Module Title | Safety & Risk in Nursing Care  
Module Code | HEA00086M  
Module Level* | 7  
Word Limit /Exam Duration | 2,000 words  
Assessment Type(s) | Essay  

Marking Criteria  
Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the marking criteria guidance for the module level* noted above: http://www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/student-intranet/exam-assess/markgrid/

Confidentiality  
It is a breach of confidentiality to disclose any personal information about a patient, service user, colleague, staff or any other person or place that could in principle enable them to be identified. For further guidance please refer to the departmental policy on Confidentiality at the following link: www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/student-intranet/exam-assess/conduct/confidentiality/

Assessment Timing  
The deadline for correctly presenting a submission is 4.30pm on the published submission date.  
The submission deadline is published on the Programme Assessment Schedule available on the following link: http://www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/student-intranet/timetables/assessment-schedules/

Referencing  
You must reference your work in accordance with departmental referencing guidelines which you can access via the following link: http://www.york.ac.uk/integrity/harvard.html

Assessment Guidance  

Formative Assessment  
You will have the opportunity to submit and receive feedback on a 500 word (maximum) plan of your summative assessment (essay). Your formative plan should include:
- An outline of your essay focus/ chosen topic (e.g. national policy or guideline that you will critically analyse)
- Examples (e.g. references) of the key source material / literature you will use to underpin your analysis
- An essay plan outlining your proposed structure and how you will develop your discussion – i.e. the main points you plan to cover in your essay

Summative Assessment  
You are required to critically analyse a national policy/guideline that focuses on reducing risk or maintaining patient safety and consider the implications for local practice.

You must focus your discussion on a national policy related to the module content, for example:
- Aspects of Infection Control
- Risks related to vulnerable adults
- Self-management of medications, medicines management, administration of medicines or blood products
- The recognition of deterioration in either physical or mental health.

You should integrate appropriate source material within your critique including:
- Current research
- National policy/guidance
- Local policy and guidance
- Relevant reports and their recommendations
- NMC guidance

Your essay should address the following four areas:
I. A critical appraisal of a national policy/guideline relating to safety and risk in an aspect of nursing care.
II. A comparison between the national policy/guideline aims and local policy implementation.
III. Identification of clear connections between the policy/guideline and the NMC requirements for nursing practice.
IV. An appraisal of how the knowledge and understanding you have gained may contribute to meaningful person-centred care in future practice.

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