

OCIT CPD PROGRAMME 2026

PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK

Supervision Module





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Introduction & Context

Supervision is a cornerstone of effective practice within integrated health and social care teams. It provides a structured opportunity for reflection, professional growth, and accountability, ensuring that staff can deliver safe, ethical, and person-centered interventions

The activities included are intended to encourage critical thinking and self-reflection, helping you to integrate learning into your daily role. By engaging fully with this module, you will contribute to a culture of collaboration, continuous improvement, and professional resilience across the Team.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this module (including completing the workshop, workbook and portfolio submission, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate a clear understanding of the purpose and principles of supervision and articulate its role in supporting safe, ethical, and accountable practice across integrated teams.
- Apply appropriate supervision models and approaches to real-world scenarios within health and social care settings, ensuring effective support and performance management.
- Develop and implement a supervision contract that reflects best practice, promotes collaboration, and meets organizational standards.
- Facilitate reflective practice during supervision sessions, using structured techniques to enhance professional development and resilience.
- Integrate legal and ethical considerations into supervision processes, ensuring compliance with statutory frameworks and safeguarding responsibilities.
- Produce a portfolio of evidence demonstrating engagement with supervision principles, reflective activities, and application of learning to practice.

Supervision Training (and our blended approach)



Supervision training is designed to strengthen the quality and consistency of support provided within integrated health and social care teams. Its primary purpose is to ensure that supervision is not just a procedural requirement but a meaningful process that promotes professional growth, accountability, and safe practice. Through structured reflection and feedback, supervision helps individuals identify strengths, address challenges, and build resilience, contributing to continuous improvement in practice.

This programme emphasises practical application, reflective practice, and portfolio development, ensuring participants can demonstrate competence and integrate learning into their daily roles. The workshop is designed to provide an interactive, structured learning experience that complements the workbook and portfolio activities.

Its main purposes are

- Introduce Key Concepts.
- Facilitate Collaborative Learning.
- Enable Practical Application.
- Prepare for Portfolio Development Activities.



The Workshop Session: 23rd January 2026



The supervisor workshop, to introduce colleges to the programme and the supervisor module within it, took place in the DCC-i Teams room on 23rd January 2026.

For those who were unable to make the session, or if you just want to recap, the slide pack that accompanied it is included, click to open.

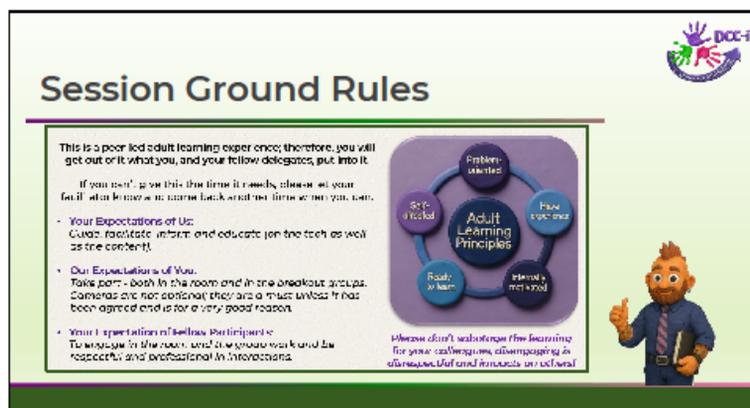
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Workshop Session Slide Pack:
23rd February 2026



