



Health and social care is currently available for students to study from year 10.

In year 10, students are given an overview of health and social care provision with a focus on the early years client group; students examine how services are developed and targeted to meet the needs of this group in accordance with appropriate legislation. The process whereby health services and local authorities assess the needs of their populations is looked at along with factors that might affect specific groups who access these services. Students also research and become familiar with the roles, responsibilities and characteristics of child carers.

Through work experience placements, students become familiar with key information such as the process by which care services in different sectors are accessed, how these services are integrated and how they are designed to deliver equality and meet the needs of a diverse population. Students develop an understanding of the types of services that exist to meet client group needs and how these are developed and organised.

Students complete a number of controlled assessment tasks that can cover areas such as the principles of care, the promotion of individual rights and beliefs and the roles and skills of workers in the early years services.

In year 11, students examine health and social care and early years provision in greater depth and complete further controlled assessment tasks. They learn about human growth and development (and the factors which can affect these), the development of the self-concept and different types of relationships. Major life changes are examined alongside sources of support.