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

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

GCSE Health and Social Care

Please be advised that teachers delivering GCSE Health and Social Care must use the current version (version 2 updated 3 May 2024).

It has been necessary to amend and update the GCSE Health and Social Care Specification. These are only minor amendments. The changes are marked up in red and will not affect the demand of the qualification nor an increase in the content of the specification.

These changes will take immediate effect for teaching from September 2024.

Unit 2: Working in the Health, Social Care and Early Years Sectors

Provision of health, social care and early years services - 'integrated' has been removed.

The Learning Outcome statements on page 13 of the Specification have been amended to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the barriers **service user groups may face when accessing services, for example:**
- analyse how services can help users to overcome barriers to access, **for example by**

Please note:

1. CCEA will offer support for new centres/new teachers in September on the delivery of GCSE Health and Social Care and you will receive separate notification regarding this.
2. Agreement Trial materials will also be available in November via a link sent to Examination Officers.

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