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To: SQA Co-ordinator (secondary schools, FE colleges)  
Directors of Education  
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Customer Account Managers

**For the attention of all staff responsible for the  
delivery of National Qualifications in Care**

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Dear Colleague

**National Qualifications in Care**

The contents of this letter should be passed to the member of staff responsible for National Qualifications in Care.

This letter contains information about revised National Courses in Care. The development of a National Certificate in Health and Social Care led to the revision of several of the Units that contribute to the project-assessed National Courses in Care. The following information gives details of these revisions. Course codes have **not** been changed.

**Care Practice (Higher) C01F 12**

The following Units have been revised and re-coded as follows:

Old code	New code	Unit title	Credit
D8XV 12	F1P0 12	<i>Practical Skills for Carers (Higher)</i>	2 Credits (80 hours)
D06L 12	F1NY 12	<i>Working as a Team in a Care Setting (Higher)</i>	1 Credit (40 hours)

The current versions of these Units have a finish date of 31 July 2008. They are therefore available for 2007 – 2008 and a combination of current and revised versions may contribute to the Course for one year only.

**Care Issues for Society: Older People (Intermediate 2) C06H 11**

The following Units have been revised and re-coded as follows:

Old code	New code	Unit title	Credit
D11H 11	F 1P4 11	<i>Mental Health Issues: An Introduction (Intermediate 2)</i>	1 credit (40 hours)
D665 11	F 1P5 11	<i>Understanding the Needs of the Older Person (Intermediate 2)</i>	1 credit (40 hours)

The current versions of these Units have a finish date of 31 July 2008. They are therefore available for 2007 – 2008 and a combination of current and revised versions may contribute to the Course for one year only.

### **Care Issues for Society: Child Care (Intermediate 2) C06F 11**

*Parenting (Intermediate 2)* DM86 11 replaces *Parenting Today (Intermediate 2)* D10P 11.

*Parenting Today* has a finish date of 31 July 2008 and may continue to contribute to the Course for one year only.

### **Health and Safety in Care Settings (Intermediate 2) C01E 11**

*Promoting Healthy Eating in a Care Setting (Intermediate 2)* D10S 11 is replaced by *Healthy Eating in a Care Setting (Intermediate 2)* F1P1 11.

*Safety in a Care Environment (Intermediate 2)* D668 11 is replaced by *Maintaining Safety in a Care Setting (Intermediate 2)* F1P2 11.

*Promoting Healthy Eating in a Care Setting* and *Safety in a Care Environment* have a finish date of 31 July 2008 and may continue to contribute to the Course for one year only.

All of the above Units are allocated 1 Credit (40 hours).

**NB** For session 2007 – 2008 there is no restriction as to which Units, old or revised, should be delivered as part of the Course. While some streamlining of content has taken place, the majority of revisions reflect changes in care legislation and care practice and so a combination of current and revised Units will be acceptable for one year only. **Centres should take care not to enter candidates for both versions of any of the Units.**

### **National Certificate in Health and Social Care**

A new National Certificate has been developed and is available for delivery in August 2007. The qualification was launched in May 2007. A series of consultations was carried out and a Qualifications Development Team which included representatives from a number of centres, from employment sector and the Scottish Social Services Council devised the award based on the results of the consultations. A number of Units have still to be allocated a code and once this is completed the Arrangements document

for the award will be posted on the Care page of SQA's website. A copy of the draft framework is attached as an appendix to this letter.