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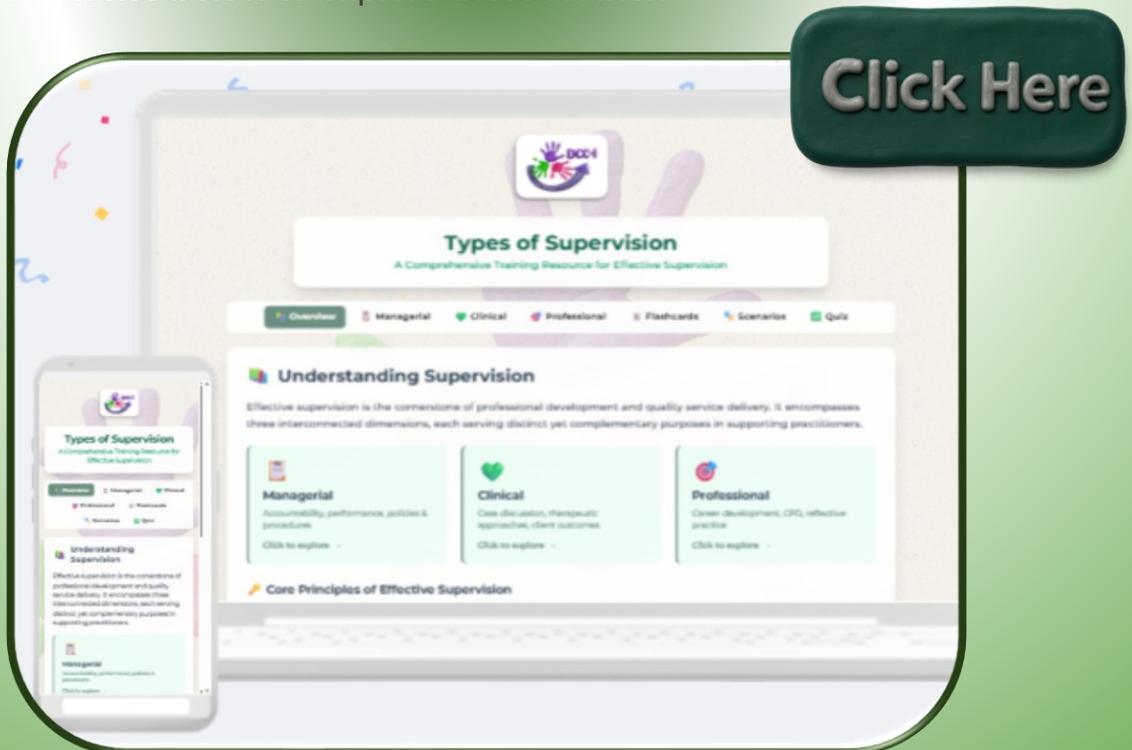
The Role of Supervision

This module is designed to strengthen your understanding of supervision as both a supportive and developmental process, enabling you to apply best practices in clinical, professional, and operational contexts. Through this workbook, you will explore:

- ✓ The purpose and principles of supervision in multidisciplinary settings
- ✓ Different models and approaches to supervision.
- ✓ Strategies for fostering reflective practice and managing performance.
- ✓ Tools for creating supervision contracts and promoting safe, accountable practice.

Supervision plays a vital role in ensuring safe, effective, and accountable practice across integrated health and social care teams. Its impact spans three key domains. Management, Clinical or Reflective Practice, and Professional

Click on the exercise below to explore these further.



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Types of Supervision
A Comprehensive Training Resource for Effective Supervision

Overview Managerial Clinical Professional Flashcards Scenarios Quiz

Understanding Supervision

Effective supervision is the cornerstone of professional development and quality service delivery. It encompasses three interconnected dimensions, each serving distinct yet complementary purposes in supporting practitioners.

- Managerial**
Accountability, performance, policies & procedures
Click to explore
- Clinical**
Case discussion, therapeutic approaches, client outcomes
Click to explore
- Professional**
Career development, CPD, reflective practice
Click to explore

Core Principles of Effective Supervision

Types of Supervision



Supervision within integrated teams serves clinical, professional, and operational purposes, each contributing to safe, high-quality and accountable practice.

- **Clinical or Reflective/Practice Supervision:** Supports practitioners to develop sound clinical reasoning, reflective practice, and safe decision-making.
- **Professional Supervision:** Strengthens capability, ethical judgement, and wellbeing, ensuring staff are supported to grow while meeting their professional duties.
- **Operational supervision:** Provides clarity, structure, and oversight, helping teams manage workload, risks, performance expectations, and service flow.

When these three purposes are brought together, supervision becomes a coherent, multidimensional space that supports staff development, protects service users, and maintains organisational quality and safety. This integrated approach is essential in complex multidisciplinary contexts where reflective practice, accountability, and effective coordination must work hand in hand.

Supervision Models (1)

What is Proctor's Model?

