

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Head of Department/Centre Manager Health & Social Care

Date: April 2014

Subject: Withdrawal of selected OCR Learning, Development and Support Services (LDSS) qualifications

WITHDRAWAL OF SELECTED OCR LEARNING, DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES (LDSS) QUALIFICATIONS

Following a review of our qualification offer in the light of falling market demand, OCR has reluctantly decided to withdraw the Learning, Development and Support Services qualifications listed below. OCR will of course continue to support and assess the qualifications up to the final certification date for these qualifications which will be as follows:

Entry code	Qualification title	Qualification number	Last date for entries	Last certification date
04717	OCR Level 5 Diploma for the Learning, Development and Support Services (Connexions)	600/1115/4	31/08/2014	31/08/2016
04718	OCR Level 5 Diploma for the Learning, Development and Support Services (Learning Mentor)	600/1115/4	31/08/2014	31/08/2016
04719	OCR Level 5 Diploma for the Learning, Development and Support Services (Education Welfare)	600/1115/4	31/08/2014	31/08/2016

Please note that OCR will continue to offer a wide range of vocational qualifications in the Health and Social Care sector. For full details of OCR's full provision, please visit the Health and Social Care sections of the website:

www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-type/vocational-qualifications/health-and-social-care

www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-type/vocational-qualifications/child-development

OCR will also continue to review the Learning Development and Support Services sector and evaluate how future developments will affect our provision in this area.

Please be aware that the final certification date is the last date that OCR will produce certificates. It is therefore advised that centres plan for completion of all candidate assessment at least two months prior to these dates. Please also be aware that OCR assessors are not available to conduct any assessment in the last two weeks of August each year, so **we advise submitting claims by mid-June 2016**. The specific dates for annual assessor downtime are published annually in the OCR *Admin guide: Vocational Qualifications*, available at www.ocr.org.uk/admin-guides.

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