If you would like to discuss any matter in more detail, please do not hesitate to telephone me on 0845 213 5502, or e-mail me at **[tom.stannage@sqa.org.uk](mailto:tom.stannage@sqa.org.uk)**.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Stannage". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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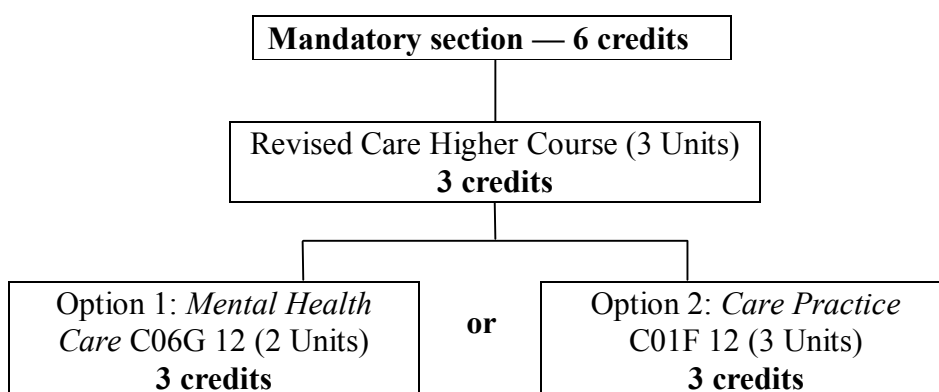
## Structure of the qualification

This National Certificate in Health and Social Care is a 12 credit award at SCQF level 6 with some optional Units at level 5 and comprising of the following sections:

- ◆ 3 credit mandatory section
- ◆ 3 credit mandatory optional section
- ◆ 6 credit optional section

### Mandatory section — 6 credits

The six mandatory credits will be achieved as follows:



The table below shows the revised Units within the Higher Care Course.

### Mandatory — 3 credits

Unit code	Unit title	SCQF credit points	SCQF level	SQA credit value	Comments
F17X 12	<i>Psychology for Care (Higher)</i>	6	6	1	NEW
F17Y 12	<i>Sociology for Care (Higher)</i>	6	6	1	NEW
F17W 12	<i>Values and Principles in Care (Higher)</i>	6	6	1	NEW

## Mandatory options — 3 credits from 2 options

### Option 1

Course/Unit code	Course/Unit title	SCQF credit points	SCQF level	SQA credit value	Comments
<b>C06G 12</b>	<b><i>Mental Health Care</i></b>				
DF6H 12	<i>Understanding of Mental Health and Mental Illness</i>	12	6	2	
<b>Optional Units</b>					
D11A 12	<i>Caring for People with Dementia</i>	6	6	1	
<b>OR</b>					
D10Y 12	<i>Stress and Stress Management</i>	6	6	1	

### Option 2

Course/Unit code	Course/Unit title	Current code	Finish Date	SCQF credit points	SCQF level	SQA credit value	comments
<b>C01F 12</b>	<b><i>Care Practice</i></b>	C01F 12	31/07/08				
F1NY 12	<i>Working as a Team in a Care Setting</i>	D06L 12	31/07/08	6	6	1	REVISED
F1P0 12	<i>Practical Skills for Carers</i>	D8XV 12	31/07/08	12	6	2	REVISED

## Optional section — 6 credits

In determining the structure of the Group Award, careful consideration has been given to candidate progression, either into employment or further study. When considering the choice of optional Units centres should take account of:

- ◆ the individual student
- ◆ required criteria laid down by other bodies for student entry
- ◆ requirements for employment
- ◆ SFEFC course funding requirements
- ◆ SSSC registration

Six credits must be chosen from optional sections A to F as indicated below. Any Unit may be selected from the mandatory section not chosen as a credit within that section and/or any Unit from section A to F.

Some restrictions will apply to choices within these sections if the Units are in a 'hierarchy' — this is where a Unit is available at more than one level. Only one level of the Unit will contribute towards the award, for example if a student successfully completes both Higher and Intermediate 2 Core Skills Units in Communication, then only the Unit at Higher would contribute to this award.

The chosen options **must include 3 Units at SCQF level 6**, ie an award total of 9 Units must be achieved at SCQF 6. Sections A - F below show the extent of the choice of Units within the optional section.

