

Values, attitudes and behaviours are essential to good leadership. This is what the six leadership capabilities focus on.

Each capability is described across three stages of progression. These will help you to recognise that your leadership capabilities are developing and provide evidence to support this. The stages of progression are cumulative so to be at the accomplished stage you should aim to demonstrate evidence of the emerging, established and accomplished stages. The stages of progression are not related to tiers within an organisation. You do not need to be in a formal leadership or management role to demonstrate accomplished leadership.

Emerging leadership is about demonstrating leadership potential

Established leadership can be consistently demonstrated in practice

Accomplished leadership is about providing a model of good leadership to which others can aspire

For each stage of progression there are **indicators** which suggest some ways you could evidence the leadership capability at this stage. The indicators are a guide and the type of evidence you might use will depend very much on your role. If you are a lone worker, such as a childminder or personal assistant, some parts of the indicators which refer to the team or organisation may not be relevant to you. Please don't let this put you off - you do not need to be working as part of a team or organisation to demonstrate leadership.

Links to the Continuous Learning Framework

The Continuous Learning Framework (CLF) has thirteen personal capabilities which focus on how social service workers manage themselves and their relationship with others in the workplace. There are many links between these and the leadership capabilities. Some of the following indicators for the leadership capabilities have been taken from the CLF, sometimes with some minor changes to the wording to align with other leadership capability indicators. If the indicator comes from the CLF, it will show in brackets underneath which personal capability of the CLF it has come from.

Vision - seeing what is possible for individuals, families and communities now and in the future

Theme of indicator	Emerging	Established	Accomplished
Seeing how best to make a difference	I can see how the lives of the people who use my service, their families and carers could be better, how I can help them to achieve this in my own role and as part of a team.	I work in partnership with the people who use my service, their families and carers, my team, managers and other colleagues to develop clear goals and plans to achieve better outcomes for the people who use the service and I can identify where I have made a difference.	I can clearly articulate my vision for individuals, families and the community to a broad range of people within and out with my own sphere of influence.
Communicating and promoting ownership of the vision	I can support the people who use my service, their families and carers to see how their lives could be improved. I can explain this, my role and what I think the team's role could be to my colleagues and take them with me.	I can communicate my team's vision and the vision of the service as a whole to people who use the service, their families and carers and to colleagues in my own service and those I work with in other services.	I actively seek to influence the vision of my team, service and organisation and I promote ownership of this vision within and out with the organisation.
Promoting social service values	I remain focused on the needs of people who use services when faced with conflicting priorities [A focus on people who use services and their carers]	I have a public service ethos which puts outcomes for individuals, families and the community first.	I actively promote core social service values with individuals, families, communities and colleagues in my own and in partner organisations and I challenge behaviours which undermine these values.
Seeing the bigger picture	I take responsibility for keeping up to date with changes in the organisation and the wider context in which I am working and I understand the rationale for these changes. [CLF - Organisational awareness]	I understand the challenges and opportunities affecting individuals, families, the community and the organisation and I can see these from a range of perspectives including those of people who use services, carers, colleagues and managers. [CLF - Organisational awareness]	I share my insight appropriately with others within and out with the organisation to challenge views and bring about continuous improvement. [CLF - Organisational awareness]

Self-leadership - recognising, exercising and improving own leadership

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Demonstrating and adapting leadership	I can see how I demonstrate leadership in my current role and I believe I can develop this further.	I can adapt my leadership style to take account of the people I am working with and the situation I am working in.	I successfully adapt my leadership style, skills and abilities to work in partnership with others within and outwith my own service to achieve the best outcomes for individuals, families and the community.
Demonstrating and adapting leadership Improving own leadership	I reflect on my leadership approach and seek advice and support to improve. [CLF - Lifelong learning]	I actively seek feedback from others, including people who use services and their carers, to improve my leadership. [CLF - Motivating and leading others]	I use research and evidence to inform and continually improve my approach to leadership. [CLF - Motivating and leading others]
Taking intelligent risks	I can see where I and the people I work with could take intelligent risks, based on sound risk assessment and risk management, to support the people who use my service, their families and carers to improve their lives.	I am prepared to take calculated risks, based on sound risk assessment and risk management, within my own area of authority and I can see the possible consequences of these. [CLF - Professional autonomy]	I use research and evidence to assess, manage and evaluate the risks I take to achieve better outcomes for individuals, families and the community while remaining accountable for the service delivered.
Demonstrating and promoting resilience	I sustain efforts to overcome obstacles and feelings of frustration and am able to maintain and encourage others to maintain a positive view. [CLF - Resilience]	I actively contribute to the development of strategies which build resilience and sustainability in the workplace. [CLF - Resilience]	I am persistent and creative in my approach to achieving successful outcomes at individual and organisational levels. [CLF - Resilience]
Challenging discrimination and oppression	I acknowledge and challenge forms of discrimination and oppression. [CLF - Empathy]	I am able to work effectively with others to deal with issues of discrimination and oppression. [CLF - Dealing with conflict]	I use evidence and research to inform my innovative approach to anti-discriminatory and anti-oppressive practice.

