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Introduction

Our Lead Moderators' reports are produced to offer constructive feedback on centres' assessment of moderated work, based on what has been observed by the moderation team. These reports include a general commentary of accuracy of internal assessment judgements; identify good practice in relation to evidence collation and presentation and comments on the quality of centre assessment decisions against individual Learning Objectives. This report also highlights areas where requirements have been misinterpreted and provides guidance to centre assessors on requirements for accessing higher mark bands. Where appropriate, the report will also signpost to other sources of information that centre assessors will find helpful.

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General overview

Level 2 Cambridge Technical Health and Social Care continues to grow in popularity and is offered in centre sixth forms and sixth form centres alike. The majority of centres run the Certificate qualification over a year however in the past 12 months, more centres have come on board delivering the Diploma.

This qualification is a 'Technical' qualification, which means it is designed for those either going onto a Level 3 apprenticeship, employment in the sector in which they trained or a Level 3 Technical qualification. Those centres offering the Diploma qualification usually offer one of the two pathways, either Childcare assistant or Adult Care assistant, rather than both. The appropriate pathway is printed on the certificate presented at the end of the course.

Feedback from centres about the course has been positive. Units 3 and 4 are current and relevant and well supported with resources. Both units are mandatory whether completing the Certificate qualification or the Diploma and are therefore expanded on below. Units 5 and 6 mirror Units 7 and 8 however Unit 5 and 6 relate to adult care and Units 7 and 8 relate to childcare.

As this course is a 'Technical' qualification, it requires meaningful employer involvement, and a plan must be presented to the moderator at each visit. At least one link to grading criteria in Unit 3 and one link to grading criteria in Unit 4 must be built into the plan. Centres should refer to the centre handbook for further clarity on what does, and what does not constitute meaningful employer involvement. It is acknowledged that the pandemic has made this aspect of the course more difficult to plan however all centres still achieved this.

Key point

When completing evidence for internally assessed units there are three guiding principles:

- The command verb must be adhered to. The level and depth of command verb dictates the style/type of evidence which should be produced.
- The plural rule. Wherever a plural is used it should be interpreted as meaning 'at least two'.
- The application rule. Wherever the term 'environments' is used, application should be to 'at least two' environments.

Comments on individual units

Unit 3 Working in a Person-Centred Way

This is a 30glh unit with three learning outcomes.

P1 and P2 are stand-alone tasks. Both are concise and do not require lengthy responses. P1 asks candidates to explain what is meant by person-centred care. The command verb is **explain** and therefore this is usually addressed by continuous prose. Candidates often find including examples helps them to demonstrate their understanding. P2 requires a summary of the 6 C's. These are listed in the teaching content. A power point could be used for this task with one slide being used for each C.

Evidence for P3 is sometimes blended with M1 however care must be taken to address each command verb. P3 is **explain** the impact of person-centred care and candidates often use a case study to complete this task. M1 is **describe** at least two benefits and at least two barriers of person-centred care. The command verb requires less depth than P3 however the plural rule must be adhered to.

P4 is a practical task, where candidates are required to **demonstrate** person-centred values when working with individuals. In an ideal situation candidates would be in a work placement and a witness statement would be completed by an employee. If this is not possible, a role play can be completed, and the teacher can complete the witness statement. Please note OCR produce a witness statement for this instance and centres are advised to use this.M2 could be linked to P4 but it does not have to be and can be completed as a stand-alone task. M2 is **justify** why it is important for health and social care workers to demonstrate person-centred values throughout their working practice. The emphasis here should be on the word 'why' and the use of continuous prose is expected.

P5 and P6 are often blended, and candidates submit the evidence together. P5 requires candidates to **explain** what is meant by a personal budget in person-centred care and P6 to **describe** what personal budgets can and cannot be used for. Candidates therefore should put greater depth into P5 than P6. One common issue that has arisen with P6 is that candidates forget to include what personal budgets cannot be used for.

Finally, D1 asks candidates to reflect and **evaluate** their own approach to person-centred care and make recommendations for improvement. This is best approached as a stand-alone task and the command verb evaluate, suggests candidates look at both positive and negative aspects of their approach.

Unit 4 Safeguarding

This is a 60glh unit with four learning outcomes.

P1 requires candidates to **describe** different types of abuse and neglect. Candidates can select from the types listed in the specification. They often include P2 in the evidence for P1. P2 is **Identify** signs of abuse and neglect and **Identify** is a low-level command verb, which can use single words or sentences to address the criteria. Candidates should not spend a long time on P2, and they could opt to build in the signs of abuse and neglect to the description of the types.

Misconception

There is a common misconception that P3 and P4 are generic criteria however both are applied to a specific setting. Both P3 and P4 contain the words 'within a health, social care or childcare organisation'.

If a candidate does not identify the setting and if this is not reflected in the steps for P3 or P4, then the evidence would be referred and an action point set for future submissions.

D1 is often completed after P3 and P4. D1 is **explain** the potential impacts if a disclosure of abuse or neglect is not responded to or reported appropriately. This criteria does not relate to a specific environment and at least two impacts must be explained.

For P5 candidates must summarise methods used to minimise the risk of abuse or neglect within a health, social care or childcare setting. Again, this criteria is applied to a specific setting and at least two methods must be summarised.

P6, P7 and M2 all link together and could be blended within an assignment. P6 requires candidates to **identify** organisations that are responsible for safeguarding and the people that they are required to safeguard, candidates could approach this be producing two mind maps, one for the organisations and one for people who they safeguard. For M2 candidates must **describe** the services offered by organisations that support safeguarding. They could take at least two organisations from the mind map produced for P6 and describe the services they offer . P7 asks candidates to **describe** the responsibilities of health, social care and childcare organisations in relation to safeguarding. Please note that candidates must be able to describe the responsibilities 9plural) of a health or social care or childcare organisation in relation to safeguarding; this evidence could be generated from a work experience placement where the candidate interviews the manager to gather this evidence. There is no requirement to do multiple organisations for P7.

Finally, M1 can be completed as a stand-alone task. In order to achieve M1 candidates must be able to **describe** how signs of abuse may be misinterpreted; using two examples of how a sign of abuse may be linked to more than one type of abuse. Candidates could also refer to how signs of incidents/accidents/illness can also be misinterpreted as signs of abuse.

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