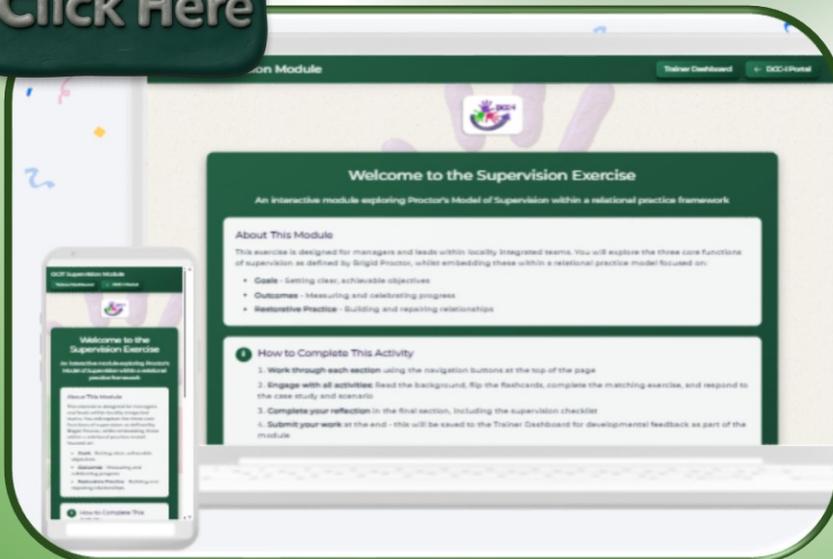
Proctor's Model is one of the most widely used supervision frameworks in UK health, social care, and integrated practice. It breaks supervision into three key functions, each supporting a different aspect of safe, effective, and reflective professional practice:

- ✓ Formative (Learning / Development)
- ✓ Normative (Accountability / Standards)
- ✓ Restorative (Support / Wellbeing)

Proctor highlights that supervision is not three separate meetings, it is one space where these functions weave together. A typical session might:

- ✓ Start with a restorative check-in (How are you coping? What's on your mind?)
- ✓ Move into a formative reflection on a complex case
- ✓ End with normative actions (updates, standards, required documentation)

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Supervision Explainer (1)

Proctor's Three-Function Model
[\(Jenkins & Proctor, 1993\)](#)

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These functions work together dynamically. The balance shifts depending on the practitioner's needs, level of experience, emotional load, and the complexity of their caseload.

1. Formative Function – Learning & Professional Development
This part of supervision focuses on **building skills, capability, and confidence**.

Examples of formative work:

- Reflecting on practice and identifying learning needs
- Exploring complex cases, patterns, and decision-making
- Linking practice to law, research, guidance, and theory
- Reviewing interventions and considering alternatives
- Developing professional judgment, critical analysis, and clinical reasoning

Why it matters: The formative function strengthens professional identity, supports continuous learning, and builds safe, skilled practitioners.

2. Normative Function – Quality, Safety & Standards
This function ensures practice is **safe, ethical, and aligned with organisational, professional, and legal requirements**.

Examples of normative work:

- Reviewing caseload management, risk, and prioritisation
- Ensuring compliance with professional standards (SWE, HCPC, NMC, AMSP/BA codes etc.)
- Checking documentation quality, audit requirements, and information governance

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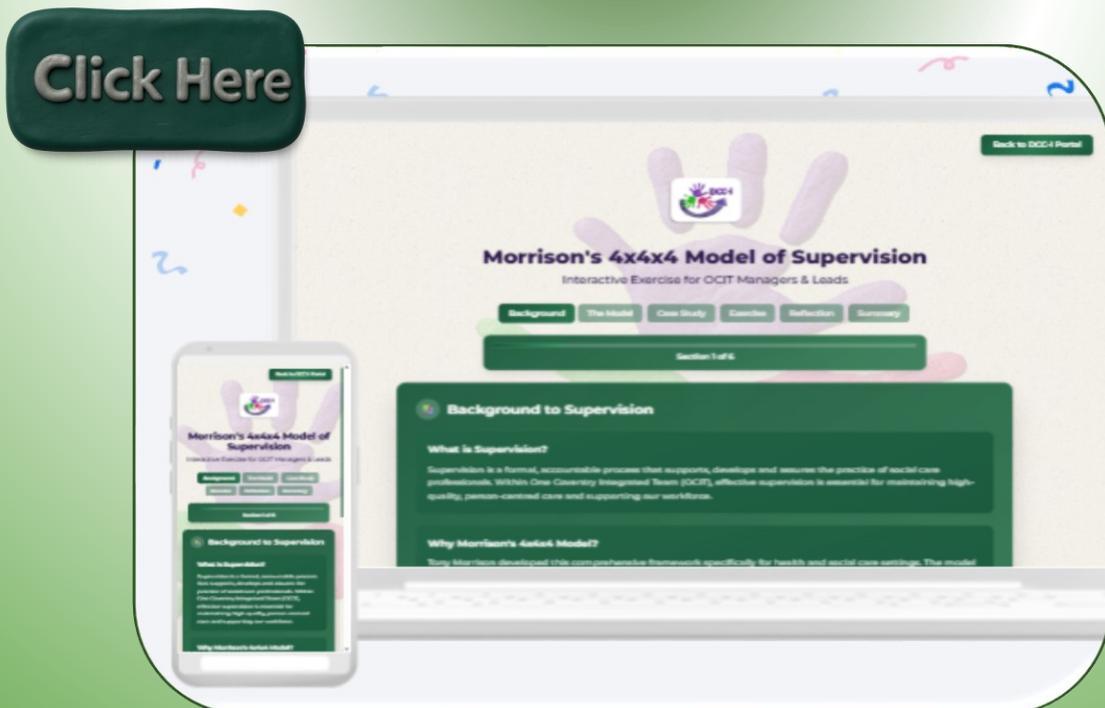
Supervision Models (2)

