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To: SQA Co-ordinator (secondary schools, FE colleges)
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**For the attention of all staff responsible for the
delivery of National Qualifications in Childcare,
Health Care and Social Care**

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Dear Colleague

National Qualifications in Care

This letter contains information about the new Intermediate 2 National Certificate in Child, Health and Social Care.

The consultation carried out by SQA in 2005/06 indicated the need for a National Certificate in Health and Social Care at Higher (SCQF level 6) and at Intermediate 2 (SCQF level 5). Around the same time, following the introduction of a National Certificate in Early Education and Childcare at SCQF level 6 in 2005, there were requests for a National Certificate at SCQF level 5.

The National Certificate in Health and Social Care (SCQF level 6) was duly developed and implemented in August 2007. A month later a Qualification Design Team (QDT) was formed to develop an award at SCQF level 5. It was important that Childcare, Health Care and Social Care were equally represented on the QDT as the first issue on which the Team would have to decide was whether two separate awards were required or whether, at this level, one award with optional routes would be more appropriate. The Team unanimously decided on the latter option, ie one award. Membership of the Team comprised mainly of curriculum leaders with responsibility for one or more of these areas.

The work of the QDT is now complete and this award will be available for delivery from August this year. The Arrangements document for this National Certificate will be posted on SQA's website in due course. National Assessment Bank Items are already provided for Units which are components of National

Qualification Courses and will be provided for the five new Units developed specifically for this award.

Enclosed with this letter is the section from the Arrangements document which gives the structure and options of the award. While the component Units of the Intermediate Care Course are mandatory, thereafter centres can choose to go down a Childcare route or a Health and Social Care route or a generic route including Units from both areas. A generic 2-credit placement Unit is included in the optional section.

If you would like to discuss this in more detail, please do not hesitate to telephone me on 0845 213 5502, or e-mail me at: 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 horizontal stroke at the beginning.

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Qualification structure

The National Certificate in Child, Health and Social Care is a 12 SQA credit award and has a total credit value of 72 SCQF credit points* (1 SQA credit is equal to 6 SCQF points).

Group Award classification	SCQF level	SCQF credit points
Intermediate 2	5	72

**SCQF credit points are used to allocate credit to qualifications in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). Each qualification in the Framework is allocated a number of SCQF credit points at an SCQF level. There are 12 SCQF levels, ranging from Access 1 to Doctorates.*

The structure of the National Certificate in Child, Health and Social Care comprises of three main sections:

1. a 3 credit mandatory section
2. a 6 credit optional mandatory section giving centres a choice of 3 from 6 Units
3. a selection of optional Units at Intermediate 2 (SCQF level 5), Intermediate 1 (SCQF level 4) and External Assessments, giving centres the flexibility of choice in accordance with preferred framework and progression routes

Mandatory section — the following 3 Units are mandatory

Unit code	Unit title	SQA credit value	SCQF level	SCQF points
F17X 11	Psychology for Care	1	5	6
F17Y 11	Sociology for Care	1	5	6
F17W 11	Values and Principles in Care	1	5	6

Mandatory optional section — a minimum of 3 Units must be selected from this section

Unit code	Unit title	SQA credit value	SCQF level	SCQF points
F19L 11	Child Development and Health	1	5	6
DM41 11	Play in Early Education and Childcare	1	5	6
DM84 11	Working In Early Education and Childcare	1	5	6
F01C 11	Families in Modern Society	1	5	6

F1P2 11	Maintaining Safety in a Care Setting	1	5	6
F1P1 11	Healthy Eating in a Care Setting	1	5	6

Note: it is **important** to note that any Unit may be selected from the mandatory optional section as an optional choice provided it has not already been chosen as a mandatory credit.

Optional section

This National Certificate is a 12 credit award. Whether the optional credits are chosen from the mandatory optional section above or the optional sections below, 9 credits must be at the level of the award, ie Intermediate 2 (SCQF level 5).

Some restrictions will also apply to choices within these sections: for example, if the chosen Units are in a ‘hierarchy’, this is where a Unit is available at more than one level, then only one level of the Unit can be credited to this National Certificate and from the External Assessment section, a **maximum** of 3 credits can contribute.

