

## Higher Nationals in Healthcare Practice/Healthcare Practice for England

### Higher Nationals in **Social and Community Work**

#### Unit 4 Fundamentals of Evidence-based Practice – Assessment summary 2021-2022

The assessment requirements for unit 4 are:

- Creation of a research proposal. This should include literature review and reflection/evaluation sections.
  - Learners should develop research question(s) related to the Pearson-set theme, and the topic that centre tutor chooses.
  - The proposal should be for a service improvement research project that could be done but isn't for the purposes of assessment. Placement/workplace research and ethics committees are beyond the scope of a 15 credit, level 4 unit even if it's delivered longitudinally throughout the year. If the research were done, it would be primary research with the aim of improving the service that the learner and their employer are delivering.
  - No primary research should be done for the purposes of this assessment.
  - The literature review section should explain how the learner has systematically found sources relevant to their research question(s) using appropriate search terms and inclusion/exclusion criteria.
  - The proposal should include a reflective section where the learner can evaluate their performance, learning, project management etc. They may wish to use their logbook entries to help them with this section. This section should be in the region of 500 words, but students will not be penalised for going over or under this.
- Submission of a logbook.
  - A different term for "logbook" would be "research journal".
  - The journal entries should be more than lists of activities carried out. They should include the learner's formal or informal reflections on the research process and their learning throughout the unit.
  - A template that learners *could* use is provided in the "Unit 4: Level 4 Guidance for 2019/20 (Pearson-set)" document on HN Global.
  - Learners should decide the journal format for themselves.

## Research proposal for a service improvement project

- No primary research should be carried out
- Research question(s) related to Pearson-set theme and topic
- Detailed literature review section
- Reflection/evaluation of learning section ~500 words

## Logbook/research journal

- Series of formal and/or informal reflections on learning