Morrison's 4x4x4 Model

Morrison's supervision model provides a structured, relationship-centred approach that supports reflective practice, accountability, and continuous learning in social work.

Built around the principle that effective supervision must strengthen both practice quality and worker wellbeing, Morrison emphasises clarity of purpose, shared responsibility, and a strong supervisory alliance.

His model highlights the importance of reflective thinking, emotional containment, and clear decision-making. Ensuring that supervision becomes a safe, purposeful space where practitioners can explore complexity, develop professional judgement, and maintain a focus on outcomes for the people they support.



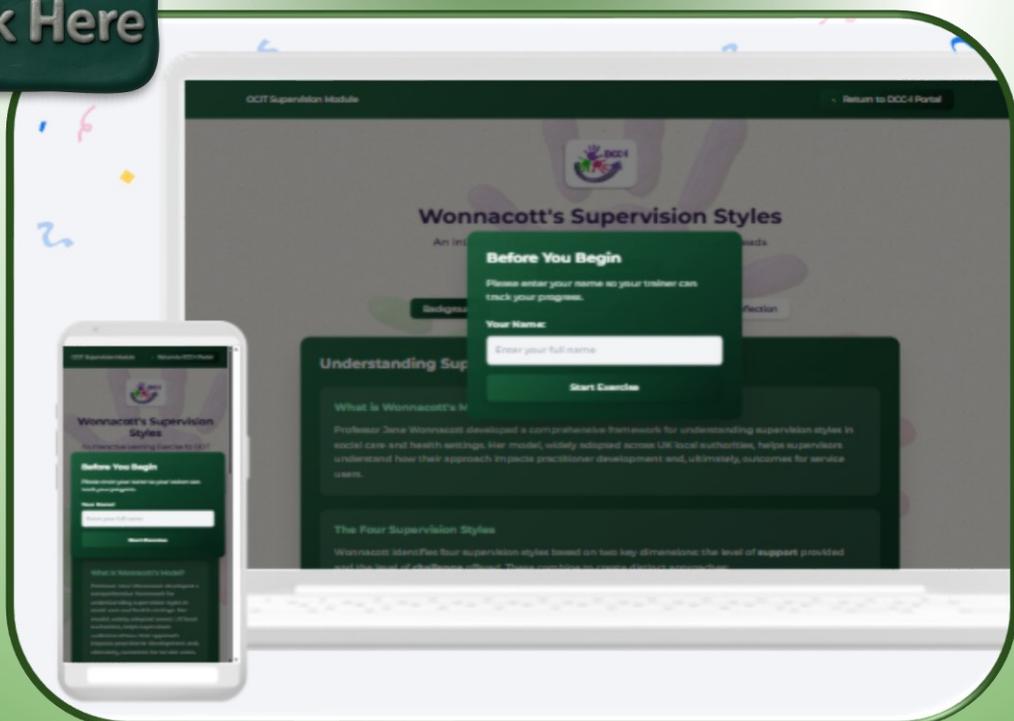
Supervision Models (3)

Wonnacott's Supervision Model

Wonnacott's model of supervision offers a balanced, reflective framework designed to support safe practice, professional growth, and emotional resilience.

