

Module Specification

Protection and Risk in Social Work

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Protection and Risk in Social Work

Module code: UZVSMJ-15-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Health, Community and Policy Studies

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See learning outcomes.

Outline syllabus: Types, signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect

Theories explaining risk and abuse

Perceptions of abuse and neglect in different cultural contexts

Similarities and differences in approaches to vulnerability, risk and harm amongst different service user groups

Assessment and management of risk

Risk and vulnerability in context: developmental, inter-personal, environmental, organisational (in health and social work)

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Scheduled learning includes lectures and seminars.

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, exam preparation etc. These sessions constitute an average time per level as indicated in the table below. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices you make.

33 hours contact time including lectures, workshops, and seminars. On line engagement on a weekly basis across the course of the module delivery. Small group work and email contact across the course of the module.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Understand and identify types of abuse and neglect

MO2 Understand and identify the signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect

MO3 Discuss the significance of diverse social and cultural contexts for understanding issues of abuse and neglect

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MO4 Demonstrate critical reflective practice with understanding of the application of values, theory, knowledge, research and legal and policy frameworks and guidance. Recognising the scope for professional judgment in situations impacting on issues of protection and risk

MO5 Show the ability to protect, safeguard and promote the well being of service users and carers; recognise signs of harm and practices that present a risk to or from service users and carers and respond appropriately

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 114 hours

Face-to-face learning = 36 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at readinglists.uwe.ac.uk via the following link https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzvsmj-15-3.html

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Summative assessment will involve a 3000 word written assignment in order to demonstrate the students' understanding of key theories and concepts relating to protection and risk in social work and the ability to relate these to practice.

Formative feedback opportunities are provided to students throughout the module in small seminar groups. Students will be asked to read and discuss specific journal articles and gain feedback on their developing understanding, knowledge and critical evaluation skills within a supportive context. Teaching staff will provide ongoing feedback on the appropriateness and level of student understanding and skills.

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: 3000 word written assignment

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: 3000 word written assignment

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Social Work [Sep][FT][Glenside][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Social Work [Sep][PT][Glenside][6yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20