



## Community Equipment Support Visits

The Code of Practice for Community Equipment exists to set a nationally recognised standard in the commissioning and provision of community disability equipment. A support visit to review your organisation's systems against the Code of Practice will check how ready you are for accreditation and identify key areas for improvement.

Community disability equipment provided to children and adults is crucial in securing their wellbeing, independence and safety. The trend towards community based care brings both challenges and rewards in terms of joint working across the health and social care sector, requiring services to take a co-ordinated and strategic approach towards the health and social care equipment needs of local communities.

DNV Healthcare is working with CECOPS CIC to accredit commissioners and providers of community disability equipment against the CECOPS Code of Practice. Accreditation against the Code shows an organisation has an effective management system in place and is complying with key legal and regulatory requirements. Support visits are available for organisations to help them understand the Code of Practice and the accreditation process.

## WHAT IS THE CODE OF PRACTICE?

The Code of Practice provides individuals and organisations with a framework for understanding their responsibilities when commissioning or providing services in relation to community disability equipment. The Code covers relevant legal obligations and provides practical guidance for the delivery of high quality, efficient and safe services.

The Code provides a practical approach to help organisations focus on key principles in the joint provision of equipment to provide safe and timely services to equipment users.

## HOW DO WE BECOME ACCREDITED?

### SUPPORT VISIT:

If you want to know more about the Code, how your organisation matches up against the standards it sets, and whether you are ready to become accredited, DNV can undertake a support visit on site at your organisation. This could be before you register, or before you go for assessment.

### REGISTRATION:

Registration with the CECOPS Scheme shows your organisation's commitment to working towards the requirements of the Code. You need to be registered to apply for accreditation.

### ACCREDITATION:

Achieving accreditation means that you can provide assurance to all users and stakeholders that the principles and framework of the Code are being implemented. Accreditation is awarded for three years.

### TRAINING AND ADVICE:

Separate training on the content of the Code of Practice is available directly from CECOPS CIC and is recommended as part of becoming an accredited organisation.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A SUPPORT VISIT?

As the independent organisation who assesses the Code of Practice, DNV has an in-depth insight of what you need to do and the evidence you will be required to provide for assessment. We can help you to:

- Understand the accreditation process and how to prepare as effectively as possible.
- Demonstrate the work your organisation does in a way that matches up with the requirements of the Code.
- Identify gaps so that you know where to put in extra work before going for accreditation.
- Develop an action plan in preparation for accreditation.

Because the Code provides a thorough approach to the provision of community disability equipment, having a support visit is an opportunity to engage personnel across your organisation to increase awareness and ownership of risk and quality issues at all levels, and to help implement a management systems approach.

The visit is an opportunity to make sure that good practice in your organisation is always understood and followed, and that improvements are made systematically with clear objectives for improving the quality and safety of services.

### HOW TO BOOK:

To book a visit, or find out more about the process please contact us at [cecops@dnv.com](mailto:cecops@dnv.com) or 0161 477 6691.

If visits are undertaken pre-registration this will include a free copy of the Code of Practice.

## OTHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR HEALTHCARE

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