

CCSCH70 SQA Unit Code H8YF 04

Inspect and monitor conservation needs of cultural heritage



Overview

This unit involves inspecting objects or structural components, identifying and assessing their nature and use, and making basic reports on location, condition and environment, using established procedures to monitor environmental conditions. This may include taking readings and monitoring pest traps, recording observations and assessments and reporting findings to others. It could be applied to inspecting and monitoring objects on display, in storage or in situ for instance in or part of a historic building or site.

**Performance
criteria**

- You must be able to:*
- P1 identify and describe the type(s) and composition (materials and structure) of the objects or structural components in your care, with reference to appropriate records
 - P2 assess how objects or components are being displayed, stored, protected or used
 - P3 identify any planned or expected changes to location or use
 - P4 identify and assess any risks posed by current or expected use
 - P5 identify and assess the condition of objects or components
 - P6 visually identify any degradation or decay and assess its likely cause(s)
 - P7 identify and assess any risks posed by the condition of the objects or components
 - P8 identify where further advice or analysis is needed
 - P9 identify and use suitable methods for monitoring the environment
 - P10 identify and report any risks posed to the objects or components by the environment
 - P11 make routine adjustments to the environment within appropriate conservation guidelines
 - P12 record and report observations and assessments
 - P13 use specified reporting and recording procedures
 - P14 work within health and safety parameters

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the significance of the object or component in its context
- K2 how to find, interpret and use existing and previous records
- K3 different materials, structure and use of objects and structures in your care
- K4 how to distinguish between active and historic deterioration and relate this to environmental factors
- K5 the significance of change in condition
- K6 how frequently monitoring and recording is necessary, and when to adjust these intervals according to observed problems
- K7 how to use recording devices and interpret their readings
- K8 the level at which the reporting is to be carried out, whether individual object or collection, part or whole of a structure
- K9 the context in which you are working, and the relevant organisational and conservation policies
- K10 how to identify and assess an object or structural component using visual and other senses
- K11 how to carry out recommended work without putting the object or structure at risk

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