

Care: Values and Principles

SCQF: level 5 (6 SCQF credit points)

Unit code: H21C 75

Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to enable learners to investigate the health and social care provision that is available to meet the needs of people requiring care. They will investigate how needs are assessed and how care services meet these needs. Learners will gain an understanding of the key features of a positive care environment, including the role played by legislation. They will look at the importance of values and principles in promoting positive care practice.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Investigate how care services meet the needs of individuals

This Unit is available as a free-standing Unit. The Unit Specification should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes*, which provides advice and guidance on delivery, assessment approaches and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Exemplification of the standards in this Unit is given in the *National Assessment Resource*.

Recommended entry

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre. However, learners would normally be expected to have attained the skills, knowledge and understanding required by one or more of the following or equivalent qualifications and/or experience:

- ◆ National 4 Care Course or relevant component Units
- ◆ Literacy Unit (National 4)

Equality and inclusion

This Unit Specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods or considering alternative evidence. For further information, please refer to the *Unit Support Notes*.

Standards

Outcomes and assessment standards

Outcome 1

The learner will:

- 1 Investigate how care services meet the needs of individuals by:**
 - 1.1 Explaining the needs of individuals using care services
 - 1.2 Explaining how methods of assessment are used to identify needs
 - 1.3 Describing features of positive care practice, including values and principles
 - 1.4 Describing positive care environments and explaining how they meet needs
 - 1.5 Describing the role of legislation in promoting a positive care environment

Evidence Requirements for the Unit

Assessors should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding of their learners, to determine the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and the conditions and contexts in which they are used.

Assessment evidence can be drawn from a variety of sources and presented in a variety of formats. The evidence does not require to be achieved in one activity, but can be assembled from a variety of tasks and assessments carried out throughout the Course. Evidence may be presented for individual Outcomes, or gathered for the Unit.

Exemplification of assessment is provided in the *National Assessment Resource*. Advice and guidance on possible approaches to assessment is provided in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work

It is expected that learners will develop broad, generic skills through this Unit. The skills that learners will be expected to improve on and develop through the Unit are based on SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work* and are drawn from the main skills areas listed below. These must be built into the Unit where there are appropriate opportunities.

1 Literacy

1.2 Writing

1.3 Listening and talking

3 Health and wellbeing

3.5 Relationships

5 Thinking skills

5.3 Applying

Amplification of these is given in SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work*. The level of these skills should be at the same SCQF level as the Unit and be consistent with the SCQF level descriptor. Further information on building in skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work is given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Administrative information

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History of changes to National Unit Specification

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