



Rewarding Learning

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## Health and Social Care

Assessment Unit A2 9  
*assessing*  
Unit 9: Providing Services

**MV18**

**[A6H31]**

**FRIDAY 2 JUNE, AFTERNOON**

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### **Time**

2 hours, plus your additional time allowance.

### **Instructions to Candidates**

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.  
Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.  
Answer **all three** questions.

### **Information for Candidates**

The total mark for this paper is 100.  
Quality of written communication will be assessed in questions **1(d)**, **2(c)**, **2(d)** and **3(d)**.  
Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

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## Task

Carry out an investigation of service provision in relation to **service users with learning disabilities**. Your investigation should address the following:

- The political ideologies of social democracy and liberalism with regard to providing services
- How the Carers and Direct Payments Act (NI) 2002 can support both informal carers and service users
- Reasons for the increase in the population of individuals with learning disabilities
- The different sectors that make up the mixed economy of care and how they can support service users with learning disabilities
- An evaluation of the informal sector providing care to meet the needs of individuals with learning disabilities
- Meeting the needs of children with learning disabilities in schools
- How service users with learning disabilities can gain access to services and how barriers to accessing services can be broken down
- The impact of rationing health and social care services
- A detailed understanding of the role of learning disabilities nurses
- An evaluation of multi-disciplinary team working for service users with learning disabilities
- How codes of practice can help to ensure appropriate standards of care for service users with learning disabilities

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**(Questions continue overleaf)**

- 1 There has been an increase in the number of people in Northern Ireland diagnosed with a learning disability. Early diagnosis is critical to ensuring the best possible outcome for the individual and their family. It is important that a multi-disciplinary approach to meeting needs is employed and that services are available from all sectors of the mixed economy.
  - (a) Complete the table (opposite on page 5) to explain one different way each of the sectors of the mixed economy could contribute to supporting service users with a learning disability such as Autistic Spectrum Disorder or Down's Syndrome.



(b) Explain three reasons for the increasing numbers of service users with learning disabilities in Northern Ireland. [2 marks for each reason]

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(c) Autistic Spectrum Disorder is sometimes called a hidden disability. People with this disorder have some difficulties communicating and interacting with others.

Discuss how the following needs of a young child with a learning disability such as Autistic Spectrum Disorder may be met by staff in a mainstream school.

Social needs [3 marks]

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Emotional needs [3 marks]

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**2** People with learning disabilities often rely on family members and on a range of health and social care professionals to access the services they require. Ensuring they are protected from harm is everyone's responsibility and having codes of practice for care workers helps to achieve this aim.

**(a)** Write down three ways a service user with a learning disability might gain access to the services they require. [1 mark for each way]

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**(b)** Explain one way the barrier of geographical location might be broken down for service users with learning disabilities. [2 marks]

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**3** Decisions about health and social care services are affected by political ideology and budget constraints. Rationing decisions can have a devastating effect on service users. Often informal carers are left to fill the gaps in care provision left by the statutory sector, although legislation such as the Carers and Direct Payments Act (NI) 2002 is designed to support them.

**(a)** Outline the following political ideologies with regard to the provision of health and social care services.

Social democracy [3 marks]

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Liberalism [3 marks]

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**(b)** Explain three ways rationing care and treatment might affect a service user with a learning disability.  
[2 marks for each way]

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(c) Discuss four ways the Carers and Direct Payments Act (NI) 2002 can support informal carers who provide care for individuals with learning disabilities.

[3 marks for each way]

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