**Learning Aim C:**  Investigate the influence of health and safety legislation and policies in health and social care settings.

P6: Compare the influence of different health and safety laws or polices on health and social care practice in a selected setting.

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| **Health and Safety legislation used in the UK** | **Explanation of the legislation/policy** |
| **Health and Safety at Work Act (1974)**[**http://www.healthyworkinglives.com/advice/Legislation-and-policy/Workplace-Health-and-Safety/health-safety-legislation#health**](http://www.healthyworkinglives.com/advice/Legislation-and-policy/Workplace-Health-and-Safety/health-safety-legislation#health) |  |
| **Data Protection Act (1998)**[**https://www.gov.uk/data-protection/the-data-protection-act**](https://www.gov.uk/data-protection/the-data-protection-act) |  |
| **Care Standards Act (2000)**[**https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/care-standards**](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/care-standards) |  |
| **Equality Act (2010)**[**https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/equality-act-2010/what-equality-act**](https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/equality-act-2010/what-equality-act) |  |
| **Care Act (2014)**[**http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/social-care-and-support-guide/Pages/carers-rights-care-act-2014.aspx**](http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/social-care-and-support-guide/Pages/carers-rights-care-act-2014.aspx) |  |
| **The Manuel Handling Operations Regulations (1992) Amended (2002)**[**http://www.healthyworkinglives.com/advice/work-equipment/manual-handling**](http://www.healthyworkinglives.com/advice/work-equipment/manual-handling) |  |
| **The Food Hygiene Regulations (2006) Amended (2013)**[**https://www.gov.uk/food-safety-your-responsibilities/food-safety**](https://www.gov.uk/food-safety-your-responsibilities/food-safety) |  |
| **Care Quality Commission Standards**[**http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/fundamental-standards**](http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/fundamental-standards) |  |
| **Disclosure and Barring Service Checks (DBS)**[**https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service/about**](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service/about) |  |

Write a report that identifies which health and safety policies from the above table could have prevented the patients suffering (P6). Analyse how these policies could have improved the service user’s care (M3). Justify (give your opinion) that the application of these policies would have maintained a safe environment for staff and service users (D3).

The Francis Report into the treatment of patients in hospital in the Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust very poor quality care. The first inquiry heard from service users and their families about the appalling care they received, including cases where:

* Service users were left for lengthy periods in bedclothes soiled with excrement
* Assistance was not provided with feeding for service users unable to eat without help
* Water was left out of the service users’ reach
* Service users were not assisted in their toileting- despite persistent toilet requests for help
* Wards and toilet facilities were in a filthy condition
* Privacy and dignity, even in death, were denied
* Triage in the accident and emergency department was undertaken by untrained staff
* Staff treated service users, and those close to them, with what appeared to be callous indifference.