



**Scottish Vocational Qualifications  
Internal Assessment Report 2013  
Community Justice**

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

# SVQ awards

## General comments

This year has seen a small number of new SVQ centres coming forward for approval and the first candidates receiving their certificates. This has been a boost for the Working with Offending Behaviour G9WM award as previously most candidates had been entered for the Health and Social Care awards and had selected optional Units that were applicable to Community Justice.

## Unit specifications, instruments of assessment and exemplification materials

Assessment exemplars have been written for the three awards (G9WM, G9YL, and G9YK) and centres have used these to good effect. There is also a list of underpinning knowledge materials and websites for candidates, as well as centres, to draw upon.

## Evidence Requirements

The Evidence Requirements for the three Community Justice awards are laid out in the same format as that for Health and Social Care, which most centres are familiar with.

## Administration of assessments

Centres are reminded that when they come forward for approval there is an 18 month period for existing Health and Social Care assessors to gain the necessary CPD/ assessment experience with the awards.

## General feedback

There are more candidates for Working with Victims and Survivors than other two Community Justice awards.

Skills for Justice is also developing a new Pathway for Victims, Survivors and Witnesses. A working party with SQA representation has been set up and will be coming forward with more detailed proposals later this year.

## Areas of good practice

Feedback from the EV8a reports show plenty of strong evidence across a range of different settings.

Access for assessors can be difficult, given the nature of the sector and the candidates' work settings, but reports from External Verifiers demonstrate that assessors are making good use of opportunities for assessment.

Feedback from candidates is also encouraging.