

## Health and Social Care



Good afternoon,

It is with much regret that I write to inform you that the development work for the 2017 AS and A level in health and social care has been stopped.

The reason given by DfE is outlined below:

*"During development of subject content, it has become clear that for health and social care AS and A level, it has not been possible to draft subject content in accordance with the department's guidance and Ofqual's principles. As a result, health and social care AS and A level will not be available for teaching from 2017, and will not be consulted upon."*

*"The exam boards worked hard during the process."*

We appreciate that this is disappointing news and are extremely grateful for the support received from the teaching community during the consultation period.

WJEC is committed to developing a replacement qualification at Level 3. Further details and consultation on this will be communicated in the near future.

We would like to take this opportunity to reassure teachers that the existing AS and A level specification will continue to run until final certification in 2018; we will continue to work hard to support centres delivering this qualification.

Kind regards

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