Building on Proctor's "three functions" approach, Wonnacott emphasises the interconnected roles of management, development, and support, recognising that effective supervision must hold all three in tension to protect both the worker and the people they serve. Her model brings attention to the organisational context, the relational dynamics between supervisor and supervisee, and the importance of creating a reflective space where practitioners can think clearly, make well-reasoned decisions, and remain grounded in their values.

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Supervision Models (4)

The GROW Model

The GROW model provides a simple, structured approach to supervision that supports purposeful reflection and clear forward planning. Working through the stages of Goal, Reality, Options, and Will, the model helps practitioners clarify what they want to achieve, explore the current situation with honesty, consider different ways forward, and commit to specific next steps.

In supervision, GROW creates a collaborative, solution-focused space that keeps the conversation grounded, empowers practitioners to take ownership of their development, and ensures actions are realistic, ethical, and aligned with good practice.

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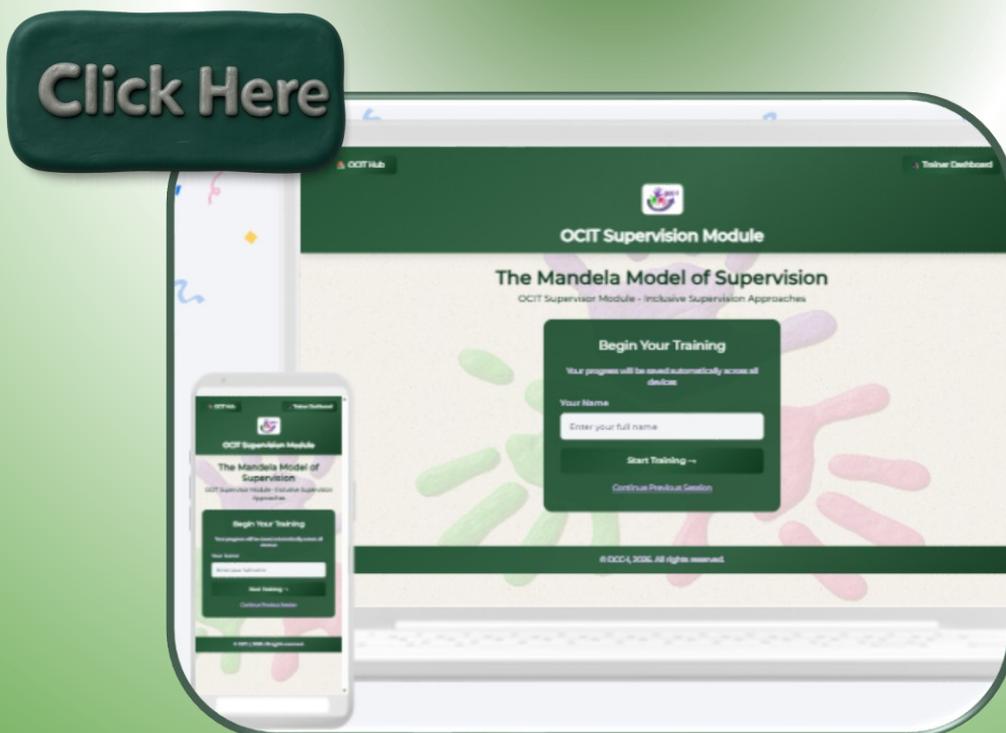
Supervision Models (6)

The Mandela Model of Supervision

The Mandela Model is built around a set of values and relational principles that guide how supervision is held, experienced, and used. Although presented in different ways across practice settings.

The model encourages open exploration of power dynamics between supervisor and supervisee, practitioner and family, and the wider organisation and community. It promotes justice-oriented thinking, ethical decision-making, and transparency.

Supervision under the Mandela Model is relational first and procedural second. The trusting relationship between supervisor and supervisee is seen as the engine that drives reflective depth, emotional containment, and meaningful change in practice.



Supervision Models (7)

Social Graces Model in Supervision

The Social GRRRAACCEESSS framework encourages supervisors and practitioners to recognise the wide range of social identities, experiences, and power dynamics that shape how we show up in practice. In supervision, it offers a gentle but structured way to explore what is spoken about, what is left unspoken, and what may be present but invisible in the work.



