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Dear Deidre

Letter of support from BASW for the Pearson BTEC Nationals in Health & Social Care

The British Association of Social Workers (BASW) is the largest professional association for social work in the UK, with offices in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We're here to promote the best possible social work services for all people who may need them.

As the leading professional body for social work, we recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose:

- *Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Health and Social Care*
- *Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care*
- *Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Health and Social care*
- *Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care*
- *Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care*
- *Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Social Care*

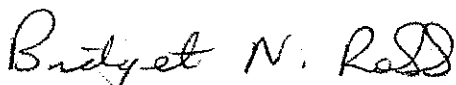
To be a practicing social worker, social workers must be registered. To be registered you must have a social work degree. Once you have completed your degree you will be eligible to apply to be registered as a social worker with one of the four UK regulators.

These qualifications will support students to progress to an appropriate undergraduate degree in social work and on to employment once registered.

We are particularly pleased that work experience in social care settings is part of the qualifications; work experience in the sector is an important component in being accepted onto degree courses in social work.

We are happy for Pearson to use this letter in support of its work with government and its agencies, to ensure that this invaluable qualification can continue to be recognised for college performance tables and 19+ funding.

Yours sincerely,



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