

Chief Moderator report

Health and Social Care

Summer, 2006

There was not a lot of work seen this summer and the overall impression was that the work seen was mainly appropriate, but some variation in standards was noted. Some Centres were assessing very accurately, but others were generous in the awarding of marks and grading incorrectly. A lack of understanding of the assessment process was noted in some cases. The main problems are still with H302P and H201P as well as with H207P, where a number of centres did not submit appropriate evidence for either the First Aid elements nor for the audits. There was still concern that some Centres still allowed photographs of children, which are likely to infringe relevant legislation, to be included in candidates' portfolios.

Considerable concern was expressed by the senior team regarding the amount of downloading from the internet. Sources need to be correctly identified and downloads should only be used to support candidates' work. Downloading a document without comment from the candidate may be regarded as plagiarism does not constitute evidence.

Very little work was seen for OSCA in the Spring and the work seen was very variable.

Standards of portfolio work and assessment

Foundation level

In general, the senior team felt that appropriate work was seen from Foundation level candidates. In some Centres the work seen was of a high standard for this level. This was very pleasing to see.

H101P: 95.96% of centres were in tolerance. However, 4.04% were absent and none were out of tolerance for this Unit, which is very good.

The senior team did, however, comment that the map required by P2 was not always very clear and candidates did not always relate the services and jobs to the map as required by the specifications

H102P: 93.07% of centres were in tolerance. There was an absence rate of 4.95% so that only 1.98% were out of tolerance.

H104P: 92.5% of centres were in tolerance here with an absence rate of 5% and 2.5% were out of tolerance. This is probably the most demanding of the Foundation Units and centres need to ensure that candidates identify safety.

H106P: 89.36% of centres were in tolerance with 2.13% out of tolerance and a high absence rate of 8.51%. Only 47 Centres entered candidates for this Unit and little work from this Unit was seen by the senior team.

H108P: 97.92% of centres were in tolerance with nothing out of tolerance and an absence rate of 2.08% (1 Centre). No particular problems were noted by the moderation team.

H109P: 96.67% were in tolerance for this Unit, but none were out of tolerance. There was an absence rate of 3.33% but as number were very low (only 30 centres) this accounts for only 1 Centre. No particular problems were noted by the senior team.

As can be seen, this is a good result at Foundation level and the statistics confirmed the experience of the Senior team.

Intermediate level:

There are still some problems with Units at Intermediate level, although most are over 90% in tolerance, which is very commendable.

Members of the Senior team have commented that there is often confusion between class work and assessment evidence in candidates' portfolios of evidence.

This was felt to be particularly noticeable in H201P and H202P. Problems were also found in H207P.

H201P: Altogether, 317 Centres entered candidates for this Unit. Of these 6.31% were out of tolerance and 92.11% were in tolerance with an absence rate of just 1.58%. The senior team had a lot of comments relating to this Unit.

The Banner, particularly with respect to the organization of the services, was not always met.

P4 with respect to candidates' communication skills is the criterion most frequently not met. Centres are referred to the recommendations for this Unit as this gives clear guidance to Centres. There needs to be evidence of the candidates' ability to use relevant communication – e.g. how they speak to children, older people or sick people and a tutor or witness statement is likely to be the best way of producing such evidence. Codes of Practice or Charters must be related to the organization concerned. In some cases these have been put into the portfolio of evidence without any comment from the candidate. Some have been downloaded from the internet again without comment from the candidate.

In M1 analysis needs to relate to the use of care values and not to the job roles.

H202P: In total 314 Centres candidates for this Unit. 92.68% were in tolerance and 5.73% out of tolerance. There was an absence rate of 1.59%. Numbers were, as expected, very similar to those of H201P.

In H202P large amounts of irrelevant information can still be seen in the work of candidates in some Centres with respect to drugs, alcohol and sexual activity. Centres should note that measures of health must be undertaken and case studies do not enable this. Candidates must comment on the health promotion material. Just putting material into the portfolio is not sufficient.

Centres should note that M1 refers to the measures used. If measures have not been taken by the candidates this criterion cannot be met.

H204P: Here 142 Centres entered candidates. There was an absence rate of 2.82%, which referred to only 2 Centres. 95.77% were in tolerance and only 1.41% out of tolerance. The senior team noted that there were problems with measurements and observations – particularly a lack of observations and P3 the links with care are still not being well done.

Some Centres are expecting candidates to cover too many body systems. Only two are required.

H206P: Only 37 Centres entered candidates for this Unit. All centres were in tolerance with none out of tolerance and no absences. The senior team noted that some good work had been seen for this Unit.

H207P: Statistics were not available for this Unit. Evidence for the unit was very disappointing. Centres need to ensure that candidates' evidence covers how hazards are identified. In many cases hazards were not related to the clients and visitors were not included. Legal requirements were not always covered.

In some Centres candidates have only written about first aid and there is a lack of evidence of first aid having been undertaken. A relevant certificate with a printout of what has been covered is recommended. Alternatively a witness statement from an appropriately qualified person can be used.

