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## Introduction

Our examiners' reports are produced to offer constructive feedback on candidates' performance in the examinations. They provide useful guidance for future candidates.

The reports will include a general commentary on candidates' performance, identify technical aspects examined in the questions and highlight good performance and where performance could be improved. The reports will also explain aspects which caused difficulty and why the difficulties arose, whether through a lack of knowledge, poor examination technique, or any other identifiable and explainable reason.

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## Unit 3 series overview

Within this series we saw many comprehensive responses provided for the level response questions; a significant number of candidates had structured their responses and had written in a concise way. Many candidates had fully understood the requirements of the command words and were able to apply their knowledge to the requirements of these. However, there were a few candidates that did not answer in a way that enabled them to address the requirements of the level of response questions. Extra pages were used and many candidates had labelled the continuation of their responses correctly.

Candidates who did well on this paper generally did the following:	Candidates who did less well on this paper generally did the following:
<ul> <li>structured their responses for the level response questions; developing paragraphs for each of the points that they made.</li> <li>developed responses for the level of response questions with a well-developed line of reasoning which was clear and logically structured.</li> <li>showed understanding of the vocational vocabulary within their responses.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>did not demonstrate a developed line of reasoning.</li> <li>did not address the requirements of the question.</li> <li>did not answer longer questions with the detail required.</li> </ul>

## Question 1 (a)

1 (a) Describe **three** ways the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 influences management practices in health and social care settings.

This was a well answered question and many candidates were able to demonstrate their significant understanding of management practices linked to the Health and Safety at Work Act. The most common responses centred around training, risk assessments, the use of PPE and the development of policies and procedures. The main errors seen were where candidates had:

Only identified the management practice, e.g., carry out regular risk assessments without identifying how it influences.

Provided vague descriptions, e.g., carrying out risk assessments to ensure safety within the setting.

Not provided a description of an action carried out within a risk assessment to ensure safety.

Not linked their responses to management practices for health and safety, instead a proportion of candidates described safeguarding practices.

#### Assessment for learning

It is important that candidates look at how many marks are allocated for each point. This question had a total of 6 marks; so, 2 marks were available for each point.

#### **Detailed description**

An example of a detailed description would be 'One practice would be to carry out risk assessments; this would mean identifying any hazards within the setting and putting in place control measures to reduce these hazards'.

## Question 1 (b)

(b)\* Describe **two** incidents in health or social care settings that should be reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

Your answer should:

- name two different types of settings
- include a description of how the two incidents occurred.

[8]

Many candidates were able to demonstrate a good understanding of what incidents should be reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The most common responses centred around deaths caused through workplace accidents, serious injuries caused through workplace accidents, specified injuries caused by workplace accidents and exposure to infections. Many were able to provide detailed descriptions of these incidents and a significant number of candidates were able to have their responses placed in Level 2 and Level 3.

The majority of candidates were able to secure 2 marks by naming two different types of setting. The most common settings stated were hospital, care home, residential home, nursery, and primary school.

The main error seen was in candidates citing incidents that are not reported to the HSE, namely incidents of abuse, food poisoning, fire, and flood, and by providing responses such as stating that a person was 'injured'; they did not describe how the injury occurred and did not link this to being a workplace injury.

## Question 1 (c)

(c) Give three reasons why the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) might inspect a health and social care setting.

A significant number of candidates were able to demonstrate a good understanding of why the HSE might inspect a health and social care setting. The most common responses seen were linked to responding to complaints, routine inspection, investigating work related deaths / serious injuries / injuries and complying to legislation.

The most common errors seen were linking responses to expected procedures, i.e., carrying out risk assessments, the development of policies and procedures and expected training along with linking safeguarding to the HSE.

## Question 2 (a)

2 (a)\* The manager of a GP surgery does a risk assessment to identify security hazards.

Explain **three** potential security hazards the manager might identify **and** how the risk of harm could be reduced.

[9]

Candidates were able to demonstrate their understanding of security hazards in this question. The command word was explain, and many candidates addressed this command word to good effect. By deconstructing the question, they were able to address the requirements:

- 1) identification of a security hazard
- 2) explain why this is a security hazard
- 3) explain how the risk of harm could be reduced.

Those candidates who scored highly, developed three paragraphs, and followed the aforementioned sequence within each paragraph. The most common security measures addressed were lack of / broken locks, no CCTV or broken CCTV, data protection legislation not being followed and lack of ID badges.

Some candidates provided responses which linked to fire, safeguarding and medication which were incorrect.

#### Assessment for learning



When a question asks for a specified number of required responses; in this case 3, then it is important that candidates to only write 3.

This is the wording provided in the published at the beginning of the mark scheme:

Longer Answer Questions (requiring a developed response)

Where candidates have provided 2 (or more) responses to a medium or high tariff question which only required a single (developed) response and not crossed out the first response, then only the first response should be marked. Examiners will need to apply professional judgement as to whether the second (or a subsequent) response is a 'new start' or simply a poorly expressed continuation of the first response.

For this question only the first 3 responses were given.

#### Question 2 (b)

(b) Complete the table by matching the likely consequence to each circumstance.

