

GCE 'A' level Health & Social Care Summer holiday project

Your task is to choose one of the topical issues listed below:

1. **Poor/inappropriate treatment of service users by practitioners** (could be abuse, poor hygiene, unsafe environments, who is responsible? How do we prevent it? How do we protect vulnerable service users?)
2. **Elderly care/end of life care** (care in hospices/hospitals; dying at home; who does the caring? What would you want?)
3. **Assisted dying** (Who? Why? Where? When?)
4. **NHS staff shortages**, e.g. nurses/midwives/GPs (what are the problems? How could it be improved? What are the government doing about the problems?)
5. **Mental Health crisis in the UK** (lack of staff, lack of funding, issues faced by teenagers, etc)

.....and produce a report (approx 2 sides of A4) which includes

- An outline of the **key issues** within the topic
- **Your opinions** on the key issues (your work is not complete unless this is included)
- **Other peoples' opinions** on the key issues – (your work is not complete unless this is included)



Key terms:

NHS: National Health Service

GP: General Practitioner (your local doctor)

Service user: any member of the public who uses health & social care services

Practitioner: a person working in a caring role in either health or social care or early years.



Useful websites to get you started:

www.bbc.co.uk/news

www.guardian.co.uk

www.telegraph.co.uk

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/>

<http://www.scie.org.uk/>

<http://www.dignitas.ch/?lang=en>

**An assisted dying law
would not result in more
people dying, but in fewer
people suffering.**

CAMPAIN FOR
DIGNITY
IN DYING

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/>

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/>

<http://www.mind.org.uk/>

<http://www.cqc.org.uk>

