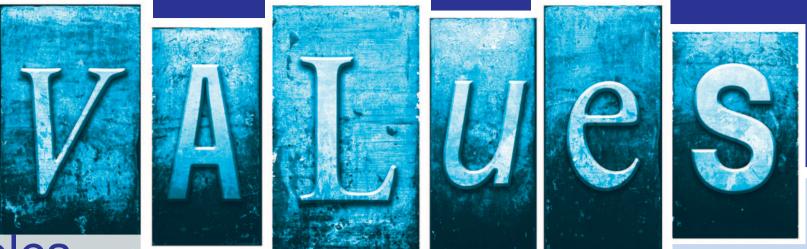
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key principles



Human rights:

- Upholding and promoting human dignity and well-being
- 2 Respecting the right to selfdetermination
- 3 Promoting the right to participation
- 4 Treating each person as a whole
- 5 Identifying and developing strengths

Social justice:

- 1 Challenging discrimination
- 2 Recognising diversity
- **3** Distributing resources
- 4 Challenging unjust policies and practices
- 5 Working in solidarity





Upholding the values and reputation of the profession

Ethical practice:

- **1** Developing professional relationships
- 2 Assessing and managing risk
- 3 Acting with the informed consent of service users, unless required by law to protect that person or another from risk of serious harm
- 4 Providing information
- 5 Sharing information appropriately
- 6 Using authority in accordance with human rights principles
- 7 Empowering people
- 8 Challenging the abuse of human rights
- 9 Being prepared to whistleblow
- **10** Maintaining confidentiality
- **11** Maintaining clear and accurate records
- **12** Striving for objectivity and self-awareness in professional practice
- **13** Using professional supervision and peer support to reflect on and improve practice
- **14** Taking responsibility for their own practice and continuing professional development



- 2 Being trustworthy
- Maintaining professional
- boundaries
- 4 Making considered
 - professional judgements
- Being professionally accountable
- **15** Contributing to the continuous improvement of professional practice
- **16** Taking responsibility for the professional development of others
- **17** Facilitating and contributing to evaluation and research

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