



Higher National Qualifications

And

Scottish Vocational Qualifications

Senior Verifier Report

2008

Subject: **Operating Department Practice**

Sector Panel or SSC:

Date: **31.07.08**

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to centres on verification which has taken place within Higher National and Scottish Vocational Qualifications in this subject.

HIGHER NATIONAL UNITS

FEEDBACK TO CENTRES

Insert details relating to specific guidance which should be offered to centres based on the verification of centres.

Include:

- *General comments*
- *Areas of good practice*
- *Areas for further development*

General comments:

N/A

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

N/A

HIGHER NATIONAL GRADED UNITS

TITLES/LEVELS OF HN GRADED UNITS VERIFIED

Insert details below

N/A

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SVQ AWARDS

TITLES/LEVELS OF SVQ AWARDS VERIFIED

Insert details below

Health (Perioperative Care - Anaesthetic/PACU Support) G7WD 23

Health (Perioperative Care Support) G7WA 22

Health (Perioperative Care - Surgical support) G7WC 23

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General comments:

This award is currently run in a small number of centres across Scotland. The candidate numbers may be low, but a number of other centres are coming forward for approval. The commitment, quality assessment and dedication of the assessors delivering these awards are unquestionable.

Each award is delivered in an Operating Theatre Department setting. This is a high stress level environment. That has highly trained motivated & dedicated staff. These staff have encompassed the awards with an enthusiasm which is encouraging.

All reports from centers tell of a high level of motivation from the candidates to complete the awards. This also includes the assessors who are candidates (assessor candidates) as well. In some centres these awards have been delivered for the first time.

A few of the operating theatres are remote from the main centre. In lots of cases this is due to the geographical split of the Health Boards. This has caused issue with standardisation of assessment. All centres are aware of this, as all periop EV's have been delivering the same message.

There is a very high standard of assessment, with EVs reporting excellent portfolios across the sector. This quality produced by the candidates appears to be the same as last year, even with the new centre that have come on board this year.

Advice on good practice and areas for further development:

All visits were well organised, with time being given from busy schedules for staff to be freed up to talk to the EVs.

Enthusiastic candidates well motivated to complete the awards.

In some centres there were issues around internal standardisation and potential over assessment. All centres held discussion on internal standardisation, with most having excellent documentation to prove the facts.

Centres questioned when updated awards would be realized. They were informed that the Sector Skills Council were planning a realize date of summer 2010.

NATIONAL UNITS

(i.e. Freestanding units which contribute to NPAs or NCs etc.)

TITLES/LEVELS OF NATIONAL UNITS VERIFIED

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N/A

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