Belbin's Team Roles



Belbin's Team Roles model helps teams understand the different strengths, behaviours, and working styles people bring to a group. Rather than focusing on job titles or hierarchy, Belbin identifies nine roles that explain how individuals naturally contribute to teamwork. By recognising these roles, teams can work more effectively, reduce conflict, and make better use of team strengths.

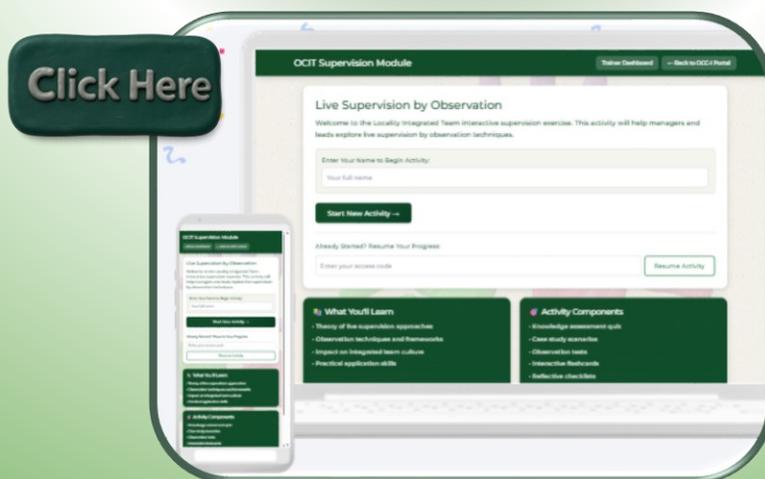
Delivering Supervision (1)

Supervision can be delivered in a range of formats depending on the purpose and needs of staff.

- ✓ One-to-one supervision creates protected time for individual reflection, performance discussion, wellbeing conversations, and personalised support.
- ✓ Group supervision brings practitioners together to share learning, explore common themes, and promote consistency across a team.
- ✓ Action Learning Sets offer a structured, collaborative problem-solving approach in which peers work through real practice challenges using questioning, reflection, and collective insight.
- ✓ Live supervision by observation allows supervisors to directly witness practice and provide immediate developmental feedback.

Together, these methods provide a balanced supervision framework that enhances capability, confidence, and accountability.

This section of the workbook includes interactive exercises for group, live and action learning approaches as these are often the least familiar formats. You have the option of submitting one of these activities for feedback as part of your portfolio if you would find it helpful to receive feedback on your understanding and application of the approach.



Live Supervision by Observation

Delivering Supervision (2)

Group Supervision Models:



Group supervision models provide structured ways for practitioners to reflect together, learn collaboratively, and draw on the shared wisdom of the group.

Whether using structured approaches like Action Learning Sets, reflective models, or facilitative inquiry frameworks, these models help create psychological safety, promote curiosity, and open multiple perspectives on complex practice issues.

Action Learning Sets

Action Learning Sets offer a structured, collaborative way for practitioners to bring real practice issues to a trusted group and work through them using questioning, reflection, and peer support.

Grounded in the idea that people learn best by doing and then thinking critically about that experience, Action Learning encourages practitioners to pause, explore assumptions, and generate new insights that lead to meaningful action



