

Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate Health and Social Care



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Y11 into 12 Summer Task:

Health and Social Care in a Pandemic.

At the moment, we are living through a time when health and social care services are needed more than ever! Those who have chosen this as a profession have stepped up to look after those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. You will be seeing on the news constant stories about the amazing work that is going on in the British NHS and Care system and this task is your opportunity to find out more about pandemic control in the area and also the work of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in organising a global response. This will require you to research and understand why the steps have been taken around us and how this fits into the global picture.

Task 1 – What is the role of health promoters?

You will need to read through the following information and complete some research in order to explain the roles of the following organisations in maintaining the health of the population:

World Health Organisation (WHO).

Department of Health

Public Health Agency

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

Health professionals

Find out about the organisation of public health promotion within North Yorkshire and/or Leeds



The Role of Health Promoters

Aims

Health promoters aim to improve the health of individuals and the population and reduce health inequalities globally, nationally and locally.

Global health promotion

The World Health Organization, within the United Nations promotes and protects good health worldwide, by providing information about disease outbreaks, co-ordinating crisis intervention and the response to humanitarian emergencies; establishing International Health Regulations and an international system of classifying diseases.

National, regional and local health structures in England include the

- Department of Health
- Public Health Agency
- Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)
- Health professionals

In England, the Department of Health (DH) leads, shapes and funds health and care while Public Health England protects and improves the nation's health and well-being, and reduces health inequalities. Local authorities are responsible for public health and do this through health and well-being boards which include representatives for all CCGs in the area, among others. Health and well-being boards assess the needs of their local community through Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) then agree priorities in Joint Health and Well-Being Strategies (JHWSs). Together JSNAs and JHWSs form the basis of commissioning plans for public health for CCGs.

Task 2: Why do you think is necessary for local authorities to have control over the needs of the people in their area? For instance, think about the people living in Harrogate and then compare that to the population living in Leeds; do they have the same needs? What would their focus for health be on?

Approaches to promoting public health and well-being

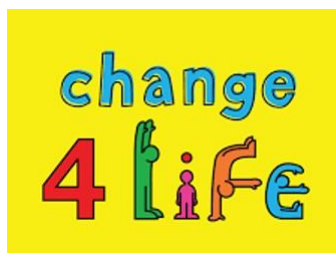
Promoting public health and well-being includes:

1. Monitoring the health status of the community and identifying those most at risk, e.g. children, unemployed, older people, minority ethnic groups.
2. Health surveillance programmes.
3. Targeted education and health awareness and health promotion programmes.
4. Socio-economic support to reduce health inequality between individuals and communities, e.g. winter fuel payments, free school meals, housing support.
5. Improving access to health and care services.
6. Co-ordinating national and local services.
7. Disease registration to inform of health trends and for strategic health planning.
8. Statutory duty to notify certain communicable diseases e.g. measles, tuberculosis (in this case COVID-19).

Task 3 – Find examples of the British Government and relevant agencies putting these measures into practice; e.g. what have they done for those receiving free school meals? How have they identified those most at risk and supported them?

Task 4: Compare Britain's response to at least one other country and its response to the pandemic. Assess the strengths and weaknesses in each approach to looking after public health.

Challenge: Look at least 3 news articles from a variety of sources and consider what they say about the British approach to the pandemic. Do you think it could have been improved? Justify your suggestions.



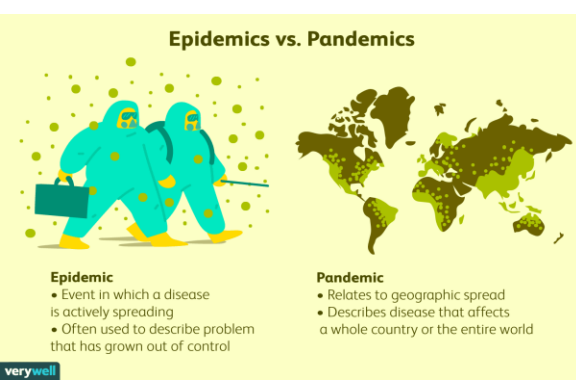
Pandemic Phases

2018 marked the 100th anniversary of one of the largest public health crises in modern history, the 1918 influenza pandemic known colloquially as “Spanish flu.” The intensity and speed with which it struck were almost unimaginable – infecting one-third of the Earth’s population, which at the time was about 500 million people. By the time it subsided in 1920, tens of millions people are thought to have died. By 1952, it was decided that an influenza surveillance system was needed for the “collection, correlation, and distribution of information regarding occurrence, epidemiology and laboratory findings”. This is known as the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS). It was predicted that the next pandemic would most likely be caused by influenza.

This has led the WHO to conduct and watch outbreaks of strains of flu and cold across the world and create detailed reports on the readiness of countries and also to map out the stages of a pandemic and main actions to be taken in order to minimise the impact of this type of event.

Challenge - Task 5: Below is a link to the WHO pandemic phase descriptions; use these alongside research on the response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in order to complete the table on the next slide.

https://www.who.int/influenza/resources/documents/pandemic_phase_descriptions_and_actions.pdf



Phase	WHO Suggested Actions	UK Actions	Effectiveness of response	Recommendations for future pandemic planning
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
Post Peak				