



*The Royal College of*  
**Midwives**

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Dear Ria,

As a Professional Organisation and Trade Union within the health and social care sector and member of the Pearson Strategic Advisory Panel for health and social care, we recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose:

- Pearson BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) – 500/9317/4
- Pearson BTEC 90-credit Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) - 600/6178/9
- Pearson BTEC Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) – 500/9465/8
- Pearson BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) – 500/9501/8

We recognise these qualifications as developing and confirming specialist knowledge and skills in the sector, to a standard that can be reasonably expected of an 18 year old in full time education.

The qualifications will give students an advantage when applying for related jobs, apprenticeships or training.

I am happy for my company name and website to be made available on the DfE and Pearson websites to confirm our support for the qualifications.

Yours sincerely

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