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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 7 series overview

This paper included a range of questions assessing candidates understanding of how practices and roles of staff can help protect service users from abuse. Responses by candidates showed a good understanding of the many factors that can increase the risk of abuse alongside understanding of relevant legislation, an area of improvement compared to previous exam sessions. Most candidates attempted all questions, and many gained full marks for Questions 1(a) 1(b) and 2(a). Only a few candidates needed to use the extra pages provided.

Candidates who did well on this paper generally did the following:	Candidates who did less well on this paper generally did the following:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• showed a clear understanding and interpretation of command words used in the questions</li><li>• used the number of marks available and space provided to help them write their response</li><li>• understood the different types of abuse and factors that can increase the risk of abuse.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• used generic pre learned responses that were not always relevant to the question.</li><li>• demonstrated a lack of understanding of the role of the Children's Commissioner.</li></ul>

## Question 1 (a)

- 1 A safeguarding manager in a hospital reviews safeguarding practices used in a children's ward.

The text below outlines the key findings.

- The Disclosure and Barring Service is used effectively to protect children from abuse
- Risk assessments were outdated and new activities in the play area were not assessed
- Staff follow a multi-agency approach
- There are effective recruitment procedures
- The complaints procedure was only available in one format
- Personal data was not stored securely

- (a) Identify **two** examples of **good** practice being used in the hospital and explain how each example helps protect children from abuse.

Example 1

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Example 2

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This question was answered well with many candidates correctly identifying the Disclosure and Barring Service as an example of good practice. Most candidates showed understanding of how this can help protect children. A few candidates did not gain marks due to their explanations just repeating the information given to them in the question.

## Question 1 (b)

- (b) Identify **two** examples of **poor** practice being used in the hospital and explain how each example may make children more at risk of abuse.

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Example 2

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Candidates performed well with this question clearly identifying and explaining examples of poor practice. A few candidates used examples not from the hospital review provided in the question which were not creditworthy.

## Question 1 (c)

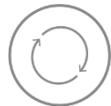
- (c) Outline how employing a Designated Child Protection Officer can help a hospital to safeguard children.

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Slightly fewer candidates were able to answer this question successfully to gain full marks compared to Questions 1(a) and 1(b). Many gave very general points about safety in general.

### Assessment for learning



Centres should encourage student to create flashcards or other revision notes for each of the professional roles listed in the specification.

## Question 2 (a)

- 2 (a) Complete the table by choosing **three** examples of non-professionals who might be told about abuse.

Tick (✓) **three** only.

Non-professionals	Tick (✓) <b>three</b> only
Neighbours	
Nurses	
Peers	
Siblings	
Social workers	
Teachers	

[3]

The vast majority of candidates gained full marks for this question, with only a small minority incorrectly identifying teachers as non-professionals.

## Question 2 (b)\*

(b)\* Abuse may be reported to the police.

Explain why it is important to maintain confidentiality when teachers are reporting disclosures of abuse to the police.

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Candidates who performed well on this question focused on the importance of maintaining confidentiality, rather than listing ways confidentiality can be kept. Good responses often addressed how teachers themselves may be at risk if their names are released/leaked and/or the risk to children if parents/caregivers know information before the police could act.

## Question 3\*

- 3\* Jack is 16 years old and has a learning disability. At school, a support worker helps Jack in lessons.

Explain why Jack may be more likely to experience abuse than others.

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Many candidates showed a sound understanding of how Jack may be more at risk of abuse compared to others, with only a few responses adding other factors to the scenario, e.g., suggesting Jack may also be homeless and then using pre learned responses that were not creditworthy.

## Question 4 (a)

- 4 (a) Complete the sentences below about different types of abuse.

Use words from the list.

You can use each word once, more than once or not at all.

**Emotional      Financial      Institutional      Neglect      Physical      Sexual**

..... abuse includes hitting, burning and slapping.

..... is a failure to meet a person's basic needs, e.g. adequate food.

..... abuse includes widespread poor care practice within an organisation that makes discrimination and abuse more likely.

..... abuse includes fraud, misuse of property, possessions and theft.

[4]

Centres had prepared their candidates well for this question with nearly all candidates gaining full marks.

## Question 4 (b)

- (b) Identify **five** likely psychological effects of abuse on children.

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Candidates performed well when answering this question, although a few gave examples of physical not psychological effects of abuse.

## Question 4 (c)\*

(c)\* Adults with physical disabilities can be dependent on others for personal care and in some situations do not have the mental capacity to make their own choices.

Analyse at least **two** other factors that may make adults with physical disabilities more at risk of abuse than others.

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Candidates who performed less well when answering this question gave responses about lacking mental capacity (one of the two factors the stem of the question excluded).

Candidates should be prepared to be assessed on the full range of factors that may make abuse more likely for a range of service users.

### OCR support



Centres should help the students prepare for questions covering a range of factors that can increase the risk of abuse by using [OCR support materials](#).

## Question 5 (a)

- 5 (a) Are the following statements about legislation **true or false**?

Complete the table by stating **true or false**.

Statement	True or false
The Equality Act 2010 aims to protect whistle-blowers working with vulnerable adults.	
The Human Rights Act 1998 includes the right to education.	
The Mental Capacity Act 2005 aims for the age of a person to be the main factor when making decisions about lack of capacity.	
The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 aims to prevent people deemed unsuitable to work from gaining access to vulnerable adults.	

[4]

This question was very well answered.

## Question 5 (b)

- (b) The Children Act 2004 established the role of Children's Commissioner.

Identify **two** ways the Children's Commissioner helps safeguard children.

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[2]

Many candidates appeared to confuse the role of the Children's Commissioner with other organisations, for example the Care Quality Commission and/or suggested the Commissioner could help all children in courtrooms and/or directly intervene with every case of abuse.

## Question 5 (c)\*

- (c)\* Analyse how teaching personal safety may help develop the confidence and resilience of children.

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[6]

Many of the responses provided by candidates included a good analysis of how teaching personal safety could help develop the confidence of children and used creditworthy examples to help illustrate their points. The resilience aspect of the question was less well answered, with some candidates appearing to be less familiar with this term.

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