

Dysphagia Awareness

Under Duty of Care and Safeguarding, for both vulnerable adults and Children, for Service Users with specific conditions, Dysphagia awareness training plays an important role.

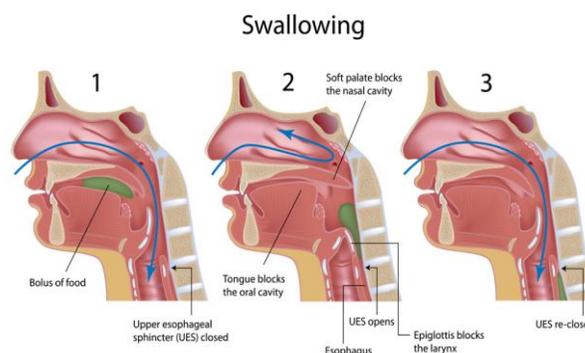
Dysphagia Awareness is specialised training linked to such conditions as Parkinson's and PSP (Progressive Supra nuclear Palsy).

Before they start any work involving feeding the Service Users staff should receive training in the workplace to make them aware of the condition they are dealing with and the importance of being aware of any consequences.



This half day course covers.

- What is Dysphagia
- The four stages of swallowing
- Oral preparatory, Oral Transit, Pharyngeal Stage, Oesophageal Stage
- The Consequences and complications of Dysphagia, what to look for
- What is Aspiration?
- Modifying fluids and Diet, Thickeners
- The Role of the Speech and Language Therapist



Training Methods: Lectures, case studies and group discussions. Demonstration of The Thckener's and additions to food, food and fluid consistencies

Assessment is a thorough observation of practical elements and a written test paper which is marked by the Tutor and then verified by an assessor, for Quality Assurance purposes. To gain a certificate a course mark in excess of 80% is required. On successful completion of the course, students will receive a Certificate which will remain valid for one year from date of issue.

Employers will receive all necessary paperwork to provide an auditable paper trail