On-Site Supervisor Key Responsibilities Guide

Note: This guide also applies to on-site Practice Educators.

At the Start of the Placement

- Read the placement handbook.
- Review the additional resources available at https://cascadewales.org/masw/
- Read the student profile and any previous portfolios
- Meet the student and contribute to the completion of the Practice Learning Agreement, Supervision Agreement, and a comprehensive induction.
- Ensure the student is introduced to the team, key contacts, and relevant systems.

Supervision and Day-to-Day Support

- Oversee and support the student's day-to-day work with individuals and families.
- Ensure the student understands and adheres to agency policies and procedures.
- Be available for the student to ask questions, seek advice, talk through any issues or dilemmas they have.
- Provide supervision as agreed with the PE and contribute to supervision records.
- Monitor the student's well-being and working hours (to ensure they are not regularly working more than ~7 hours per day, excluding agreed breaks).

Direct Observations

- Where appropriate, carry out Direct Observations in line with placement handbook requirements.
- Ensure feedback is sought from people with care and support needs and/or carers.
- Help complete relevant sections of the Direct Observation template.

Learning and Development Support

- Maintain ongoing and regular communication with the PE in relation to the student's learning and development, and noting any issues or concerns as they arise.
- Promote and support person-centred, respectful, and professional practice.
- Help the student plan and make effective use of their protected portfolio time.
- Provide regular and ongoing feedback in relation to the student's practice and raise any concerns promptly with the student and the PE.

End of Placement Contribution

- Attend the final supervision meeting and contribute to the PE's final report as needed.
- Share any relevant feedback on the student's progress and practice.