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Dear Colleague

The contents of this letter should be passed to the member of staff responsible for Health and Social Care.

National Qualifications: Further advice on the spectrum of evidence for Appeals in Social Subjects and Social Sciences

Following the publication of the updated guidance on Estimates, Absentees and Assessment Appeals, we would like to take this opportunity to clarify the advice provided in generating evidence for Appeals.

The evidence for the question paper could include:

- A prelim which covers all Units and replicates the standard, format, duration and security of SQA's question paper. This could support an appeal for Grades A, B and C and would be the most convincing evidence for an Appeal for Grade A.
- A prelim which covers all Units and is split into its constituent papers or parts and the two papers or parts have been separated by a period of time rather than being taken on one occasion. Centres should be aware that the level of demand is less than the Course assessment. The level of demand can be increased in a number of ways such as raising the cut-off scores or by increasing the level of challenge of the prelim. This could support an appeal for Grades A, B and C.
- A prelim which covers a minimum of two Units of the Course and a high scoring NAB, for the third Unit. This could support an appeal for a Grade C (possibly Grade B), but not an appeal for a Grade A.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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