

Risk Assessment - Service User with Dysphagia

A: SERVICE USER DETAILS			
Surname:	First Name(s):	Likes to be known as:	
Date of Birth:	Age last birthday:	Service User Ref. No:	
B: DURATION OF DYSPHAGIA PROBLEM			
Is this a newly-diagnosed problem? <input type="checkbox"/> YES / <input type="checkbox"/> NO (delete as appropriate)		Is this a pre-existing dysphagia condition that has got worse? <input type="checkbox"/> YES / <input type="checkbox"/> NO (delete as appropriate)	
C: RISK ASSESSMENT OF EATING, DRINKING & SWALLOWING			
Risk Element	YES	NO	Comments
Meals are taken in appropriate static locations; i.e. not "on the move".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Body position and posture conducive to comfortable and effective eating, drinking, swallowing and digestion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Food is eaten at a pace that aids swallowing, minimises choking risks, and aids digestion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Service user has fear of choking, and this is reflected in typical food bolus sizes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Choking results in regurgitation of food. If condition persists can lead to concerned weight loss.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Service user requires a certain level of assistance with eating and drinking. Define type of assistance needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Food texture is conducive to comfortable and effective eating and drinking, swallowing and digestion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Food is cut into appropriate portion sizes that aid eating, swallowing and digestion, and pureed where necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Care Staff First Aid Training includes specialised training in dealing with choking incidents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Liquids (drinks) are needed to aid eating, swallowing and digestion. Food is effectively "washed down".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Service user's medication regime does not contraindicate with efficient swallowing and digestion of food.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Specially adapted cutlery, utensils and drinking vessels are needed for cutting food, eating and swallowing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
OUTCOMES / CONCLUSION:			
Name of Assessor: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____			