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To: The Principals of Post-Primary Schools and Directors of Further and Higher Education Colleges

For circulation to: Heads of Department/Teachers for GCSE Health and Social Care

Health and Social Care

GCSE Health and Social Care Adaptations to Assessment

Following Ministerial approval and communication to centres on 5 November 2020, this circular outlines the adaptations for this qualification.

For candidates cashing-in the qualification in Summer 2021:

Unit 1: Personal Development, Health and Well-Being
This external written paper will be taken

Unit 2: Working in the Health, Social Care and Early Years Sectors
Centres will be able to use the controlled assessment tasks set for 2019/20 in the 2020/21 academic year.

- The proposal that has been accepted is that ALL candidates will submit TASK A only of the 2019/20 Controlled Assessment Tasks. This will be marked out of 40. The total word count will be 2200 words.
- Unit 2 for these candidates will still have a 50% assessment weighting so no candidate will be disadvantaged.
- The Controlled Assessment task and Assessment Criteria will be updated to reflect this change and will be made available on our website.

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