H208P: For this Unit there were 122 entries from Centres. Of these 93.44% were in tolerance, 4.92% out of tolerance and there was an absence rate of 1.64%. Although this is a popular unit it is not always well done. In particular observations and measurements are often not well done and child development notes and information not related to the child concerned. The child needs to be in a care setting and legal requirements need to be covered.

H209P: There were 93 Centre entries here. This is the weakest Unit at this level statistically. Only 89.25% were in tolerance and there was a high out of tolerance level of 9.68%. The absence rate was low at 1.08%.

The senior team noted that the activities carried out by candidates were not always creative. Centres need to ensure that at least two activities are undertaken and that these are related to form a programme of activities.

Candidate work was found to be poor on a range of criteria.

H211P: Only 26 Centres entered candidates for this Unit. All Centres were intolerance and there were no absences.

VCE level:

The amount of work seen at VCE level was considerably less than in past years, but, overall, the results have improved.

At VCE level, only two Units had less than 90% in tolerance. The results of one of these (H315P) were affected by low numbers and high absence rates.

The main problem at VCE level was Unit H302P.

Many Centres deliver and assess this Unit extremely well and some excellent work has been seen.

However, other Centres are still having problems.

H302P: 89.18% were in tolerance, 5.6% out of tolerance and 5.22% were absent. The moderation team report that there is still a lot of generic information about communication not related to the assessment criteria in candidate work from some Centres. In some cases there was peer group discussion, which does not meet the banner and in others no report on communication with only skills in a health, social care or early years setting, which results in candidates not being able to meet E3, C2 and A2.

H303P: here 93.07% of Centres were in tolerance, 3.3% out of tolerance and 3.63% absent.

This is an improvement on Summer, 2005.

Centres need to note that E2 and E3 need to have witness statements as evidence. The moderation team also expressed concerns about the authenticity of material downloaded from the internet.

C2: Sources of error should be based on candidates' work

C3 and A2 need to be based on candidates' own data.

H305P: .Again improvements were seen compared with Summer, 2005. 93.45% of Centres were in tolerance 3.45% out of tolerance and 3.10% absent. The team commented that it is not the best idea for all candidates to use the same organization.

H306P: Quite a good result can be seen with 93.23% in tolerance, 4.0% out of tolerance and 2.77% absent. Entries for this Unit were higher than for any other VCE Unit 325. It was felt that some good work was seen for this Unit.

However, Centres need to be careful about the literature review and to ensure that ethical issues are covered for both E3 and C3. C3 requires an analysis of the effects of the consideration of ethics upon the candidates' own research study.

H307P: 96.74% were in tolerance for this Unit with only 1.636% out of tolerance and 1.63% absent.

Some very good work was seen for this Unit. The main problems were that questionnaire evidence was not always relevant, E2 tended to be weak in some centres and the critical evaluation of methods for C1 tended to be poor.

H310P: There were only 13 Centres that entered candidates for this Unit. 92.31% were in tolerance, none were out of tolerance but there was an absence rate of 7.69%, the highest at this level.

H311P: This was pleasing at 94.03% in tolerance and 2.99% out of tolerance and 2.99% absent. Centres need to ensure that links with policy are made in E3. Some leniency was noted in some Centres.

H313P: This is a straightforward Unit and good work was generally seen. 97.26% were in tolerance, 1.37% out of tolerance and 2.99% absent.

H314P: This Unit had a high in tolerance rate at 98.28% with only 1.72% out of tolerance and 1.37% absent. Centres should ensure that the first week of life is covered here and that ethical dilemmas are explored as well not including a lot of information that is not relevant.

H315P: As already noted, only 86.67% were in tolerance with 6.67% out of tolerance, and an absence rate of 6.67%. There were however only 15 Centres with entries.

H316P: There was a good result for this unit with 95.79% in tolerance, only 3.16% out of tolerance and a low absence rate of 1.05%. No particular problems were noted.

H317P: This was another Unit with very good results, 98.88% being in tolerance, none out of tolerance and an absence rate of only 1.12%.

H318P: 96.15% of centres were in tolerance here with just 1.28% out of tolerance and an absence rate of 2.56%

H319P: Only 20 Centres entered candidates for this unit. 95% were in tolerance, 5% out of tolerance and there were no absences.

H320P: This is also pleasing with 94.61% being in tolerance with 2.45% out of tolerance and 2.94% absent. There were still a few problems over the job roles.

H321P: 96.3% were in tolerance with 1.85% out of tolerance and the same percentage absent. Only 54 Centres submitted work for this Unit.

H322P: Again improvements have been seen with 95.48% being in tolerance, 2.82% out of tolerance and 1.69% absent. Some candidates are still only undertaking/planning an activity instead of a programme of creative activities. In some cases there was a lack of evidence of implementation. There was a variable use of witness statements, which are strongly recommended and Centres are again reminded that photographs of children should not be used.

H323P: 97.10% of Centres were in tolerance with only none out of tolerance and only 2.9% absent. No particular problems were identified.

H324P: This again was found to have been better than in previous years. 97.31% were in tolerance with 1.08% out of tolerance and 1.61% absent. Centres need to ensure coverage of the immune system.

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