**Questions and Answers**

**Level 3 Professional Learning Event – Winter 2024**

**What happens if candidates exceed the word count on NEAs?**

There is a 10% tolerance on word counts within which candidates should make every effort to remain. Where word counts have been greatly exceeded, teachers should continue to mark work and moderators will make recommendations to centres to address this for the following year.

**When students re-sit an NEA, do they have to use a different case study?**

Candidates cannot re-sit the NEAs using the same case study twice. For re-sits, candidates should use a different case study to avoid work being added to or tweaked.

**Resources**

There are currently a range of resources being developed to support this qualification. Further resources relating to candidates’ work in both the examination units and the NEAs will be available following submission in the summer.

**Which briefs remain the same each year?**

The briefs for Units 3, 6 and 9 remain static for the lifetime of the specification.

Centres should use the SAMs from the Health and Care Learning Wales website as the assignments will not change throughout the life of the qualification.

For **Unit 3**, learners can choose from the list of groups on the SAM although they are not restricted to this list.

[l3-hsc-pc-ext-dip-unit-3-abridged-sams-e-050124.pdf (healthandcarelearning.wales)](https://www.healthandcarelearning.wales/media/mbrhn4mw/l3-hsc-pc-ext-dip-unit-3-abridged-sams-e-050124.pdf)

The **Unit 6** task relates to learners’ sector engagement and their focus will be specific to their own setting and sector engagement.

[L3 HSC PC Ext Dip Unit 6 SAMs (healthandcarelearning.wales)](https://www.healthandcarelearning.wales/media/rysjhswl/l3-hsc-pc-ext-dip-unit-6-abridged-sams-e-050124.pdf)

For **Unit 9**, learners choose their own contemporary issue to focus their research project on. The requirements of the task stay the same and are found in the SAMs.

[l3-hsc-pc-ext-dip-unit-9-sams-e-050124.pdf (healthandcarelearning.wales)](https://www.healthandcarelearning.wales/media/cslgtn5c/l3-hsc-pc-ext-dip-unit-9-sams-e-050124.pdf)

For Units 1, 3, 5 and 8, the brief will change yearly and will be published on the portal (secure website).

**What are the NEA conditions for Unit 8?**

For Unit 8, learners should be directly supervised throughout their 15 hours as per the NEA conditions for these tasks. The case study for Summer 2024 is on the secure website, the case study will change every year although the tasks remain the same.

Candidates are not permitted to use the internet whilst completing the tasks.