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You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

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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)** and **(d)** and **3(e)**.

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TASK

Carry out an investigation of service provision in relation to *people with physical disabilities and illnesses*.

Your investigation should address the following:

- How policies protect service users with physical disabilities and illnesses in residential care settings
- An understanding of reasons for the increasing number of people with physical disabilities and illnesses in Northern Ireland
- An evaluation of private care provision for service users with physical disabilities and illnesses
- The benefits of voluntary care provision for service users with physical disabilities and illnesses
- An understanding of informal care and how it impacts on both the carers providing the care and the individuals receiving the care
- How respite care can support terminally ill service users and their families
- How services for people with physical disabilities and illnesses are funded, including hospice care
- Meeting the needs of patients in a hospice setting
- A detailed understanding of the roles of doctors, nurses and health care assistants who provide care and support for patients in a hospice
- The benefits of effective interdisciplinary teamworking for patients in a hospice setting
- The role of the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA) in ensuring appropriate care provision for service users with physical disabilities and illnesses.



1 According to the 2021 NI Census, 34.7% of people had one or more long-term health conditions. The most prevalent conditions were long-term pain, mobility difficulties and breathing difficulties (NISRA, 2022). Many people with these physical disabilities and illnesses live in their own homes and communities with support from statutory, voluntary, private and informal care providers.

(a) Describe what is meant by informal care.

[3]

(b) Summarise **two** reasons for the increasing number of people with physical disabilities and illnesses in Northern Ireland.

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2 Some people living with long-term disabilities and illness may be admitted to a private residential setting. All private residential settings must have a range of policies in place to improve the quality of care and, ultimately, to protect service users. The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA) also has a key role to play in ensuring care provision is adequate.

(a) Explain **two** ways private health care might be funded.

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_____ [2]

2. _____

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3 Hospice care is intended to improve the lives of people who have a terminal illness. Hospices provide care for patients from the point at which their illness is diagnosed as terminal to the end of their life. Hospices may also provide respite care for terminally ill patients. A range of professionals work together in a hospice to provide medical, emotional, social, practical, spiritual and bereavement support for patients and their families.

(a) Explain **one** way hospice care may be funded.

[2]

(b) Describe **two different** roles of the following hospice staff who care for patients with terminal illnesses.

Hospice nurse

1. _____

[3]

2. _____

[3]



Hospice doctor

1. _____

_____ [3]

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(d) Describe **two** benefits of effective interdisciplinary teamworking for patients being cared for in a hospice setting.

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