

Subject	Exam board	Unit no.	Topic title
Health and Social Care	BTEC	4	Enquiries into Current Research LO:A

	R	A	G
1. Improving outcomes for people using services			
2. Informing policy and practice			
3. Extending knowledge and understanding			
4. Identifying gaps in provision			
5. Examples of research that have improved practice and policy			
6. Issues in the health and social care sector			
7. Research into health conditions			
8. Effectiveness of treatments			
9. Health trends and reasons for trends observed			
10. Strategies for reducing likelihood of health risks, and their effectiveness			
11. Lifestyle factors			
12. Age groups affected by different lifestyle factors			
13. Impact of lifestyle factors on health and social care needs			
14. The implication of lifestyle choices and possible strategies for mitigating service provision			
15. Care and support practices for individuals			
16. Success of care and support practices in promoting individuals' independence and wellbeing			
17. Services provided for individuals with specific needs and the effect of these on individuals' wellbeing			

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	R	A	G
1. Research methodologies			
2. Qualitative and quantitative			
3. Organisations involved in research			
4. Government			
5. Health authorities			
6. Local authorities			
7. Social service departments			
8. Charities and community groups			
9. ONS			
10. Sampling			
11. Questionnaires			
12. Interviews			
13. Focus groups			
14. Case study			
15. Experiments			
16. Observations			
17. Analysis of data			
18. Local authority data			
19. Data from GPs			
20. National data			
21. Conducting effective literature searches			
22. Identifying source material			
23. Analysing source material			
24. Evaluating source material			

25. Rationale for research			
26. Deciding objectives			
27. Selecting appropriate research methods			
28. Selecting a target group and sample			
29. Deciding realistic timescales			
30. Deciding how research will be monitored and modified			
31. Deciding measures for success			
32. Maintaining confidentiality			
33. Gaining consent from participants in research			
34. Consent from vulnerable individuals			
35. Research conduct			
36. Data protection			
37. Human rights and research			
38. Use and misuse of results			
39. Conflicts of interest			
40. Role of organisations			
41. Organisational skills and time management			
42. Non-judgmental practice			
43. Connections between sources			
44. Methods of analysis and drawing conclusions			
45. Potential sources of bias and error			
46. Distinguishing between fact and opinion			
47. Interpreting graphs and tables produced by others			
48. Compilation of data			
49. Results and findings			
50. Methods of analysis valid for the data collected			
51. Use of percentages			
52. Use of statistical averages			

53. Making notes and keeping records			
54. Reading techniques			
55. Referencing			

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	R	A	G
1. Selecting appropriate secondary sources			
2. Consideration of the suitability of sources			
3. Selecting relevant numerical data			
4. Recognising bias			
5. Examining the content of secondary materials			
6. Academic reading			
7. Advantages and limitations of research sources and methodologies			
8. Validity and reliability of data researched			
9. Recommendations			
10. Potential for further development of research			
11. Potential for development of working practice and provision of services			
12. Making recommendations for potential future areas of research			
13. Implications of research for health and social care practice			
14. Implications of research for health and social care provision			