

# CCSCH75

## Conservation measures for cultural heritage



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### Overview

This unit involves planning, managing and implementing measures to achieve the conservation of heritage presenting complex challenges, through either preventative, remedial, managerial or educational means or a combination of these.

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### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 recommend and communicate appropriate practice in the care, protection and treatment of cultural heritage in your area of work, defining conservation implications of any policy or plan of action for the heritage
  - P2 advise on requirements for the ongoing protection of heritage as well as new and developing techniques and their practical implications
  - P3 implement treatment-based, preventive or conservation management measures presenting complex challenges, advising or undertaking actions based on the physical and chemical characteristics of materials and causes of decay, the appropriate solutions and techniques available, the relevant resources, skills and equipment
  - P4 ensure that measures meet recognised conservation standards, and are implemented with a sufficiently high level of skill, judgement and ethical consideration, whether carrying them out yourself, directing, delegating, educating or commissioning
  - P5 monitor and evaluate the effect of conservation measures, deciding appropriate methodologies for gathering, interpreting and presenting data for the purpose
  - P6 recommend appropriate sources of further analysis, treatment or preventive care
  - P7 maintain and manage records of conservation measures that are of a form, level of detail and clarity appropriate to their intended use, ensuring that they are sufficiently permanent

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 national, local, professional or organisational standards, frameworks, legal instruments, ethics and policies which affect the conservation of heritage in your sphere of activity
- K2 the perspectives and roles of others who have an impact on the protection and care of the heritage, where necessary working with them to ensure that measures are effective
- K3 the physical and chemical characteristics of materials, the causes and characteristics of decay of heritage, and the effects of treatment and preventative measures on long-term condition and use of heritage
- K4 how to develop, define and present conservation advice and practice recommendations in an appropriate format and manner
- K5 how to carry out conservation treatments, and know which treatments should be used, to ensure the conservation of heritage
- K6 how to respond to changing situations and emergencies involving heritage
- K7 the context and provenance of heritage, its religious, cultural or historical significance and the impact of conservation measures
- K8 the importance and significance of conservation records and how to produce, manage and maintain them
- K9 the extent of your conservation expertise and when and where to seek advice from other specialists

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