PDA in **Telehealthcare at SCQF level 6**

Recognising that you care

Telehealthcare covers a range of devices and services that harness developing technology, to enable people to live with greater independence and safety in their homes. The Professional Development Award (PDA) in Telehealthcare at SCQF level 6 has been developed to equip learners with the skills they need for employment in this growing sector.

Why should my centre deliver this qualification?

The PDA in Telehealthcare has been designed as a taught course and will normally be delivered through a combination of workshops and self-directed study.

Delivery approaches such as distance learning, e-learning and workplace learning are actively encouraged and where possible used to enrich all candidates' experiences of the award — not just those individuals living and working at a distance from the approved centre.

The award will enable telehealthcare staff to demonstrate competence in their respective roles, and provide opportunities for career progression and continuous professional development.

This qualification is available through colleges and external training providers.

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Who does this qualification suit?

The PDA in Telehealthcare is suitable for:

- learners who have prior knowledge, skills and experience of telehealthcare service delivery
- those who wish to enhance their career prospects in a telehealthcare role
- continuing professional development (CPD) for those currently employed in a telehealthcare role

Access

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

Progression

The Units in the PDA have been mapped against the National Occupational Standards for Health and Social Care, so candidates have the opportunity to progress to other PDAs, an HN qualification, or an SVQ Level 2 in Health and Social Care.

Approval

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.

Assessment

This PDA is based on work-based learning.

Each Unit within the PDA will be assessed separately.

Assessment methods used within this PDA include:

- reflection (written and/or oral)
- portfolio of evidence
- open-book exam
- verification from workplace supervisor
- structure

It is recommended that the assessment weighting for each Unit does not exceed a word limit of 3,000 words or equivalent.

Unit(s) and delivery tools

Group Award has 16 SCQF credit points
SCQF level: 6

Structure

The PDA in Telehealthcare at SCQF level 6 consists of one mandatory HN Unit and one optional Unit from the selection below:

Mandatory Unit

Working in Telehealthcare

Optional Units
(one Unit to be selected from list below):

- Telehealthcare: Response
- Telehealthcare: Call Handling
- Telehealthcare: Installation, Maintenance and Repair.

The Arrangements document will shortly be published on SQA's website **www.sqa.org.uk.**