

<b>Title</b>	<b>Describe responses to vulnerability and abuse in a health or wellbeing setting</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: indicators and types of vulnerability; indicators and potential long-term effects of abuse; and procedures for responding to vulnerability and suspected cases of abuse, in a health and wellbeing setting.
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<b>Classification</b>	Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Health and Disability Principles in Practice
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and Code relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to:
  - Children’s Act 2014;
  - Crimes Act 1961;
  - Health and Disability Commissioner (Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights) Regulations 1996;
  - Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001;
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - Human Rights Act 1993;
  - Oranga Tamariki Act 1989;
  - Privacy Act 1993.
- 2 New Zealand Standards relevant to this unit standard:
  - NZS 8134.0:2008 *Health and disability services (general) Standard*;
  - NZS 8134.1:2008 *Health and disability services (core) Standards*;
  - NZS 8134.3:2008 *Health and disability services (infection prevention and control) Standards*;
  - NZS 8158:2012 *Home and community support sector Standard*; available at <https://www.standards.co.nz/>.
- 3 Definitions:
 

*Organisational policies and procedures* – policies, procedures, and methodologies of an organisation. They include legislative and regulatory requirements which may apply across an organisation, a specific site, or a workplace. Requirements are documented in organisational health and safety plans, contract work programmes, quality assurance programmes, policies, and procedural documents.

*Person* – a person accessing services. Other terms used for ‘person’ may include client, consumer, customer, patient, individual, resident, tūroro, or tangata whai ora.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Describe indicators and types of vulnerability in a health or wellbeing setting.

#### Performance criteria

1.1 Factors which contribute to vulnerability are described in terms of how they increase the likelihood of abuse or harm.

Range factors may include but are not limited to – age, frailty, isolation, cognitive impairment, lack of natural supports, physical impairment, mental health, other impairment; evidence is required of three factors.

1.2 Types of vulnerability are described in terms of their relationship to potential abuse or harm.

Range types of vulnerability must include but are not limited to – physical, emotional, financial.

### Outcome 2

Describe indicators and potential long-term effects of abuse in a health and wellbeing setting.

#### Performance criteria

2.1 Types of abuse are described in terms of observable indicators.

Range types of abuse must include but are not limited to – sexual, physical, emotional, neglect, financial; evidence is required of two observable indicators for each type of abuse.

2.2 The relationship between the abuser and the person being abused is described in terms of the power imbalance.

2.3 Potential long-term effects of abuse on a person's health and wellbeing are described.

Range potential long-term effects may include but are not limited to – physical, emotional, psychosocial, cognitive, environmental, psychological; evidence is required of five potential long-term effects.

### Outcome 3

Describe procedures for responding to vulnerability and suspected cases of abuse in a health and wellbeing setting.

**Performance criteria**

3.1 Procedures for responding to vulnerability are described in terms of organisational policies and procedures, including how the rights of the person being supported can be respected.

Range rights may include but are not limited to – privacy, dignity, autonomy.

3.2 Procedures for recording and reporting suspected cases of abuse, and supporting a person who has disclosed abuse, are described in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.

<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard replaced unit standard 1836.
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This CMR can be accessed at <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

**Comments on this unit standard**

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