

## Unit HSC403: An Introduction to Healthcare Policy

Unit code: F/505/9505

RQF level: 4

### Aim

The aim of this unit is to develop your awareness of different influences on healthcare and their effect on the development of policy. Evaluation of healthcare policy will allow learners to examine what are the key contemporary issues for those making policy, providers and those receiving support.

### Learning Outcomes and Assessment criteria

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To achieve this unit a learner must be able to:	Assessment of these outcomes demonstrates the learner can:
1. Demonstrate an understanding of the significant historical and contemporary landmarks in healthcare provision in the UK.	1.1 Summarise the main healthcare policy reforms introduced by the Labour Government from 1997. 1.2 Summarise the Conservative/ Liberal Coalition health agenda. 1.3 Discuss recent proposals in healthcare policy and its potential impact on service users.
2. Discuss the theoretical frameworks, concepts and models in developing policy.	2.1 Discuss the ideological backgrounds that can influence healthcare policy development. 2.2 Describe how stakeholders can influence policy development.
3. Discuss the impact of previous and current healthcare policy upon service user groups.	3.1 Discuss a policy developed during the coalition government and its impact upon service users. 3.2 Explain the government's policy on supporting service users with long-term conditions and its implications for service users.

### **Suggested Resources**

Fatchett, A (2012) Social Policy for Nurses. Polity press. ISBN- 13:978-0-7456-4920-7

Kennedy, P (2013) Key themes in Social Policy

Donaldson, L. and Scally, G. Donaldson's Essential Public Health (Radcliffe Publishing Ltd 2009) ISBN: 9781846192098

Kennedy, P. Key Themes in Social Policy (Routledge, 2013) ISBN: 9780415520973

Taylor, G. Using Health Policy in Nursing Practice (Learning Matters, 2013) ISBN: 9781446256466

Walshe, K. and Smith, J. Healthcare Management (Open University Press, 2011) ISBN: 9780335243815

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