



Primer

Customer Service Fundamentals

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Abstract

This primer outlines the fundamentals of professional service communication: greeting, listening, answering accurately, escalating appropriately and following up, in a tone that reflects the standards of the Center.

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1. The role of the service desk

The customer service desk is often the first professional contact a person has with the Center. Courtesy, clarity and accuracy at this point shape how the whole organisation is perceived.

2. Core behaviours

Greet warmly, listen fully before responding, confirm that you have understood, give accurate information, and promise only what can be delivered. Keep a short written record of each contact.

3. When to escalate

If a question is outside your authority or expertise, pass it to the responsible colleague with a clear summary so that the person does not have to repeat themselves, and let them know what will happen next.

4. Following up

A good follow-up closes the loop: confirm that the matter was resolved, note any lesson for the team, and update the shared record.

Key points

- ◆ Greet and identify the topic
- ◆ Listen before you reply
- ◆ Escalate with a clear summary
- ◆ Close the loop

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