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6948/01: Social Issues and Welfare Needs

General Comments

Where learners struggle on this unit, it is often due to inappropriate choice of Social Issue. There is confusion with unit six, and some learners attempt to cover the criteria whilst studying a public health issue, this then makes it very difficult for them to achieve higher marks in the different assessment objectives. This was seen particularly in AO2 where some learners had difficulty in identifying appropriate demographic factors.

Assessment Object 1

In AO1 some learners are still including research of the origins of the issue that reach back into the mists of time, there is no need to predate the inception of the welfare state.

Assessment Object 2

In AO2 there is still evidence that some centres misunderstand demographic factors and are misdirecting their learners. This often comes back to the poor choice of issue in the first place, where there are few relevant demographics for the learner to meaningfully consider.

Assessment Object 3

AO3 is the section that is usually done best, but the evidence for it is often included in the work for other sections, and assessors do not always recognise that it is there and therefore do not credit it.

Assessment Object 4

For AO4 we often see a lot of description but a minimal amount of evaluation, learners should be directed by centres to include their own evaluations of the strategies they look at, some attempt at this is required, even at the lower mark bands.

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