Essay

Level 7 (1500 words)

Provide a critical rationale for your choice of long term condition and relate this to your professional discipline relevant to the health need of your population.

Look at the international/national/borough/local area and statistics of prevalence (e.g asthma worldwide, in the UK and relate that to your local area)

Do you have a higher or lower level of asthma?

Do you have a higher or lower level of deaths even though you may have low levels?

Also look at your professional role and changes in healthcare provision. Think about at the moment, in the context of COVID 19, different ways of working and also look at other national drivers (e.g, GP Forward view and NHS Long term Plan).

Critically explore and synthesis the content of your protocol-you need to draw together wider evidence sources to make your point

Here we are look at primary research, actual clinic studies (not opinion pieces or information taken from clinical knowledge summaries or other NICE guidelines

We are also looking for systematic reviews, meta analysis, things where they have undertaken review on multiple studies and put all the conclusions together to get greater strength to the weight of evidence

Critically discuss how you will evaluate uptake of your clinical protocol

Basically, how well is the protocol going to be used by your colleagues in practise

Propose a strategy to measuring the clinical impact to the extend to which your clinical protocol makes a difference to the health outcomes of your chosen population

Utilise your change management and leadership theories for the implementation of your protocol

Think about how you will know if your protocol has improved patient outcomes

What could you measure and what time frame is realistic

maybe look at your QOF outcomes, what proportion of patients have had an annual Asthma review?

Marking Criteria:

Marking Criteria. Proportion of marks (optional)

You need to provide a clear and coherently structured clinical protocol, which sets out a detailed process or procedural outline to be followed by relevant stakeholders 25%

You will need to provide a critical rationale for your choice of long term condition and how this development relates to your professional discipline and the health needs of your population 15%

In your essay, you need to critically explore and synthesise the content of your clinical protocol, as described in your clinical protocol

(for example, if you mention ‘A written Personalised Action Asthma Plan’, what is the evidence behind (PAAP)?

 40%

In your essay, you need to critically discuss how you will evaluate uptake of your clinical protocol in practice and propose a strategy for measuring clinical impact

 10%

Demonstrate logical and coherent development in your work. It must be clearly presented

You will have:

Structured your essay in a logical manner including an introduction and summary or conclusion

Demonstrated a coherent line of discussion

 5%

Use an accurate and recognised referencing system

You will have:

Used the recommended University citation practice throughout the essay

Included an accurate and complete reference list

 5%