



Rewarding Learning

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## Health and Social Care

Assessment Unit A2 3

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Providing Services



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**TUESDAY 31 MAY, AFTERNOON**

### TIME

2 hours.

### 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(b)**, **2(c)** and **3(e)**.

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 *people with learning disabilities*. Your investigation should address the following:

- How the Carers and Direct Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 supports informal carers
- The key content of policies designed to protect service users with learning disabilities
- Reasons for the increase in the population of individuals with learning disabilities
- The role of voluntary providers such as the Carers Trust in supporting carers who look after individuals with learning disabilities
- An understanding of respite care
- How informal carers support individuals with learning disabilities
- The impact on carers of providing informal care
- Meeting the needs of children with learning disabilities in a pre-school environment
- The roles of a range of practitioners who provide care and support for children with learning disabilities – classroom assistants, SENCOs, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and paediatricians
- The benefits of effective team working for service users with learning disabilities
- The content of NISCC's 'Standards of Conduct and Practice for Social Care Workers'
- How RQIA inspections lead to improvements in the quality of care provided in residential settings.



1 There has been a marked increase in the number of children in Northern Ireland diagnosed with learning disabilities. A wide range of practitioners contribute to meeting the needs of children with learning disabilities, and effective team working is essential to ensure needs are comprehensively assessed and that appropriate provision is made.

(a) Complete the table below to describe **one different** way each of the practitioners named might support a school age child with a learning disability.

Practitioner	Description of <b>one</b> way this practitioner might support a child with a learning disability
Classroom assistant	[3]
SENCO	[3]
Paediatrician	[3]

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(b) Describe **three** reasons for the increasing numbers of individuals with learning disabilities in Northern Ireland.

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2 In recent years, there have been a number of worrying reports of abuse of service users with learning disabilities in residential settings. This service user group is among the most vulnerable, and relies on staff adhering to codes of practice and conduct and to a wide range of policies and procedures. Regular inspections of facilities providing care and support must take place.

(a) Describe **three** ways inspections by the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA) might improve care provision in residential settings for adults with learning disabilities.

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3 The number of people providing informal care across the UK has increased steadily in recent years. The Carers Trust is a charity which supports those living with the challenges of caring. Its vision is that informal carers matter and it aims to enable them to access much needed help and support, including gaining access to respite care. Legislation such as The Carers and Direct Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 is also designed to support informal carers in the important work they do.

(a) Describe what is meant by respite care.

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(b) Describe **two** ways, other than organising respite care, that a voluntary provider like the Carers Trust might support informal carers.

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(d) Describe **two** ways the Carers and Direct Payments Act (NI) 2002 supports informal carers.

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