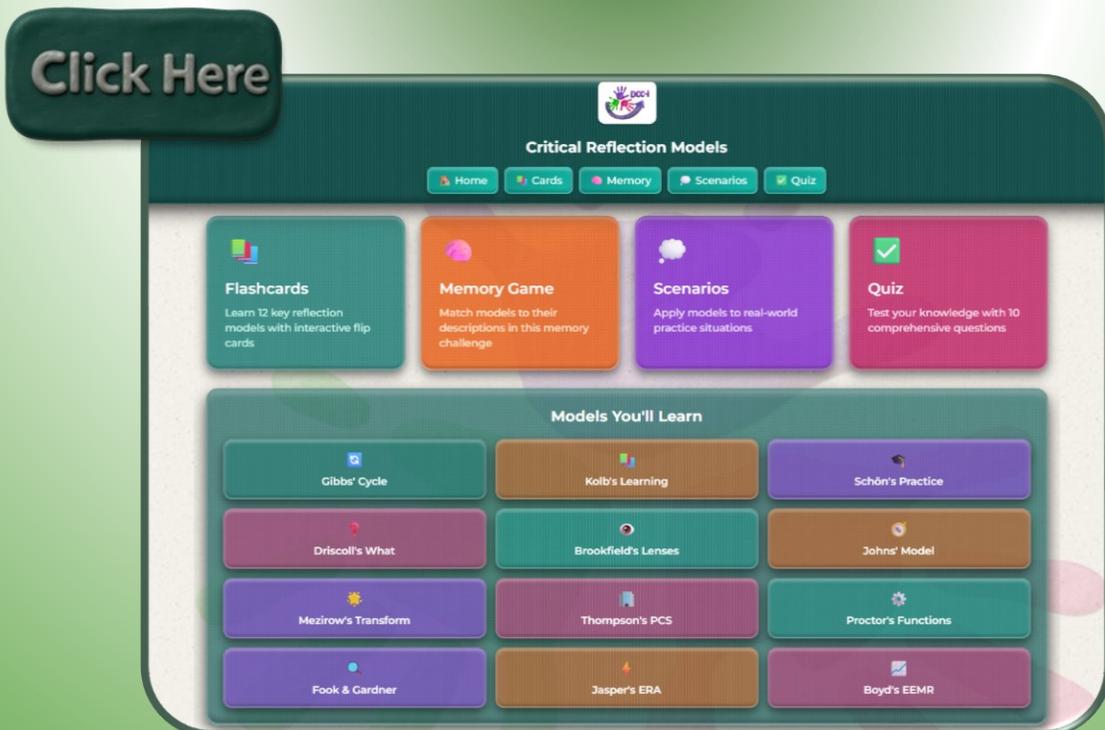
Facilitating Reflective Practice



Facilitating reflective practice is about creating the conditions where practitioners can pause, think deeply, and make sense of the emotional, ethical, and relational complexities of practice.

Effective facilitation offers structure, psychological safety, and curiosity, helping practitioners explore their decision-making, recognise bias, strengthen judgement, and stay grounded in their professional values.

The [DCC-i Reflective Practice Hub](#) builds on these principles by providing a dedicated space for structured reflection, peer learning, and values-led supervision. Using clear frameworks, accessible tools, and a relational approach, the Hub supports practitioners to develop confidence, improve the quality of their reasoning, and embed reflection as a core part of everyday practice. It brings together supervision models, reflective questions, and collaborative learning methods to create a consistent, supportive environment where practitioners can think well — and feel supported while doing it.



Supervision Agreements

Supervision agreements set out the shared expectations, responsibilities, and working arrangements between supervisor and supervisee. They provide clarity about the purpose of supervision, how it will be structured, and the values that underpin the relationship. A shared and negotiated agreement supports psychological safety, transparency, and accountability by making the supervisory process explicit rather than assumed.

Using organisational supervision templates provides consistency, accountability, and a clear record of practice, but a template alone does not create meaningful supervision. Even when a service requires a set format, the content should still be discussed, negotiated, and co-owned by the supervisor and practitioner.

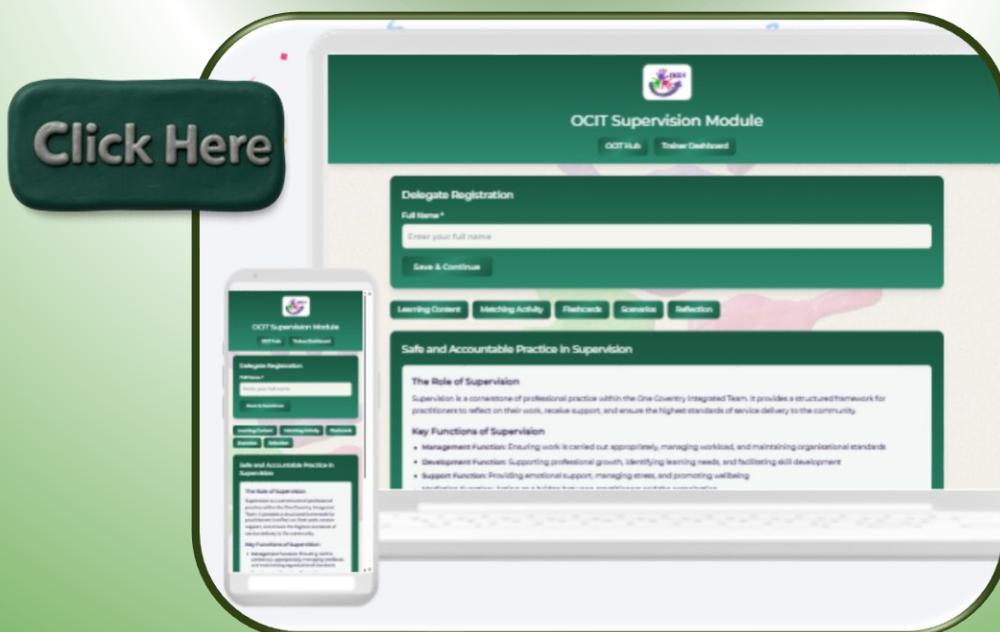
Templates are there to offer structure, not to dictate the conversation or remove the relational element. By taking time to agree how the template will be used, what each section means in practice, and how it aligns with the individual's learning needs, the supervisory space becomes more purposeful, transparent, and supportive. Reviewing this jointly also helps ensure the form reflects real practice rather than practitioners feeling supervised by the template rather than by a person.



