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# Health and Social Care

Assessment Unit A2 3

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Providing Services



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Assessment

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

**You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.**

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Complete in black ink only. Do not write with a gel pen.

Answer **all three** questions.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 120.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in questions **1(d)**, **2(c)**, **2(d)** and **3(d)**.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.



## TASK

Carry out an investigation of service provision in relation to *children and families*. Your investigation should address the following:

- How the paramountcy principle and the parental responsibility principle as set out in the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 apply to children who are 'at risk'
- Why a court may decide to make a care order
- How policies can help to ensure appropriate standards of care for children in private day nurseries
- The reasons for the increase in the number of children with disabilities in Northern Ireland
- How voluntary providers can support children with disabilities and their families
- An evaluation of private day care provision for children
- The impact of informal caring on families of children with disabilities
- Funding of service provision for children and families
- An in-depth understanding of how the needs of 'looked after' children/teenagers might be met in residential settings
- An understanding of the roles of staff involved in providing care and support for 'looked after' children
- An understanding of how inspections can improve the quality of care in private day nurseries.



1 Contact is a UK-wide voluntary provider which supports families of children with disabilities. A study carried out by Contact in conjunction with Leeds University in 2018 revealed that Northern Ireland has the highest percentage of childhood disability in the UK. Contact also recognises the challenges facing the families of children with disabilities in their role as informal carers.

(a) Explain **three** ways voluntary providers such as Contact might be funded.

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(c) Describe **three** reasons for the increase in the number of children with disabilities in Northern Ireland.

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2 Day nurseries in Northern Ireland are usually privately run and can provide care for children from the age of six weeks to five years, and after-school care up to 12 years. It is important that all policies and procedures in these settings are regularly reviewed and updated and that all staff adhere to them. All day nurseries must be registered with the local Health and Social Care Trust and are inspected annually by Early Years Teams.

(a) Describe how private day nurseries may be funded.

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3 The Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 protects children who are deemed to be 'at risk'. Under this legislation, children 'at risk' may be the subject of a care order and may become 'looked after', which describes a situation where they are provided with accommodation for a continuous period of more than 24 hours.

(a) Explain **three** reasons why a court may decide to make a care order.

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(c) Describe **three** ways a social worker might support 'looked after' children.

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