



National Qualifications 2012 Internal Assessment Report Care

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to centres on verification in National Qualifications in this subject.

National Qualifications (NQ) Units

Titles/levels of NQ Units verified:

Values and Principles in Care Level 10 (F17W 10)
Values and Principles in Care Level 11 (F17W 11)
Sociology and Psychology in Care Level 10 (F17T 10)
Sociology for Care Level 11(F17Y 11)
Sociology for Care Level 12 (F17Y 12)

General comments

All centres appear to have a clear and accurate understanding of the requirements of the national standards. This is evidenced by the fact that all the assessment samples had been marked in line with the marking guidelines in the NAB.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

Assessors appeared to be familiar with the requirements of the unit. This was evidenced by good structured feedback to candidates to enable them to improve.

Evidence Requirements

All the assessors had used NABs to assess candidates and had used the marking guidelines in a consistent way to decide if a candidate had reached the pass mark, had remediation or had failed. Decisions made by the assessors from all the centres were agreed by the external verifiers.

Administration of assessments

Some of the centres provided evidence of an IV process and some provided evidence of cross-marking. There was also evidence of adjustment in assessment decisions following discussion.

Areas of good practice

Detailed feedback to candidates will allow them to learn from the assessment experience. One centre gave candidates a breakdown of App/KU scores which will enable them to identify where they can gain extra marks in future assessments or National Course exams. Another centre used feedback sheets which provided detailed written student feedback.

Cross-marking can be a support to new assessors and allow them to gain confidence in their assessment decisions.

One candidate's work made reference to individual research they had completed. This would indicate that they are being directed towards this and also that the candidates are developing academic research skills in preparation for future learning.

Specific areas for improvement

The only recommendation made is to note when feedback has been given to candidates. This could be incorporated into the student feedback sheet.