**A minimum of 3 credits and a maximum of 6 credits are required from Sections A – F.**

**Restrictions will apply in the choices of optional units where there is hierarchy.**

**\*There is a restriction on the First Aid Units where only 1 of these Units can contribute to the Award.**

### **Section A: Care options**

Unit code	Unit title	SCQF credit points	SCQF level	SQA credit value	Comments	Start date	Verification group	Verification type	Hierarchy	Area of change	Devolvable	Auto approved
To be allocated	<i>First Aid</i>	6	6	1	New	01/08/2007	85	C	Level 11	Content	Y	N
F19M 11	<i>First Aid*</i>	6	5	1	Revised	01/08/2007	85	C	N/A	Content	Y	N
DM5T 12	<i>HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C Infections</i>	6	6	1		01/08/2005	85	C	N/A		Y	N
To be allocated	<i>Health Promotion</i>	6	6	1	Revised	01/08/2007	85	C	N/A	Content	Y	N
F1P1 11	<i>Healthy Eating in a Care Setting</i>	6	5	1	Revised	01/08/2007	82	C	N/A	Content	Y	N
F1P2 11	<i>Maintaining Safety in a Care Setting</i>	6	5	1	Revised	01/08/2007	82	C	N/A	Content	Y	N
DM5P 11	<i>Prevention of Infection</i>	6	5	1		01/08/2005	85	C	N/A		Y	N
F01C 11	<i>Families in Modern society</i>	6	5	1		01/08/2007	85	C	N/A		Y	N
F1P4 11	<i>Mental Health Issues: An Introduction</i>	6	5	1	Revised	01/08/2007	85	C	N/A	Content	Y	N
F1P5 11	<i>Understanding the Needs of the Older</i>	6	5	1	Revised	01/08/2007	82	C	N/A	Content	Y	N

Unit code	Unit title	SCQF credit points	SCQF level	SQA credit value	Comments	Start date	Verification group	Verification type	Hierarchy	Area of change	Devolvable	Auto approved
	<i>Person</i>											
DF6J 11	<i>Child Protection: An Introduction</i>	6	5	1		01/08/2004	84	C	N/A		Y	N
DM86 11	<i>Parenting</i>	6	5	1		01/08/2005	84	V	Level 10		Y	N
F1C5 12	<i>Understanding and Supporting People in Health and Social Care Settings</i>	6	6	1	NEW	01/08/2007	82	C			Y	N
F1C7 12	<i>Working in Health and Social Care Settings</i>	6	6	1	NEW	01/08/2007	82	C	N/A		Y	N
F1C8 12	<i>Health, Safety and Protection Issues in Care Settings</i>	6	6	1	NEW	01/08/2007	82	C	N/A		Y	N

## Section B: Science options

Unit code	Unit title	SCQF credit points	SCQF level	SQA credit value	Start date	Verification group	Verification type	Devolvable	Auto approved	
D029 12	<i>Cell Biology</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	140	C	Y	Y	
D030 12	<i>Genetics and Adaptation</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	140	C	Y	Y	
D031 12	<i>Control and Regulation</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	140	C	Y	Y	
D043 12	<i>Cell Function and Inheritance</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	140	C	Y	Y	
D044 12	<i>The continuation of Life</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	140	C	Y	Y	
D045 12	<i>Behaviour, Populations and the Environment</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	140	C	Y	Y	
D026 11	<i>Living Cells</i>	6	5	1	01/08/1999	140	C	Y	Y	
D027 11	<i>Environmental Biology and Genetics</i>	6	5	1	01/08/1999	140	C	Y	Y	
D028 11	<i>Animal Physiology</i>	6	5	1	01/08/1999	140	C	Y	Y	
D069 12	<i>Energy Matters</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	139	C	Y	Y	
D070 12	<i>The World of Carbon</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	139	C	Y	Y	
D071 12	<i>Chemical Reactions</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	139	C	Y	Y	
D066 11	<i>Building Blocks</i>	6	5	1	01/08/1999	139	C	Y	Y	
D067 11	<i>Carbon Compounds</i>	6	5	1	01/08/1999	139	C	Y	Y	
D068 11	<i>Acids, Bases and Metals</i>	6	5	1	01/08/1999	139	C	Y	Y	
To be allocated	<i>The Human Body</i>	6	5	1	NEW	01/08/2007	140	C	Y	Y