Each consequence may be used once, more than once or not at all.

<b>Disciplinary action</b>	Increased staff costs	Intentional abuse
Low staff morale	Musculoskeletal injury	Prosecution of management

Circumstance	Consequence
A care worker does not apply their training in food safety.	
A staff member is off work due to a work-related accident.	
Health and safety legislation has been breached and a resident is seriously injured.	
Staff are not provided with manual handling training.	

[4]

The majority of candidates were able to correctly identify the consequence of disciplinary action to the first circumstance, as well as being able to identify musculoskeletal injury to the fourth circumstance.

A common error seen was in candidates writing more than 1 response in the boxes provided; if this was seen then this was marked as incorrect (refer to AfL point).

#### Assessment for learning

It is important for candidates to be familiar with the marking instructions provided at the beginning of the published mark scheme. For the question above the following information is provided in the published mark scheme:

#### **Multiple-Choice Question Responses**

When a multiple-choice question has only a single, correct response and a candidate provides 2 responses (even if one of these responses is correct), then no mark should be given (as it is not possible to determine which was the first response selected by the candidate).

## Question 2 (c) (i)

- (c) Care workers in a residential care setting are working very long hours due to staff shortages.
  - (i) Identify the type of hazard.

.....[1]

The main errors seen was in candidates stating that this hazard was either 'working conditions' or a 'psychological hazard'

### Question 2 (c) (ii)

(ii) List two impacts on staff.

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	 	 	[2]

The most common correct responses for this question linked to tiredness, stress, reduced effectiveness, and injury.

The most common error seen was in candidates just stating mental health issues; this needed to be qualified. A few candidates provided impacts linked to the resident.

### Question 2 (c) (iii)

(iii) List two impacts on residents.



The most common responses centred around neglect, receiving poor standards of care, not receiving medication on time and loss of trust.

The most common error was in citing unintentional abuse but failing to qualify this.

A few candidates provided impacts linked to staff.

#### Question 2 (d)

(d) Give **one** example for each data protection principle on how it might influence practice in a children's nursery.

Transparency
Storage limitation
[4]

There were some no responses seen to this question, however, some candidates were well prepared and got full marks.

The most common correct responses to transparency were linked to need to know basis, parents being fully informed on the data being kept on their child and the reason why this data was needed.

The most common error for transparency centred around being able to see the data.

The most common correct responses to storage limitation centred around deleting data, which was no longer required, shredding outdated data and questioning the relevance of the data.

The most common error for storage limitation was linking this to the required space required for storage, i.e., to extend this.

#### Assessment for learning

<u>The Unit 3 guide</u> highlights that learners must be taught any changes to legislation which supersedes those listed in the teaching content.

## Question 3 (a)

3 (a)\* Describe two ways a safeguarding policy will reduce the risk of harm and abuse for adults with learning disabilities who use a care setting.

This was a well answered question and many candidates were able to provide significant detail on their two chosen ways. The most common correct responses were DBS checks, having a designated safeguarding lead (DSL), carrying out risk assessments and specific safeguarding training.

The most common errors were in candidates only providing an identification of the ways; failing to provide any description. Some linked their responses to fire procedures and about developing a safeguarding policy.

Another common error seen was in candidates just specifying training; they needed to focus in on what would be incorporated within safeguarding training.

#### Question 3 (b)

(b) Identify two health and safety responsibilities of adults who use care settings.

The most common correct responses seen were following staff instructions, following policies and procedures, reporting any health and safety concerns, and maintaining personal hygiene.

The most common errors were answering the question with respect to staff members, providing responses such as training, carrying out risk assessments and having to wear PPE (please note the wearing of face masks was allowed)

## Question 3 (c)

(c) Tick (✓) three practices that comply with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002.

Practices	Tick (✓) three only
Chemicals are clearly labelled if they are hazardous to health.	
Colour-coded chopping boards are used to prepare food.	
Infectious waste is disposed of in yellow bags.	
Lifting equipment is regularly maintained.	
Medicines are stored securely.	
Protective gloves are worn when using cleaning products.	

[3]

This question was well answered. The main error seen was in candidates identifying that 'medicines are stored securely' as a practice under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations.

#### Question 3 (d)

(d)\* An adult with learning disabilities is physically abused by a member of staff.

Explain the consequences for **both** the adult and the member of staff.

Some very comprehensive responses were seen; candidates were very knowledgeable on the different consequences for both the adult and the member of staff.

The most common correct responses seen for the adult were physical injuries, loss of trust, a variety of emotional effects and psychological harm, and for the member of staff were disciplinary action, financial loss, criminal prosecution and loss of reputation.

The main error seen was in candidates not addressing the command word of explain; they only identified the consequences.

### Question 3 (e)

(e) Describe **one** way of reducing the risk of a fire breaking out in a day centre for adults with learning disabilities.

[2]

This was well answered. The main ways provided were carrying out fire risk assessments, the installation of smoke detectors, electrical safety linked to PAT testing and needing to have supervision when the adults were cooking.

The main error seen was in candidates describing fire evacuation procedures not reducing the risk of fire breaking out.

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