

Statement of Purpose

Unique contribution. What is provided by this team which would be lost if the team was merged with another or disappeared entirely?

Values and beliefs. This acknowledges the values held by the organisation and professional bodies and also identifies the specific values that define this particular team's work.

Best practice. The team explains how it will learn about successful approaches in other places. Membership of professional associations, access to research journals and similar service providers will feature here. The team will deliver coherent values-based and evidence-informed practice.

Success criteria. Precise measures for success are identified and the team monitors them on a regular basis, then taking action to continuously improve the service. Both qualitative and quantitative indicators will feature here, including a recognition of the skills and learning acquired by people using the service.

Target clients. This specifies who is to be served from the available population. There is a specific description of how the service is tailored to meet these needs and a specification of the target group.

Holistic care. The statement needs to show how the team will relate to all the other elements of the service, and how it builds on the strengths and assets of the people using the service and the wider community as well as addressing needs for support or solutions to problems.

Move-on. All teams can promote independence and prepare people for a life that relies less on paid staff. In this section the team explains how it finds out about life beyond the service (including firm information on employed and leisure lifestyles, housing and community living), identifies strengths and deficits, and specifies what action it takes to prepare people to live in the community to the greatest extent possible.

Wider policy. The team is part of a number of larger structures and so this section of the statement shows how the policy of the team links to organisational, local and national agendas.