

GCC checklist

Clinical Practice - Safety and Quality

We have prepared a series of checklists to help you meet the requirements set out in the new [Code of Professional Practice](#).

This checklist is on clinical practice - safety and quality. It sets out the practical steps you can take to meet Principle B of the Code and the requirement to ensure safety and quality in clinical practice.

	Fully	Partially	Needs work	n/a
Culture of safety				
I ensure all equipment in my practice is safe and meets relevant safety standards.				
I collect, evaluate and use feedback and data about the quality of care of my patients to continuously improve my practice.				
Emergency response				
My practice has procedures in place to enable an effective response in an emergency situation.				
I regularly practise and develop my first aid skills and emergency scenarios.				
I know how to use the emergency equipment in my practice e.g. first aid kit.				
I ensure all the equipment in my practice is safe to use and meets relevant safety standards.				

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Mental health				
I am aware of my own mental health needs and seek help, if needed.				
I am familiar with local mental health services where I can refer my patients.				
Safeguarding				
I understand the importance of acting quickly if I recognise a potential safeguarding risk with a patient.				
I am familiar with local safeguarding arrangements and where I can refer patients, if needed.				
My practice has a plan and policy in place to safeguard my patients.				
Reflective practice				
I use safety incidents as an opportunity to learn and reflect.				
I document and report safety incidents through a suitable safety system (such as CPiRIS) for dissemination across the profession.				
I encourage colleagues to discuss safety incidents and share learnings.				
I understand the limits of my skills and knowledge and, if needed, will refer my patients to another chiropractor or healthcare professional to provide the best quality care.				
I seek and evaluate responses from patients to better understand their experiences in order to improve and develop my practice.				

Further information

- You can read the Code of Professional Practice in full here:
[The Code of Professional Practice | GCC](#)
- You can find the other checklists in this series at www.gcc-uk.org Just search: checklist
- There are also videos that help explain the key aspects in the new Code.
Search at www.gcc-uk.org or on YouTube.