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Dear Colleague

**Early Years Care and Education Higher
CARE Intermediate 1, 2, Higher
Project Based National Courses at Intermediate 2: Care Issues for Society; Health and
Safety in Care Settings
Higher : Mental Health Care; Care Practice
HNQs in Care and related areas
SVQs in Care and related areas**

The contents of this letter should be passed to the member(s) of staff responsible for Care Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2 and Higher, Early Years/Child Care and Education and related HNC courses.

General Information:

- The Principal Assessors' Reports of performance in Diet 2002 are now available on the SQA Website.
- The Senior Moderators' Reports for the year 2001/2002 are also available on the Website. These cover moderation activity in National Qualifications, Higher National Qualifications (HNC/HND) and Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) in Care and related areas.

Key areas of activity

1 National Qualifications

The following is a summary of the outcomes of the Review of National Qualifications in relation to the National Courses in Early Years Care and Education Higher and Care at Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2 and Higher and related Project Based National Courses.

- Early Years Care and Education Higher

General:

The course component units have been revised to take account of the recommendations of the NQ Review to reduce internal assessment. There are no changes to Outcomes or Performance Criteria. Evidence Requirements have been amended to reduce the internal assessment load. Revised NABs will be published shortly. There are no implications for the Question Paper in Diet 2003.

The course component units of the two PBNCs will be subject to review to bring them in line with the recommendations of the NQ Review to reduce the internal assessment load. This will be carried out over the next few months for implementation in Session 2003/2004. There are no changes for this Session. Please note comments below in relation to PBNCs in Care which are also relevant to Early Years.

- Care Intermediate 1

General:

All course component units revised to reduce the internal assessment requirements. Revised NABs have been issued for all units.

Specific:

D053 10 Human Development and Behaviour

No change to Outcomes or Performance Criteria; reduction in Evidence Requirements to meet the recommendations of the NQ Review.

D054 10 Recognising the Needs of People

Performance Criterion added to Outcome 1; reduction in Evidence Requirements to meet the recommendations of the NQ Review.

D055 10 Accident and Emergency Procedures

No change to Outcomes or Performance Criteria; reduction in Evidence Requirements to meet the recommendations of the NQ Review. **NB Centres are asked to note that there will be no picture question in the 2003 question paper**

D056 10 Understanding Health – replaced by D8XW 10

This unit has been revised and re-coded. The new number is **D8XW 10**. The unit has been updated and Evidence Requirements reduced in line with the recommendations of the NQ Review.

NB - for this Session only (ie 2002/2003), both versions of the unit will remain available. The revised version (D8XW 10) will be the only version available from Session 2003 onwards. The amendments are minor and the Question Paper for Diet 2003 will reflect the content of both units to ensure that candidates are not disadvantaged.

- Care Intermediate 2

General:

All units have been amended to reduce internal assessment requirements in line with the National Qualifications Review.

Revised NABs have been issued for all units.

Specific:

D057 11 Human Development

No change to Outcomes or Performance Criteria. Reduction in Evidence Requirements to take account of the recommendations of the NQ Review.

D058 11 Social Influences on Behaviour

No changes to Outcomes or Performance Criteria. Reduction in Evidence Requirements to take account of the recommendations of the NQ Review.

D059 11 Understanding Care Skills

No change to Outcomes or Evidence Requirements. Reduction in Evidence Requirements to take account of the NQ Review.

D060 11 Health Promotion – replaced by D8XT 11 Social Influences on Health

This unit has undergone radical revision resulting in a change of title, change of reference number and major changes to content and support notes.

NB - It will continue to be available for this Session only (ie 2002/2003). The Question Paper for Diet 2003 will contain separate questions relating to this unit and to the replacement unit (see below for further details) as some centres have decided to implement D8XT 11 in this session.

