

Standardisation 26 January 2012

Question and answer session

Questions asked by our group

1 Certificates. One IV stated that she had been given a 360 unit to IV, which included a certificate for a moving and handling course, which claimed a great deal of Knowledge, aprox 20 knowledge points. Would this be acceptable. The whole group said no. One centre deliver their own moving and handling course to their SVQ candidates, and do accept knowledge from the course. It was suggested in this case the candidates submit the end of course assignment instead of the certificate, as it is a product of their own work.

This was also discussed in other groups – and just putting certificates in with no explanation is NOT ACCEPTABLE (even if the Centre is delivering) – have answered this in feedback elsewhere.

2 The question then followed, what do essays generated in HNC social care count as? The answer was products, unless they are written reflectively, in which case they are RA.

Not 'hard and fast' about this – what you've said is quite a good distinction.....you could also say when it's not reflective and about a real situation – and just knowledge – then it could be a question – after all, HNC assignments are like elongated Qs!!!

3 At a SNIV a few years ago it was suggested that SVQ 2 candidates should have an understanding of at least 1 theorist.

Theory and practice	
6	Actions to take when you observe any key changes in the individual's communication skills and abilities; what they are trying to communicate and in their learning.
7	Factors that can affect the communication skills, abilities and development of the individuals with whom you are working.
8	Ways to communicate with the people you work with, how to find out about the individual's communication and language needs, wishes and preferences.

One centre had been annotating it as 21 KP 7, above. It was made very clear by all round the table, and Louise Gaddi, that it is not expected that candidates would have this knowledge. (although this may change in the future, as the units are being reviewed.)

I agree with Louise! No harm if L2 know some theory – but it doesn't actual say 'theory' in the above KE points.

4 Discussion took place about centres insisting upon at least 2 pieces of evidence for every PC. This was over assessment.

YES – over –assessment – but again Professional Judgement on the part of the assessor must be used – as every candidate is unique – saying ‘one’ or ‘two’ as a rule is to have a ‘tick box’ mentality...and some candidates will need to be assessed more to ensure competence etc etc

5 Use questions sparingly. YES – but as required – it IS a valid method....

6 How often should a systems EV visit a centre? No set time, centre can request a visit. Correct

7 Unit 34/35 does not need to be evidenced throughout every piece of work.

NO – this would be over- assessment – the ‘spirit’ of these Units is that we should all adhere to our value base...rights, responsibilities etc in everything we do – which is not the same as finding and notating evidence in every Unit!