Guide to key Health and Social Care and Children and Young People Qualifications in the UK

Introduction
Qualifications in the Health and Social Care and Children and Young People sector have been designed to meet the specific requirements in the four nations of the UK. Additionally, the apprenticeship frameworks across the UK have different requirements. Centres are advised that if in any doubt they should contact their Sector Skills Council partner organisation for the current position in their home country.

The section below outlines the main qualifications and key points on a country by country basis:

Wales

Adult and Children and Young People Social Care:

Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for Wales and Northern Ireland
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1260/0
City & Guilds Qualification Number 4222-22

This qualification is intended for those working in adult social care.

Key Points:
In Wales it is a requirement that learners undertake the unit *Introductory awareness of sensory loss* City & Guilds Unit 4222-258

There are no separate pathways for Learning Disability or Dementia Care in Wales.

Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for Wales and Northern Ireland
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1200/4
City & Guilds Qualification Number 4222-32

This qualification is intended for those working in adult social care.

Key Points:
In Wales it is a requirement that learners undertake the unit *Understand sensory loss* City & Guilds Unit 4222-393

There are no separate pathways for Learning Disability or Dementia Care in Wales.

Children and Young People Social Care:

Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Children and Young People) for Wales and Northern Ireland
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1201/6
City & Guilds Qualification Number 4222-33
Children’s Care Learning and Development:

Level 2 Diploma for Children’s Care, Learning and Development (Wales & Northern Ireland)
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1904/7
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 4227-02
In Wales there is also a requirement for a minimum placement duration of 280 hrs (Level 2)

Level 3 Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Wales & Northern Ireland)
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1410/4
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 4227-06
Key Points:
For the early years workforce
At Level 3 all learners in Wales must complete a placement working with 0-8 yrs.
In Wales there is also a requirement for a minimum placement duration of 700 hrs (Level 3)

There is no England version of this CCLD qualification

Leadership and Management:

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Children’s Care, Learning and Development (Advanced Practice)(Wales & Northern Ireland)
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1930/8
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 4227-07
Key Points:
For the early years workforce

There is no England version

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Children’s Care, Learning and Development (Management) (Wales & Northern Ireland)
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1925/4
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 4227-08
Key Points:
For the early years workforce

There is no England version

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Children and Young People’s Residential Management) Wales
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/2301/4
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3978-61
Key Points:
NB. Not valid in NI
Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Children and Young People's Management) Wales.
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/2300/2
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3978-62
Key Points:
NB. Not valid in NI

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Children and Young People's Advanced Practice) Wales & NI.
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1907/2
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3978-63

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Adults' Residential Management) Wales & NI.
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1994/1
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3978-64

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Adults' Management) Wales & NI.
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3978-65

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Adults' Advanced Practice) Wales & NI.
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1906/0
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3978-66

**Apprenticeships in Wales**

The current Apprenticeship Frameworks for Wales can be found here:


Key Points:
The revised frameworks contain the new Framework qualifications that assess occupational competence.

There are no separate technical certificates for Social Care or CCLD in Wales (see note below)

The required Essential Skills Wales are Application of Number and Communication.

New Employee Rights and Responsibility books are available for Health and Social Care and CCLD from the Care Council for Wales

There is no requirement to achieve the Level 2 Award in Employment Rights and Responsibilities in H&SC and CYP Settings (City & Guilds qualification number 4233)
as this is only applicable for the Apprenticeships in England and the CCLD Apprenticeship Northern Ireland

N.B. Learners working in the health sector and following the Health and Social Care apprenticeship do need to undertake the Level 2 or Level 3 Certificate in working in the health sector (City & Guilds Qualification Number 3176)

England

Adults

Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1306/9
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 4222-21
Key Points:
Has three Pathways:
- Generic
- Dementia
- Adults with Learning Disabilities

Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1194/2
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 4222-31
Key Points:
Has three Pathways:
- Generic
- Dementia
- Adults with Learning Disabilities

The Diploma in Health and Social care in England does not have a Children and Young People pathway, this now sits within 4227 Level 3 Diploma.

Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
Accreditation Number (QAN): 600/0077/6
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 4229-02
Key Points:
Is the knowledge component within the H&SC (Social Care) Apprenticeship Framework in England and can also be delivered as a standalone qualification in its own right

Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
Accreditation Number (QAN): 600/0108/2
City & Guilds Qualification Number 4229-03
Key Points:
Is the knowledge component within the H&SC (Social Care) Apprenticeship Framework in England and can also be delivered as a standalone qualification in its own right
Children and Young People's Workforce (CYPW):

Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce (England)
Accreditation Number (QAN): 500/9457/9
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 4227-01
Key Points:
There are no pathways in the Level 2 Certificate

Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People’s Workforce: Early Learning and Childcare Pathway (England)
Accreditation Number (QAN): 500/9170/0
City & Guilds Qualification Number 4227-03
Key Points:
For the Early Years workforce – learners must have placement opportunities working with children 0-5 yrs

Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People’s Workforce: Social Care Pathway (England)
Accreditation Number (QAN): 500/9170/0
City & Guilds qualification Number: 4227-04
Key Points:
For residential or foster care settings providing social care for children. This pathway has merged previous 3172-32 into the CYPW qualification

Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People’s Workforce: Learning and Development Support Services (LDSS) Pathway (England)
Accreditation Number (QAN): 500/9170/0
City & Guilds Qualification Number 4227-05

Leadership & Management in H&SC and CYP

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People’s Services (England)
Accreditation Number (QAN): 600/0573/7
City & Guilds Qualification Numbers: 3978-51/52/53/54/55/56
Key Points
Single qualification with 6 pathways:
- CYP Residential Management
- CYP Management
- CYP Advance Practice
- Adult Residential Management
- Adult Management
- Adult Advanced Practice
**Apprenticeships in England**

The current Apprenticeship Frameworks for Adult Social Care in England can be found here:  

The current Apprenticeship Framework for Children’s Workforce in England can be found here:  
http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/apprenticeships

**Key Points:**

The revised frameworks contain the new Framework qualifications that assess occupational competence.

There are separate components covering the knowledge requirement for H&SC (Adults) see above Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (4229)

There is a requirement in both the Health and Social Care and Children’s Workforce Apprenticeship Frameworks to achieve the Level 2 Award in Employment Rights and Responsibilities in H&SC and CYP Settings:

**Level 2 Award in Employment Responsibilities and Rights in Health, Social Care or Children and Young People’s Settings**

Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1723/3

City & Guilds Qualification Number: 4233-20

**Other related qualifications in England:**

The following qualifications are primarily intended for use in England and are also recognised in Wales and NI:

**Level 2 & 3 Awards and Certificates in Supporting Individuals with Learning Disabilities**

City & Guilds Qualification Numbers 4200-21/22/31/32

**Level 2 & 3 Awards in Awareness of Dementia**

City & Guilds Qualification Numbers 3565-21/31

**Level 2 & 3 Certificates in Dementia Care**

City & Guilds Qualification Numbers 3565-22/32

**Key feature:**

The units in these qualifications are also contained in the Diplomas in Health and Social Care (4222)
Northern Ireland

Adult and CYP Social Care:

Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for Wales and Northern Ireland
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1260/0
City & Guilds Qualification Number 4222-22
This qualification is intended for those working in adult social care.
Key Points:
In NI there is no requirement that learners undertake the unit *Introductory awareness of sensory loss*

There are no separate pathways for Learning Disability or Dementia Care in Northern Ireland

Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for Wales and Northern Ireland
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1200/4
City & Guilds Qualification Number 4222-32
This qualification is intended for those working in adult social care.
Key Points:
In Northern Ireland there is no requirement that learners undertake the unit *Understand sensory loss*

There are no separate pathways for Learning Disability or Dementia Care in Northern Ireland

Children and Young People Social Care:

Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Children and Young People) for Wales and Northern Ireland
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1201/6
City & Guilds Qualification Number 4222-33

