

PDA in **Health and Social Care Supervision at SCQF level 7**

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The Professional Development Award (PDA) in Health and Social Care Supervision at SCQF level 7 is a new qualification which has been designed to meet the requirements of social service workers who are registered, or in a position to be registered, with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) in a supervisory role.

Why should my centre deliver this qualification?

The PDA in Health and Social Care Supervision provides the skills, knowledge and understanding required for those responsible for supervising and providing feedback to others in the health and social care sector. The qualification is also recognised as appropriate CPD for managers and supervisors employed in the health and social care sector.

This qualification is available through colleges and training providers.



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Who does this qualification suit?

The PDA in Health and Social Care Supervision is suitable for:

- candidates who are involved in supervising others in social services
- those who wish to enhance their career prospects in a health and social care supervisory role
- CPD for those currently employed in the sector

Access

Access to the PDA is at the discretion of the centre. In general, entry should be open to any learner who can demonstrate, by previous qualifications or experience, a reasonable expectation of successfully completing the PDA.

Centres should also bear in mind that candidates will need to be in a role where they are responsible for supervising and advising others.

Progression

Achievement of the PDA in Health and Social Care will provide candidates with the opportunity to progress to the HNC in Health and Social Care or the SVQ in Health and Social Care at level 4.

What approvals are needed?

If your centre has devolved authority, you can seek approval through your own internal approval process.

If your centre does not have devolved authority, you will have to come forward for approval and should contact the Business Development Team for guidance in completing the combined CA1/SA1 form.

Assessors and verifiers must be able to meet SQA's general requirements for technical and occupational competence.

How to assess

Assessment will consist of a combination of candidate reports, completion of case studies and candidate's work records. Assessment arrangements will be agreed between the candidate and assessor.

Structure

The PDA in Health and Social Care Supervision (16 SCQF credit points) at SCQF level 7 is achieved on the successful achievement of both mandatory Units.

The Group Award Code is G9AM 47.

Mandatory Units

- Health and Social Care: Supervise People – F6CX 36
- Health and Social Care: Supervise the Protection of People – F6CW

Any other information

The Arrangements document for the PDA in Health and Social Care can be found on SQA's website www.sqa.org.uk.

