Chief Verifier Report

Sport, Recreation,



Exercise & Fitness Qualifications L3 NVQ Sports Development 05948 L3 NVQ Leisure Management 05949 L2 Certificate Fitness Instructing 01783 L3 Certificate Personal Training 01784 L2 NVQ Diploma in Instructing Exercise & Fitness 03914 L3 NVQ Diploma in Personal Training 03915 L1 NVQ Award in Sport & Active Leisure 03977 L2 NVQ Certificate in Activity Leadership 03978 L2 NVQ Certificate in Active Leisure, Learning & Well-being Operational Services 03979 L3 NVQ in Leisure Management 05949 L2 Award in Employment Awareness in active Leisure & Learning 09885 L3 Award in Employment Awareness in active Leisure & Learning 09886 L2 Certificate in Leisure Operations 10279 L3 Certificate in Leisure Management 10280 L3 NVQ Diploma in Leisure Management 10281 L3 NVQ Diploma in sports Development 10282

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1. The qualifications and standards

Assessment Team:	Findings:
	Most centres have a core of experienced assessors and verifiers. Within colleges most are IFL members and are undertaking regular vocational CPD and teaching or assessment related CPD. Many centres delivering Exercise & Fitness qualifications now have staff who are members of REPs. There have been issues within two centres relating to staff not meeting the requirements as set out by Skills Active and sanctions applied.
Resources:	Findings: Most centres are using sports centres, leisure centres and health clubs for the site resources. Some colleges have their own working gyms which are providing good onsite access to clients and facilities. Some centres have excellent relationships with local

Candidate Support:	 facilities e.g. football, rugby training clubs. More use is being made of online learning resources by centres this year. Findings: Overall candidates are reporting to EQA's that they are very pleased with the support received, and that they have regular access to their tutors and assessors. This is also reflected in the centre evaluations and the portfolios.
Assessment and Verification:	Findings: Most centres have experienced IQA's and sound policies and procedures in place for IQA. The majority of claims have been agreed. Two centres have had claims disallowed due to insufficient evidence. Sanctions have also been applied due to failure to produce portfolios. A small number of centres have received level 2 and 3 sanctions due to insufficient IQA/IV planning and lack of standardisation. There seems a general trend that IQA/IV issues usually correspond to staffing changes.
Management Systems and Records:	Findings: Most centres undergo other external inspection so they are used to keeping and maintaining their records and systems effectively. There has been an isolated incident of insufficient record keeping and access not being provided to candidates.

Assessment Summary:	Findings: Portfolios have mostly been of good or excellent standard. For schemes 05948 & 05949 a lack of observation as an evidence source/assessment method has been highlighted for some centres. Professional discussions have been underused and misunderstood by some centres, with written questions being classed as professional discussions.

2. Sector Developments

As Chief Verifier you are the technical expert for your sector and we rely on you to pass that expertise on to OCR. Describe any developments that you are aware of within your sector, which may impact on current and future qualifications and related activities.

A National Occupational Standards review is currently in progress by Skills Active for Exercise and Fitness and Sports and Recreation.

OCR notified centres in August that it is phasing out its' provision of QCF sport and exercise qualifications and they will not be renewed upon expiry.