

# Eating, Drinking and Swallowing Difficulties

## Learning Approach



The **Eating, Drinking and Swallowing Competency Framework (EDSCF)** sets out the knowledge, skills, confidence, and abilities needed by staff to provide support with eating and drinking to those that have difficulties swallowing (Dysphagia).

The Framework has **6** levels:

Level	Details
1	Public Health Messages, Awareness
2	Care plan implementation
3	Identification and implementation of an interim eating and drinking plan
4	Protocol Guided assessment and management
5	Specialist assessment and management
6	Consultant assessment and management

Levels 2, 3 and 4 apply to Adult Social Care – the specific level depends on the roles and responsibility of the Worker.

The following table outlines the learning required by those working in Adult Social Care:

Role / Work Area	Role / Responsibility	EDSCF	Foundation Learning	Additional Learning
Day Service, Residential and Community Care Workers	Involved in preparing textured / modified foods and / or drinks	Level 2	Dysphagia Module 1 <b>or</b> Course	Dysphagia Module 3
Cooks / Kitchen Workers / Mealtime Assistants	Preparing food, including textured / modified foods and / or drinks	Level 2 and Level 3 (Part)	Dysphagia Module 1 <b>or</b> Course	Dysphagia Modules 2 and 3
Seniors / Deputy Managers	Leads Care Workers carrying out their duties	Level 2 and 3	Dysphagia Module 1 <b>or</b> Course	Dysphagia Modules 2, 3, 4 and 6
Managers	Leads Care Workers carrying out their duties	Levels 2, 3 and 4	Dysphagia Module 1 <b>or</b> Course	Dysphagia Modules 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

## About the Courses

The Foundation Learning is met through **either**:

- **Dysphagia – Module 1 – Essentials** eLearning.
- **Nutrition and Hydration Support in Social Care Settings** course.

The Additional Learning is available as follows:

- **Dysphagia - Module 2 - Training and Resources**
- **Dysphagia - Module 3 – Food**
- **Dysphagia - Module 4 - Quality and Safety**
- **Dysphagia - Module 5 – Workforce**
- **Dysphagia - Module 6 - Dysphagia and Medicines**

The eLearning Modules are **only available** to learners with an **ASC LeadER Account**. Learners that do not have an Account **must** request one so that the learning can be completed.

## Accessing the Courses

*Employed by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council*

The **Nutrition and Hydration Support in Social Care Settings** course can be booked through iTrent Self-Service.

**All** Dysphagia eLearning Modules can be accessed on ASC LeadER using

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The **Nutrition and Hydration Support in Social Care Settings** course can be booked through the eBooking form on ASC LeadER.

The eLearning Modules can be accessed on ASC LeadER or through eLearning for Health ([Dysphagia - elearning for healthcare \(e-lfh.org.uk\)](https://e-learning-for-healthcare.e-lfh.org.uk)). The Modules on ASC LeadER are the same as those on eLearning for Health.

*We are unable to provide any support or guidance on accessing the eLearning from eLearning for Health.*