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It was very pleasing to see the huge improvement in the standard of work submitted this year.

The assessment for this unit is based on informal interviews with one elderly person who must be over 70 years old. The candidates learn about the health and social conditions of the chosen client, the service provision from the client's viewpoint as well as future services and a comparison or consequence topic.

The unit uses knowledge of service provision, life quality factors and caring skills from AS Unit 1 Effective Caring as well as providing knowledge on which other AS and A2 units are built.

Moderators were grateful that work was presented in the required order with most centres using the AQA checklist for assessment purposes. This enabled moderators to see what had been covered and why marks had been awarded.

There are **four sections**:
Introduction – must include a statement stating what is included in the report and a profile of the chosen client.
Section B Method - two sub sections.
Section C Findings – 4 sub sections
Section D Appendix

Introduction

There should be a brief description of the chosen client. Their age must be stated (70+). The profile should include their current situation and information on what is included in the report. The candidates had all given good introductions to appropriate clients.

AO1 (Section C subsections 1 and 2)

The candidates described the health and social conditions affecting the client. The candidates were able to explain medical conditions and how they directly affected the clients in terms of lifestyle. Some candidates were also able to discuss the impact of medication on the lives of the clients. The health conditions were done very well but some centres need to ensure the social conditions are done in the same depth.

The appendices contained evidence to support this section.

The candidates gave mixed responses to the services used with some not covering the access to them in sufficient depth.

The provision of services for the next five year needs to be linked more to the conditions of the client and also provision must be linked to the client's deterioration in medical, physical, social and intellectual needs.

AO2 Report Structure (Sections B subsection 2 and D)

The candidates had presented the work in the required order. The reports were well written and ethical issues were covered. Letters of consent were present.

AO3 (Sections B subsection 1 and D)

There was a marked improvement in the evidence presented for this assessment objective. Interview schedules must be present and the candidates should provide a range of recording materials and methods. This was a good section for the candidates this year. The candidates had placed materials in the appendices covering all the requirements. It was especially pleasing to see the expansion in the range of recording methods used.

AO4 (Section C sub sections 3 and 4)

This section is in two parts. The first section should evaluate the current and suggested provision – more is needed here by some candidates as the suggested provision was weak in parts with superficial advantages and disadvantages.

Most candidates chose the comparison topic with only a few doing the consequences topic. This work was written sensitively.

The most detailed work for this unit came from candidates who had spent considerable time visiting and getting to know the client and their lives.

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