Safe & Accountable Practice

Safe and accountable practice is at the heart of integrated health and social care practice, ensuring that decisions are ethical, transparent, and grounded in evidence, professional judgement, and organisational standards. It is about protecting people who use services, supporting practitioners to work confidently within their role, and maintaining public trust. Safe practice recognises risk, uncertainty, and complexity; accountable practice makes the rationale for decisions visible, shared, and open to scrutiny.

Supervisors play a crucial role in modelling curiosity, promoting ethical reasoning, and ensuring that risk is understood, communicated, and managed collaboratively. Safe practice relies on clear communication, shared understanding, and recording that captures not just what was done, but why. Good records demonstrate professional reasoning, provide continuity, and show that decisions were considered, justified, and aligned with legal and organisational requirements. This transparency protects both the person and the practitioner.



Thinking about Wellbeing

Supervisors hold a core responsibility for supporting staff wellbeing by creating a supervision environment that is reflective, supportive, and development-focused. Supervisors should apply supervision models that actively support staff development and wellbeing, ensuring that staff have space to reflect, discuss pressures, explore solutions, and feel psychologically safe.

To support a healthier, more reflective supervision culture, we have introduced a set of wellbeing tools that supervisors can use both for their own self-care and in sessions with supervisees. These resources are designed to keep wellbeing as a consistent, intentional focus throughout the supervision process.

We have included the DCC-i Wellbeing Strengths Profile Assessment, which helps identify personal resilience strengths and areas for development, and a Self-Care Bingo activity to encourage accessible, everyday wellbeing habits. Supervisors are encouraged to integrate these tools flexibly, whether as reflective prompts, discussion aids, or ongoing wellbeing check-ins to help foster safe, supported, and sustainable practice.

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Wellbeing Strengths Assessment
Discover your wellbeing strengths through real-world case studies and interactive decisions!

Ready to Explore Your Wellbeing Strengths?
Navigate through real case studies and make decisions that reveal your natural wellbeing strengths!

[Begin Assessment](#)

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Self-Care Bingo
How many have you done in the last 7 days?

COMPLETED	WEEKLY SCORE	WELLNESS RATING
0/25	0	—

Take a Walk	Drink Water	Read 30 Minutes	Meditate	Eat Healthy

Module Portfolio

As supervisors and team leads, your role in modelling critically reflective, legally literate, and compassionate practice is crucial. Developmental feedback built into this programme. This aims to support you to facilitate reflective conversations, apply supervision models, and promote safe and accountable practice within your teams. There are 14 learning activities to complete in this module. You can complete as much or as little as you like and select specific activities for feedback depending on your development plan. The portfolio provides a structured space to evidence growth, critical reflection, and integration of practice-based learning ahead of the submission date of **19 June 2026**

Each participant can submit the portfolio and three additional exercises as part of their portfolio submission, please indicate on the front of the portfolio which activities you would like reviewing. If you would like feedback on additional activities, please talk to your facilitator to agree this during the programme. There is no requirement to complete any/all the exercises and activities, however we would recommend completing the portfolio whether you opt to complete the additional learning or not. Activities can be completed in groups or individually, remember to use your full name if you are submitting for feedback.