D8XT 11 Social Influences on Health

As stated above, this is the replacement unit for D060 11. It is available for implementation in this Session and takes account of the recommendations of the NQ Review. The Teaching Support Pack is being revised and re-published by SFEU.

NB – for this Session only, both units will be available. With effect from August 2003, only D8XT 11 will be available for implementation. The Question Paper for Diet 2003 will contain separate questions on each of these units. This means that students will have a choice of 3 optional units, not two as in previous diets. Students should be advised to attempt only one set of questions relating to their chosen optional unit.

- Care Higher

General:

All units have been amended to reduce internal assessment requirements in line with the National Qualifications Review.

Revised NABs have been issued for all units.

Specific:

D061 12 Promoting Equal Opportunities in a Care Context

No changes to Outcomes or Performance Criteria. Evidence Requirements reduced to take account of the recommendations of the NQ Review.

D053 12 Human Development and Behaviour – replaced by D8XX 12 Human Development and Behaviour in a Care Context.

D053 12 has undergone substantial revision resulting in changes to title, reference number and content and reduction of the internal assessment requirements in line with the recommendations of the NQ Review. The new title and number are D8XX 12 and “Human Development and Behaviour in a Care Context”.

NB - for this Session (2002/2003) only, both versions of the unit will be available for implementation. The Question Paper for Diet 2003 will contain generic questions relevant to both units. With effect from August 2003, D8XX 12 only will be available.

D060 12 Health Promotion

No change to Outcomes or Performance Criteria. Evidence Requirements reduced in line with the recommendations of the NQ Review.

D062 `12 Interpersonal Skills for Health

Minor changes to Performance Criteria to include a specific PC on legislation. Evidence Requirements reduced in line with the recommendations of the NQ Review.

Project Based National Courses

General:

All PBNs are now subject to review as part of the Review of Scottish Group Awards (SGAs). As a result of this, planned amendments to the PBNs in Care have been postponed to await the outcome of the overall Review with the exception of unit **D10W 12 Practical Skills for Carers**. This has been revised and replaced by **D8XV 12**. The title has been retained and we have reduced the Evidence Requirements. Both versions of the unit will remain available for this Session (2002/2003). With effect from August 2003, only D8XV 12 will be available.

Changes to the structure and unit content of the course in Mental Health Care (Higher), Care Issues for Society (Intermediate 2) and Health and Safety in Care Settings (Intermediate 2) will be made in 2003/2004 subject to the outcomes of the Review of SGAs. Further information will be provided in due course.

2 Higher National Qualifications

We would draw your attention to the following national awards:

- HNC Child Care and Education/PDA Child Care and Education

These awards are undergoing revision concurrently. The HNC will be revised to the new design criteria. Both awards should be completed for implementation in Session 2004/2005.

- HNC Social Care

This award is undergoing revision to the new design criteria and should be completed for implementation in Session 2004/2005

- HND Supporting and Managing Learning Needs

This award was validated in June 2002 and replaces the HND Supporting Special Learning Needs. It provides progression from the HNC Supporting Learning Needs. Access is also possible from the HNC Child Care and Education, HNC Social Care, HNC Occupational Therapy Support and HNC Health Care.

- HNC Occupational Therapy Support

This award has been undergoing revision and is due for re-validation in November 2002.

3 SVQs

The following awards have been accredited and are now available:

- Oral Health Care : Dental Nursing Support level 2
- Oral Health Care : Dental Nursing level 3

These awards are jointly awarded by SQA, City and Guilds and The National Examining Board for Dental Nursing.

- Early Years Care and Education level 4

This award is jointly awarded by SQA and The Council for Awards in Children's Care and Education (CACHE)

- Registered Managers level 4
- Community Justice Work with Victims, Survivors and Witnesses levels 3 and 4
- Community Justice Work with Offending Behaviour levels 3 and 4 – additional units added to optional section of framework

We hope that the foregoing information is of interest. Please contact us if you require further information on any of the above items.

Yours faithfully



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