NQ Verification 2015–16
Key Messages Round 1

01 ▸ Section 1: Verification group information

Verification group name:	**Childcare and Development**
Verification event/visiting information	**Event**
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National Courses/Units verified:

H4KL 76   Higher   Child Development
H4KM 76   Higher   Child Development: Theory
H4KN 76   Higher   Services for Children and Young People

02 ▸ Section 2: Comments on assessment

Assessment approaches

Overall, the assessment approaches were satisfactory. None of the centres had significantly changed the Unit assessment support packs and had not required prior verification.

Centres should ensure that they identify the chosen approach to assessment when submitting evidence.

Assessment judgements

Overall, the assessment judgements were satisfactory and feedback to candidates from assessors was supportive, detailed and constructive. A small number of submissions were not deemed to be of a sufficiently high standard for level 6. This was mainly due to a lack of analysis and evaluation by the candidates. In the Services for Children and Young People Unit, many candidates focused on the role of professionals rather than the role of the services and this was not picked up by assessors in a few cases. Internal verification is recommended prior to submitting evidence for external verification.

03 ▶ Section 3: General comments

In general, it appeared that there had been an improvement in referencing, and therefore evidence of increased personal research, over the past year. There is growing evidence of good practice with regards to Curriculum for Excellence in terms of choice for candidates with various evidence styles submitted in the samples.

There was not always evidence of internal verification within samples. Centres should ensure that they include evidence of their internal verification system when submitting evidence to SQA. Verification can occur at any point during the assessment process, not just at the end, and centres are encouraged to use SQA's IV Toolkit prior to external verification (www.sqa.org.uk/IVtoolkit).