### Section C: Social Science options

Unit Code	Unit title	SCQF credit points	SCQF Level	SQA Credit value	Start date	Verification type	Devolvable	Auto approved
DF5K 12	<i>Psychology: Understanding the Individual</i>	6	6	1	01/08/2004	C	Y	N
DF5L 12	<i>Psychology: Investigating Behaviour</i>	6	6	1	01/08/2004	C	Y	N
DF5M 12	<i>Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context</i>	6	6	1	01/08/2004	C	Y	N
DF5K 11	<i>Psychology: Understanding the Individual</i>	6	5	1	01/08/2004	C	Y	N
DF5L 11	<i>Psychology: Investigating Behaviour</i>	6	5	1	01/08/2004	C	Y	N
DF5M 11	<i>Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context</i>	6	5	1	01/08/2004	C	Y	N
DV3P 12	<i>Studying Human Society: the Sociological Approach</i>	6	6	1	01/08/2006	C	Y	Y
DV3Y 12	<i>Understanding Human Society 1</i>	6	6	1	01/08/2006	C	Y	Y
DV40 12	<i>Understanding Human Society 2</i>	6	6	1	01/08/2006	C	Y	Y
DV3P 11	<i>Studying Human Society: The Sociological Approach</i>	6	5	1	01/08/2006	C	Y	Y
DV3M 11	<i>Social Stratification</i>	6	5	1	01/08/2006	C	Y	Y
DV3L 11	<i>Socialisation</i>	6	5	1	01/08/2006	C	Y	Y

### Section D: External Assessment options

The maximum number of credits from external assessment options (exams/projects) that can contribute to this Award is **three** — chosen from the following list:

Unit code	Unit title	SCQF credit points	SCQF level	SQA credit value	Start date	Devolvable	Auto approved
X241 12	<i>Care Higher</i>	6	6	1	01/08/2007	Y	N
X06G 12	<i>Mental Health Care</i>	6	6	1	01/08/2004	Y	N
X01F 12	<i>Care Practice</i>	6	6	1	01/08/2007	Y	N
X007 12	<i>Biology</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	Y	Y
X009 12	<i>Human Biology</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	Y	Y
X012 12	<i>Chemistry</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	Y	Y
X212 12	<i>Psychology</i>	6	6	1	01/08/2004	Y	N
X228 12	<i>Sociology</i>	6	6	1	01/08/2006	Y	Y

## Section E: Core Skills options

Unit code	Unit title	SCQF credit points	SCQF level	SQA credit value	Start date	Verification group	Verification type	Devolvable	Auto approved
D01B 11	<i>Communication</i>	6	5	1	01/08/1999	339	V	Y	Y
D01B 12	<i>Communication</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	339	V	Y	Y
D01F 11	<i>Working with Others</i>	6	5	1	01/08/1999	342	V	Y	Y
D01F 12	<i>Working with Others</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	342	V	Y	Y
D01C 11	<i>Numeracy</i>	6	5	1	01/08/1999	340	V	Y	Y
D01C 12	<i>Numaracy</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	340	V	Y	Y
D01D 11	<i>Information Technology</i>	6	5	1	01/08/1999	341	V	Y	Y
D01D 12	<i>Information Technology</i>	6	6	1	01/08/1999	341	V	Y	Y
D01E 11	<i>Problem Solving</i>	6	5	1	01/08/1999	342	V	Y	Y

## Section F: SVQ Care level 2 Units

The maximum number of credits from SVQ level 2 Units that can contribute to this Award is **three** from the following four;

Unit code	Unit title	SCQF credit points	SCQF level	SQA credit value	Start date	Verification group	Verification type	Devolvable	Auto approved
DK3V 04	<i>Communicate with, and Complete Records for Individuals</i>	10	6	1	15/11/2004	82	V	N	N
DK8W 04	<i>Support the Health and Safety of Yourself and Individuals</i>	10	6	1	15/11/2004	82	V	N	N
DK6D 04	<i>Develop Your Knowledge and Practice</i>	10	6	1	15/11/2004	82	V	N	N
DK6X 04	<i>Ensure Your Own Actions Support the Care, Protection and Well-being of Individuals</i>	10	6	1	15/11/2004	82	V	N	N