates and facilities are aimed at <b>environmental friendliness</b> , such as energy-saving measures, lower-carbon options, and waste reduction, including recycling.
		positive contribution to reducing it and	<ul><li>3.</li><li>4.</li></ul>	We provide <b>staff training on environmental awareness</b> and education.
		support people who do the same.		optimisation.





### Documents and training necessary to implement the framework

- Complaint mechanism
- Human Rights approach to service delivery, code of ethics and professional conduct
- Privacy, intimacy and confidentiality regulation/protocols incl. data protection/security
- Cyber and data security assurance protocol
- Equal treatment and non-discrimination policy
- Managers and staff training on services co-creation
- Template for co-created outcome-based personalised care and support plan
- Processes to engage people in decision-making about their care and support
- Training in techniques to determine who is important in the lives of people using services, supporting people in establishing and maintaining relationships with those people.
- Communication and assistive devices to build and maintain relations
- Staff plan incl. sufficient competent staff, robust recruitment process, qualification verification, background and reference check
- Safety and risk assessment and management policy
- Emergency preparedness and crisis management plan
- Risk management training for staff
- Safe behaviour guidelines for staff
- Health promotion and prevention policy
- Guidance for staff on positive risk-taking