

Module Information

2022.01, Approved

Summary Information

Module Code	7203SWMAP
Formal Module Title	Law and Social Policy for Practice
Owning School	Nursing and Allied Health
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Nursing and Allied Health

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	30
Seminar	10

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-CTY	CTY	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	This module provides students with a critical overview of the social policy and legislative context for social work practice
------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Critically evaluate the development of national policy and legislative frameworks for relevant service users
MLO2	2	Critically analyse and synthesise social policy and the law in relation to contemporary practice

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	1. Introduction to the English Legal System 2. Equality and Human Rights Legislation 3. Mental Capacity Act 2005 4. Introduction Mental Health Law and social policy 5. Children and Families' Legislation 6. Adult Safeguarding 7. Key themes of legislation relevant to contemporary social work practice 8. Introduction to the Care Act 2014 9. The regulatory Framework for Social Work Practice 10. Data protection, Information sharing and confidentiality
Module Overview	
Additional Information	<p>In completing this module students will gain a firm understanding of the key pieces of legislation that are relevant to social work practice. They will be able to link social policy to the development of legislation, which in turn impacts on the rights of service users and current social work practice. The module includes an analysis of human rights, anti-discriminatory and equality legislation. The module will enable students to apply legislation to case studies and consider the tensions and dilemmas that arise as a result of compulsory social work intervention in the lives of service users, their families and carers. The module Learning Outcomes (LO) aim to meet Social Work England (SWE) Professional Standards as follows:</p> <p>LO 1 Critically evaluate the development of national policy and legislative frameworks for relevant service users. 1.2 Respect and promote the human rights, views, wishes and feelings of the people I work with, balancing rights and risks and enabling access to advice, advocacy, support and services. 1.5 Recognise differences across diverse communities and challenge the impact of disadvantage and discrimination on people and their families and communities. 1.6 Promote social justice, helping to confront and resolve issues of inequality and inclusion. 1.7 Recognise and use responsibly, the power and authority I have when working with people, ensuring that my interventions are always necessary, the least intrusive, proportionate. 2.2 Respect and maintain people's dignity and privacy. 2.6 Treat information about people with sensitivity and handle confidential information in line with the law. LO 2 Critically analyse and synthesise social policy and the law in relation to contemporary practice. 3.1 Work within legal and ethical frameworks, using my professional authority and judgement appropriately. 3.3 Apply my knowledge and skills to address the social care needs of individuals and their families commonly arising from physical and mental ill health, disability, substance misuse, abuse or neglect, to enhance quality of life and wellbeing. 3.4 Recognise the risk indicators of different forms of abuse and neglect and their impact on people, their families and their support networks. 3.7 Recognise where there may be bias in decision making and address issues that arise from ethical dilemmas, conflicting information, or differing professional decisions. 3.9 Make sure that relevant colleagues and agencies are informed about identified risks and the outcomes and implications of assessments and decisions I make. 3.15 Recognise and respond to behaviour that may indicate resistance to change, ambivalent or selective cooperation with services, and recognise when there is a need for immediate action. 5.2 Behave in a way that would bring into question my suitability to work as a social worker while at work, or outside of work. 5.6 Use technology, social media or other forms of electronic communication unlawfully, unethically, or in a way that brings the profession into disrepute. 6.1 Report allegations of harm and challenge and report exploitation and any dangerous, abusive or discriminatory behaviour or practice. 6.2 Reflect on my working environment and where necessary challenge practices, systems and processes to uphold Social Work England's professional standards. 6.6 Declare to the appropriate authority and Social Work England anything that might affect my ability to do my job competently or may affect my fitness to practise, or if I am subject to criminal proceedings or a regulatory finding is made against me, anywhere in the world.</p>

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Portfolio	Law Inventory	100	0	MLO1, MLO2

Module Contacts