Induction in Adult Social Care

Level 2 Certificate in Induction into Adult Social Care in Northern Ireland
Accreditation Number (QAN): 600/0506/3
City & Guilds Qualification Number 4212-21

Level 3 Certificate in Induction into Adult Social Care in Northern Ireland
Accreditation Number (QAN): 600/0505/1
City & Guilds Qualification Number 4212-31
Key Points:
Available in NI only to cover the requirements of Induction in adult social care
Children’s Care Learning and Development:

Level 2 Diploma for Children’s Care, Learning and Development (Wales & Northern Ireland)
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1904/7
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 4227-02

Level 3 Diploma for Children’s Care, Learning and Development (Wales & Northern Ireland)
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1410/4
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 4227-06
Key Points:
For the early years workforce
In NI all learners for the Level 3 must complete a placement with 0-5 yrs. There is currently no minimum hours stipulated for placement requirement in NI

There is no England version

Leadership and Management:

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Children’s Care, Learning and Development (Advanced Practice)(Wales & Northern Ireland)
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1930/8
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 4227-07
Key Points:
For the early years workforce

There is no England version

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Children’s Care, Learning and Development (Management) (Wales & Northern Ireland)
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1925/4
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 4227-08
Key Points:
For the early years workforce

There is no England version

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Children and Young People’s Advanced Practice) Wales & NI.
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1907/2
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3978-63

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Adults’ Residential Management) Wales & NI.
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1994/1
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3978-64
Key Point:
Whilst available in NI, it is advisable that employers, centres and learners should confirm the current validity of this new qualification for registration with RQIA
Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Adults’ Management) Wales & NI.
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3978-65
Key Point:
Whilst available in NI, it is advisable that employers, centres and learners should confirm the current validity of this new qualification for registration with RQIA
http://www.rqia.org.uk/home/index.cfm

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Adults’ Advanced Practice) Wales & NI.
Accreditation Number (QAN): 501/1906/0
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3978-66

Apprenticeships in Northern Ireland

The current Apprenticeship Frameworks for Northern Ireland can be found here:
http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/training-providers-for-apprenticeshipsni

Key Points:
The revised frameworks contain the new Framework qualifications that assess occupational competence. There are no separate technical certificates for the CCLD apprenticeship in Northern Ireland although childcare apprentices must complete the following:

Level 2 Apprenticeship:

Employment Rights and Responsibilities in Health, Social Care and CYP settings (4233)

Level 3 Apprenticeship:

Employment Rights and Responsibilities in Health, Social Care and CYP settings (4233) AND 12 hr Pediatric/childcare First Aid Course

The knowledge based element for Health and Social Care apprentices is the Certificate of Induction into Adult Social Care in Northern Ireland (4212) (see note below). This includes sufficient coverage of ERR and therefore there is no requirement to achieve the Level 2 Award in Employment Rights and Responsibilities in H&SC and CYP Settings (City & Guilds qualification number 4233)

N.B. Learners working in the health sector and following the Health and Social Care apprenticeship do need to undertake the Level 2 or Level 3 Certificate in working in the health sector (City & Guilds Qualification Number 3176)
Scotland

Adult and CYP Social Care:

Level 2 SVQ in Health and Social Care
Accreditation Number (SQA): G7PP 22
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3175-21/51

Level 3 SVQ in Health and Social Care
Accreditation Number (SQA): G7PR 23
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3175-31/61
Key Points:
For those working in adult social care

Level 3 SVQ in Health and Social Care
Accreditation Number (SQA): G7PR 23
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3175-32/52
Key Points:
For those working in Children and Young people services

Children's Care Learning and Development:

Level 2 SVQ in Children's Care, Learning & Development
Accreditation Number (SQA): G808 22
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3174-02/22

Level 3 SVQ in Children's Care, Learning & Development
Accreditation Number (SQA): G80A 23
City & Guilds Qualification Number: 3174-03/23

Apprenticeships in Scotland

For advice on Apprenticeship Frameworks in Scotland visit: