

Introduction

Health and Social Care is an A level course single award qualification. This provides candidates with general skills knowledge and understanding needed in the sector. It employs an investigative and problem - solving approach to the study of the subject. In A2 candidates are assessed in the following areas, service provision and practitioner roles, understanding human behaviour, the ability to draw together aspects of these areas in a variety of contexts.

The specification for Health and Social Care in a “normal” year comprises of 2 units which together count towards the overall award of the A level in Health and Social Care Single Award. Their weighting is as follows:

Unit 10- Optional unit (Care of Older Individuals)-this is an in -depth case study based on the effects of ageing and the resulting care needs for one older individual

Unit 7 – Mandatory unit (Provision of Health, Social Care and Children’s Service)-this is a report based on a coursework assignment and completed as an action research project

In June 2020 WJEC announced amendments to the course due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Candidates were asked to look at the impact of **social, emotional and economic** factors on the ageing process (by selecting 2 out of the three) and investigate both positive and negative effects on the quality of lives of individuals.

Sources of evidence for Centre Determined Grades in Health and Social Care

Assessment point 1 = Case Study- to investigate how formal health and social care services and informal care meet the needs of a chosen individual- to include aims and objectives, theories of the ageing process, effects of ageing both physical and cognitive

Assessment point 2 = Case Study on individual- effects of age- related conditions on his or her daily life, the social economic emotional factors on the individual, the services used by the individual both formal and informal, analysis of data.

Assessment point 3= Research unit 7 into the main health and social care and children’s services to meet individual needs to determine the provision of care services which are complex and rapidly changing. Work completed as a power point/word document/references – Preparation for Unit 7 High control test. Assessment planning window (**Jan 10th-March 16th-Low Control**)

Assessment point 4 = Final Case Study- Evaluation -meeting the aims of the report, assessment and evaluation of the services, ethical issues around the study, analysis of procedures used and suggestions for improvements -**16th April -Low Control**)

Assessment point 5/6 = Report based on assignment from WJEC- 10 -hour duration -High control conditions

To be completed during class sessions (**Assessment window 20thApril-10th May**)

Class work = This will focus on the WJEC assignment and will take place over a three -week period. It will involve disassembling the brief, the marking criteria, viewing exemplar graded materials and carrying out

focussed research. After the planning phase is completed no further help is given and the report is completed in class sessions.