Module Title: Health & Social Care Policy & Politics

Module Code: HEA00138H

Module Level*: 6

Word Limit /Exam Duration: 3,000 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
In small groups, you are required to present a 5 minute verbal synopsis that outlines the key themes and content of the policy or strategy you have chosen as the focus of your summative assessment.

Summative Assessment
You are required to write an essay on a health and/or social care policy or strategy of your choice that is having an impact on current health and social care practice and patient/client care. Policies/strategies you may wish consider include (but are not limited to):
- Policies to support people with long term conditions.
- Clinical commissioning
- Emergency care reform
- Policies relating to continuing care
- Strategies that promote partnership working
- Policies and strategies that promote the working across health and social care boundaries
- Strategies and policies promoting 24-hour patient care

Your essay should:
(A) Identify and analyse the key themes of the policy/strategy, setting this in the context of present day health and social care, and changing patterns of care delivery
(B) Critically appraise the main drivers and the evidence base underpinning the policy/strategy
(C) Critically analyse the impact of the policy/strategy on health and social care practice and patient/client care
(D) Discuss the responsibility of the health care professional in the implementation of the policy/strategy
(E) Evaluate the contribution of health care professionals to shaping effective health and social care policy

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