

## Moderation Feedback - Visiting

**Assessment Panel:**

**Personal & Social Education**

### Qualification area

**Subject(s) and Level(s)  
Included in this report**

**PSE Course: C067 10, 11, 12 (Int 1, Int 2  
& Higher)**

#### **HN Units**

**A6G7 33 Developing Personal  
Effectiveness**

**A6G8 04 Developing the Individual  
within a team**

**A6T1 34 Workplace Experience**

**D4X0 04 Leadership and Personal  
Effectiveness**

**A6T0 34 Freelance Working Skills**

## Visiting Moderation

### General comments on visiting moderation activity

A wide variety of visiting moderation has taken place between August 2003 and July 2004. Centre's visited have included Colleges, Schools and Training Organisations.

Visiting moderation has taken place in two key areas — PSE Courses at Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2 and Higher and HN Unit delivery. A small number of Development visits (three) have taken place and these have been linked to the various levels of the PSE Course.

Moderation activity has been good and no holds on certification were placed. The standards have been high and the moderation team has consistently commented on the support received from Centre's and staff and the exemplary standards set in the delivery of the units and in internal moderation.

### Specific issues identified

Many of the issues identified were in relation to the delivery of the PSE courses:

- ◆ confusion over the interpretation of negotiation and co-operation
- ◆ too much paperwork linked to the delivery of PSE
- ◆ inconsistencies between the Marking Guidelines and the Personal Statement
- ◆ requests for networking and the sharing of good practice
- ◆ information on the review and the future of the PSE courses

HN Unit delivery revealed:

- ◆ exemplary standards in unit delivery and internal moderation especially across departments and various sites
- ◆ innovative use of varied teaching approaches within unit delivery — flexible/distance learning, on-line learning, the internet and work based learning
- ◆ combining units to enhance the learning experience — Career Planning and Workplace Experience
- ◆ a lack of awareness of the significance of core skills Problem Solving and Working with Others embedded in unit specifications

## **Feedback to centres**

### **PSE Courses**

Feedback from visiting moderation overwhelmingly points to an effective delivery of Courses at every level. Candidate feedback suggests this has been a good experience. The PSE courses prepare candidates for their next steps whatever they may be. There is a huge amount of good work going on in Centre's and some fantastic experiences like trips abroad and inter agency networking. Despite the concerns over the paperwork and the amount of evidence recording, there is a great deal of support for the delivery of these courses.

### **HN Units**

Standards in the delivery of PSD HN units were exemplary. There is good evidence of high standards in sampling and internal moderation across departments and various sites. The teaching delivery reveals good use of ICT, high standard in portfolio work, excellent teaching and learning approaches combining tutorial sessions in a variety of ways — via flexible/distance learning, on-line learning, open learning and work based.