Eating Drinking and Swallowing Competency Framework

It is recommended that,

where training courses for the assessment and management of dysphagia are being

developed, the training should be informed by this competence framework.

The elements within the six levels specifically relate to eating, drinking and swallowing. The

individual should be familiar with and consider national policies, procedures and guidelines

together with other resources, frameworks and approaches underpinning healthcare that

provide further context to eating, drinking and swallowing. These include, for example,

ethical and legal issues, communication, capacity and consent, anticipatory care planning,

and the International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative (IDDSI).

**Level 1 Public Health Messages, Awareness**

**Level 2 Care Plan Implementation**

**Level 3 Identification and Implementation of**

**an interim eating and drinking plan**

**Level 4 Protocol-guided Assessment and**

**Management**

**Level 5 Specialist Assessment and**

**Management**

**Level 6 Consultant Assessment and**

**Management**