

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Law and Safeguarding 2
2	Module Credits	40
3	Module Level	6
4	Module Code	SOW6xxx

5	Module Overview
<p>In line with the philosophy and aims of the Social Work programme, this module will provide you with an understanding of the legal system in England and Wales and the knowledge needed to safeguard and protect vulnerable service users as specified by the professional requirements for social work.</p> <p>You will need to reflect on your legal roles and responsibilities as a social worker with a duty of care so that you can practice professionally and be prepared for employment. The module will examine the court process and structure and prepare you to present evidence in court and to write formal reports. You are required to reflect on the process of joint working and the individual responsibilities of practitioners working in the areas of children and families, adult care, mental health and youth justice.</p> <p>You will explore the impact this has on service users and carers and how to access advocacy, legal advice and representation to ensure that your practice is compliant with equality legislation.</p> <p>The module is delivered using a range of learning and teaching methods. This includes lectures, interactive discussion and debate, small group exercises, DVD and tutorials, guided reading, group work and online learning. There is also a formative mock exam. Integral to the learning experience is the involvement of practitioner providing a valued inter-professional perspective.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
Session Topic/s (incl. delivery style and indicative formative learning activities)	
Introduction to Module/Assessment/exam Social Policy and Law recap in all four areas.	
Child Protection and Risk Management Children and Families Group Work	
Cyber Bullying/Internet Abuse/Safeguarding on line Working in Transition	
Youth Justice legislation and policy Library Using West Law/ Law sites	
Mental Health Act Code of Practice Care Programme Approach	

Care Planning
Care Act 2014/Care and Stat support Guidance
Adult Care group work
Child Sexual Exploitation, FGM AND Forced Marriages
Student debate
Budget Applications/FACS
Sentencing reports and PACE
Working with the police
PSR Reports
MH Tribunal Reports
Adult Safeguarding- SCR
Court Process and Evidence
Role of Magistrate in Court ad Sentencing
Drop in Session(Tutorial)
Examination preparation
Interim Care Orders and report
Child Sexual Abuse –Serious Case Reviews
Law Mock exam
Module exam feedback in 4 groups
Exam Preparation
Safeguarding with travelling families
Hospital discharge
Law Examination

7	Module Learning Outcomes On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:		
	1	Demonstrate an understanding of the general statutes and regulations which underpin social work practice and safeguarding in England and Wales, along with the specialist social work responsibilities, duties and powers.	
	2	Critically reflect on the social worker's roles and responsibilities with regards to safeguarding.	
	3	Demonstrate knowledge, understanding and application of the practical skills necessary for social workers to complete legal reports for court.	
	4	Critically appraise law and social policy, particularly in the context of anti-oppressive practice.	

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1 – 4		X	

9	Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities		Hours
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable		60 HOURS
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE		100 HOURS
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams		240 HOURS
Total Study Hours:		400 HOURS