



**Scottish Vocational Qualifications
Internal Assessment Report 2012**

SVQ Community Justice

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to centres on verification in Scottish Vocational Qualifications in this subject.

SVQ awards

Titles/levels of qualifications verified:

G9WM 23 Community Justice: Working With Offending Behaviour

G9YL 23 Community Justice: Youth Justice

Information was sent to all Health and Social Care centres when the new awards became available as currently Community Justice candidates are registered for Health and Social Care awards. The long-term plan is that candidates will move over to Community Justice, particularly the Working with Offending Behaviour award; some centres have enquired about adding this award to their approved list of awards.

Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

A number of the core as well as optional Units already exist in the Health and Social Care awards and there is ample material as well as exemplars available. For Community Justice, External Verifiers prepared additional exemplars based on real work practice for the sector. In addition, we prepared information on sources of support materials as well as websites for candidates/assessors to encourage increased take-up of awards. Finally, we recognised that existing Health Care assessors may not have opportunities for CPD freely available to them, so we indicated that centre assessors would have 18 months to gain the necessary CPD and gave them information on CPD opportunities.

Evidence Requirements

Many centres already have Community Justice candidates but are registered for Health and Social Care as there are many shared Units. Assessors are familiar with the Evidence Requirements of these Units. In the case of the newly introduced Community Justice Units, we took considerable care to ensure that candidates/assessors were given clear guidance on possible sources of evidence so we could be confident that candidates' evidence would be robust and current.

Administration of assessments

The three Centres who have current candidates, one in Youth Justice and two centres in Working with Offending Behaviour have all produced work of a good standard and have developed their own new Internal Verification procedures. All reports indicate that the work is at the appropriate level and evidence is both current and appropriate. Direct Observations of candidates can be difficult given the nature of the work undertaken but centres have approached this difficulty following detailed discussion at standardisation meetings

General feedback

There is no general feedback other than that I do hope that in 2012/2013 we will see more centres coming forward for approval.

Areas of good practice

There were robust standards of evidence by all centres, despite the difficulties involved in gathering evidence. Working with offenders can be difficult, with candidates generally working on their own. The presence of an assessor needs careful planning and thought. Both centres have approached this area after careful consideration and have still been able to produce good quality observations, complete with strong product evidence.

The Youth Justice award offered through the Scottish Prison Service Centre is strong and staff are committed to offering the award to all staff working at young offender settings.

Specific areas for improvement

There are no specific areas for improvement.