

Outcome 5 – Know how to report concerns about sensory loss

5.1 Describe to whom and how concerns about sight and /or hearing loss can be reported

When concerns are raised about the onset of sensory loss or changes in sensory status in an individual, the first course of action should be to speak with individual to find out if anything is in the process of being done then I would speak to my supervisor to discuss the best course of action and record all my findings and any actions I have taken so that other staff are aware of what's being done. I would advise they make a appointment with their GP who after examination may refer them to a specialist for further hearing and vision tests. Referrals to an audiologist or ear, nose and throat specialist could be made for further hearing tests and on determining the severity of the hearing loss. Referrals to an optician could be made for sight tests. If any eye conditions are diagnosed early they can be treated successfully before they can cause any significant damages.

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