The tables below detail the optional Units available:

Optional section A — Childcare Units

Unit code	Unit title	SQA credit value	SCQF level	SCQF points
DM5K 12	Supporting Children’s Behaviour	1	6	6
DF6J 11	Child Protection: An Introduction	1	5	6
DM42 11	Play in Practice	1	5	6
DM60 11	Care and Feeding of Children	1	5	6
F2CP 11	Children and Young People: Process of Play	1	5	6
DM5W 11	Partnerships in Early Education and Childcare	1	5	6
DM5Y 11	Creative and Aesthetic Experiences for Children	1	5	6
DM65 11	Supporting Children with Additional Support Needs	1	5	6
DM85 10	Care of Children	1	4	6

DM5V 11	Maintenance of a Safe Environment for Children	1	5	6
DM5V 10	Maintenance of a Safe Environment for Children	1	4	6
DM86 11	Parenting	1	5	6
DM86 10	Parenting	1	4	6
XXXX 11	Working With Individuals in a Care Setting*	2	5	12

Optional section B — Health Care and Social Care Units

Unit code	Unit title	SQA credit value	SCQF level	SCQF points
F1P5 11	Understanding the Needs of the Older Person	1	5	6
DM5P 11	Prevention of Infection	1	5	6
F1P4 11	Mental Health Issues: An Introduction	1	5	6
XXXX 11	Social Services in Scotland: An Introduction	1	5	6
F19M 11	First Aid	1	5	6
XXXX 11	HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C Infections	1	5	6
F17V 10	Health and Safety for Care	1	4	6
XXXX 11	Working With Individuals with Additional Support Needs	1	5	6
XXXX 11	Understanding Loss and Grief	1	5	6
XXXX 11	Working with Individuals in a Care Setting*	2	5	12

*** The 2 credit workplace Unit *Working With Individuals in a Care Setting* has been developed to enable delivery in either a Childcare or Health and Social Care context.**

Optional section C — Science Units

Unit code	Unit title	SQA credit value	SCQF level	SCQF points
F1RH 11	The Human Body	1	5	6
D026 11	Living Cells	1	5	6
D027 11	Environmental Biology and Genetics	1	5	6
D028 11	Animal Physiology	1	5	6
D023 10	Health and Technology	1	4	6
D024 10	Biotechnological Industries	1	4	6

Optional section D – Social Science Units

Unit code	Unit title	SQA credit value	SCQF level	SCQF points
DF5K 11	Psychology: Understanding the Individual	1	5	6
DF5K 10	Psychology: Understanding the Individual	1	4	6
DF5L 11	Psychology: Investigating Behaviour	1	5	6
DF5L 10	Psychology: Investigating Behaviour	1	4	6
DF5M 11	Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context	1	5	6
DF5M 10	Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context	1	4	6
DV3L 11	Socialisation	1	5	6
DV3L 10	Socialisation	1	4	6
DV3M 11	Social Stratification	1	5	6
DV3M 10	Social Stratification	1	4	6
DV3P 11	Studying Human Society: The Sociological Approach	1	5	6
DV3P 10	Studying Human Society: The Sociological Approach	1	4	6

Optional section E — External Assessments (a maximum of 3 credits from this section can contribute to this award)

Unit code	Unit title	SQA credit value	SCQF level	SCQF points
X241 12	Care (Higher)	1	6	6
X241 11	Care (Intermediate 2)	1	5	6
X065 11	Care Issues for Society: Childcare	1	5	6
X06H 11	Care Issues for Society: Older People	1	5	6
X01E 11	Health and Safety in Care Settings	1	5	6
X228 12	Sociology (Higher)	1	6	6
X228 11	Sociology (Intermediate 2)	1	5	6
X228 12	Psychology (Higher)	1	6	6
X228 11	Psychology (Intermediate 2)	1	5	6
X212 10	Psychology (Intermediate 1)	1	4	6
X007 13	Biology (Advanced Higher)	1	7	6
X007 12	Biology (Higher)	1	6	6
X007 11	Biology (Intermediate 2)	1	5	6

Optional section F — Core Skill Units

Unit code	Unit Title	SQA Credit Value	SCQF Level	SCQF Points
D01B 11	Communication	1	5	6
D01B 10	Communication	1	4	6
D01C 11	Numeracy	1	5	6
D01C 10	Numeracy	1	4	6
D01D 11	Information Technology	1	5	6
D01D 10	Information Technology	1	4	6
D01E 11	Problem Solving	1	5	6

D01E 10	Problem Solving	1	4	6
D01F 11	Working With Others	1	5	6
D01F 10	Working With Others	1	4	6