Motivating and inspiring others

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Inspiring people by personal example	I have high expectations of myself based on a best practice approach and I support and encourage others to do so too.	I model positive leadership behaviours that inspire enthusiasm and confidence in others and motivate them to achieve identified goals.	I am recognised for my skilled leadership and the way I inspire others to continually improve. [CLF - Motivating and leading others]
Recognising and valuing the contribution of others	I actively share and promote good practice within my own team, service/organisation and with colleagues in other services I work in partnership with.	I encourage and motivate others to make best use of their individual and collective abilities. [CLF - Motivating and leading others]	I recognise, value and champion the contribution of people who use services and their carers, colleagues in my own and partner organisations and managers to improving outcomes for the people who use my service.
Supporting the creation of a learning and performance culture	I model critically reflective practice and actively promote the learning and development of others through a range of formal and informal approaches. [CLF - Lifelong learning]	I use a range of evidence to evaluate my own performance and to contribute to the evaluation of the performance of the team and the service to continuously improve outcomes for individuals, families and the community.	I actively contribute to an organisational culture which promotes learning by facilitating the sharing of ideas within and outwith the organisation and with people who use services and their carers. [CLF - Lifelong learning]

Empowering people - enabling others to develop and use their leadership capacity

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Enabling leadership at all levels	I acknowledge the capacity for leadership in colleagues, people who use services, their families and carers. [CLF - Motivating and leading others]	I recognise, support and nurture the leadership of people who use services, their families and carers and colleagues and help them to recognise their own leadership.	I actively share leadership, learning and ideas among people who use services, their families and carers, across the organisation, with partner organisations and with the wider community.
Supporting the creation of a knowledge and management culture	I share information and knowledge consistently to model the behaviours needed to create a knowledge management culture.	I actively seek networks, communities and other sources of knowledge and encourage others to do so to champion the creation of a knowledge management culture.	I contribute to the strategy and action plan for creating a knowledge management culture within the organisation which values the use of knowledge and seeks to embed it at the heart of practice.
Promoting professional autonomy	I am able to explain and provide evidence for my practice and expect to have my thinking challenged appropriately. [CLF - Professional autonomy]	I am prepared to make and be accountable for decisions that are appropriate to my role.	I actively encourage and support colleagues to take a leadership role, be innovative and take appropriate decisions.
Involving people in development and improvement	I actively promote the empowerment of people who use services and their carers and I work in partnership with them and others to achieve this. [CLF - Focus on users and carers]	I actively support colleagues and managers to involve people who use services and their carers in more meaningful ways. [CLF - Focus on user and carers]	I demonstrate creative and innovative approaches to involving people who use services and their carers including those who are members of minority and disadvantaged groups. [CLF - Treating people with dignity and respect]

Collaborating and influencing

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Promoting partnership working	I take active steps to build relationships, develop networks and promote partnership working. [CLF - Working in partnership]	I actively seek opportunities to work in partnership with others within and beyond the organisation. [CLF - Working in partnership]	I provide an ongoing and dynamic link between the workplace, the organisation, other agencies and wider networks. [CLF - Working in partnership]
Influencing people	I build trusting relationships with people who use my service, their families and carers and with my team and manager and I can present information and evidence in a way that everyone can understand so that we can work together to improve the lives of the people using the service.	I build trusting relationships within and outwith the organisation and use these and evidence, information and research to influence the thinking and behaviour of others towards shared purpose and goals.	I am able to hold on to and balance different perspectives and take others with me towards shared purpose, goals and outcomes.
Understanding and valuing the perspectives of others	I can recognise and understand differences in views and the constraints which others are working under.	I seek to understand and empathise with the diverse views of others and can often find creative solutions that are acceptable to all concerned [CLF - Dealing with conflict]	I champion diversity and inclusion and can constructively challenge my own and others' stereotypes and assumptions.

Creativity and innovation

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Seeing opportunities to do things differently	I can see how I, my team and the service could do things differently and in a way which would support people using the service, their families and carers to have better lives.	I can bring fresh perspectives and think creatively about the options available in any situation. [CLF - Professional autonomy]	I see the potential for improvement in a range of situations and am ready to act on opportunities which present themselves and to create solutions [CLF - Professional autonomy]
Promoting creativity creative and innovation	I am able to use my initiative and act on opportunities to improve outcomes for people who use services and their carers. [CLF - Professional autonomy]	I encourage others to demonstrate initiative through collaborative working and the sharing of good practice. [CLF - Professional autonomy]	I use research and evidence to find innovative approaches which lead to improved outcomes for people who use services and their carers. [CLF - Professional autonomy]
Supporting and managing change	I consistently make identifiable contributions to and/or lead change and improvement in my own team and support colleagues to embrace change.	I consistently make identifiable contributions to change and improvement in the wider service/ organisation and constructively and appropriately challenge people, assumptions and organisational constraints which impede new and creative ways of working.	I can manage the complexity and uncertainty of major change and work with others within and outwith the organisation to embrace opportunities and find innovative ways to overcome challenges.