**Evidence-Based Approaches**

*Step by Step Assessment Guide*

**Assessment Brief-(2500 words)**

The assessment for Evidence Based Approaches is 1 component part:

1. Evidence Report 100%

**LO 1.** Explain critical research skills and methodologies within evidence-based approaches.

**LO 2.** Recognise the appropriateness of their application in research and evidence-based approaches in relation to service improvements.

**LO 3.** Demonstrate the use of critical thinking skills on a source of information within evidenced based approaches relevant to own sector interest.

**You are required to**:

• Explain critical research skills and methodologies within evidence-based approaches.

• Recognise the appropriateness of their application in research and evidence-based approaches in relation to service improvements.

• Demonstrate the use of critical thinking skills on a **source of information** (literature) within evidenced based approaches relevant to own sector interest.

***Introduction***-(**250 words**)

**Steps:**

* Define evidence-based practice in healthcare and its benefits in healthcare sector.
* Explain the benefit to patients/ service user, to healthcare practitioners and the benefit to healthcare organisation.
* Signpost (summarise ) briefly what you will covering in each section of the assignment i.e., LO1, LO2 and LO3.

***Body***

**LO1**- (**500 words**)- Explain critical research skills and methodologies within evidence-based approaches.

**Steps:**

* Define critical research skills and explain the importance/ benefit of critical research skills.
* Identify and explain five or six critical research skills with examples.
* Define methodology and explain the importance/benefit of methodology in research.
* Explain qualitative and quantitative research methodology with examples.
* Identify the two types of research -**primary** / **secondary**-and how they lead to service improvement in evidence-based practice.

**LO2**- (**700 words**) -Recognise the appropriateness of their application in research and evidence-based approaches in relation to service improvements.

**Steps:**

* Explain how qualitative and quantitative research methodology can lead to service improvement in evidence-based practice (i.e., **their importance in EBP)**
* Explain how critical research skills is used for service improvements in evidence-based approaches.
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**LO3**-(**800 words**) Demonstrate the use of critical thinking skills on a **source of information** (literature) within evidenced based approaches relevant to own sector interest.

**Literature Review**

* Choose a topic of interest within a specific sector in healthcare (e.g., mental health, care setting, residential homes, domiciliary setting, hospital etc)
* A critical discussion of some of the main published work on the topic, showing an awareness and understanding of differing arguments, theories, and approaches of applying critical thinking skills.
* A conclusion in which you draw together your key findings and suggest how these might shape a future research proposal.

**Steps:**

***Literature Review Structure***

1. Your topic / tittle
2. Introduction
3. Main body
4. Conclusion

***Main conclusion***- (250 words)

***Reference – Using Harvard referencing style***

***Assignment demo***

***Literature Review Structure Section Example***

***Literature Review Structure***

**Your topic / title:**

* **Tackling abuse and neglect of elderly people in residential health care organization**

**Your literature review introduction section should contain:**

**Introduction** –

**Introduce the topic by setting a background about your chosen topic.**

* Here you introduce your chosen topic .i.e., set a background for your topic, start with the definition of key terms e. g, Abuse and neglect definition.
* Discuss current understanding on the research topic area(your chosen topic & health condition)
* Define your topic and provide an appropriate context for reviewing the literature.
* Establish your reasons – i.e., point of view – for choosing the topic.
* Explain the method and methodology of the literature review.
* If the report is designed to solve a perceived ‘problem’, the history of the ‘problem’ can be reviewed here, culminating in the situation that prompted the report to be written. **Examples are :** The historical background of your chosen health condition, the demographical information, geographical information, chronological, advancement, geographical or questioning technique.

**Example:**

The purpose of this research project is to identify key factors behind neglect and abuse in health and social care settings to offer suggestions for tackling these issues. The relevant objectives to support the achievement of the aim is to understand the issues of abuse and neglect in health and social care settings and to identify the main factors contributing towards the issues of abuse and neglect. The literature review identified and analysed some notable research papers, journal articles and books on the topic.

**Method/ Methodology Examples:**

* **Example 1:** In this study secondary sources have been used to collect data and analyse them. The secondary data required for this study have been collected from the journals, books, online articles, working papers, governmental and non-governmental sources. Google scholar, Google Advance, Google books are used for accessing in these sources. The data have been taken from 2010 to 2020.
* **Example 2:** However, this assignment would adopt the qualitative approach and use secondary sources of data including historical data, outcome of previous researches and literature, as well as textbook, internet sources, professional opinions, journals, Google Scholar, CINAHL etc to obtain necessary information. More inclusion materials will also be employed for accurate information on the topic.
* **Example 3:** This research work will perform secondary data analysis method for collecting data and analysis. Researcher will develop few themes and data will be collected based on the themes and analyse to get outcome. Researcher will use Google Scholar and CINAHL Plus full text to get appropriate information. The key worlds will select accurately to find out the proper information very easily. Again, researcher will use some inclusion criteria to get more accurate information.
* **Example 4-**This research work will perform secondary data analysis method for collecting data and analysis. Researcher will develop few themes and data will be collected based on the themes and analyse to get outcome. Researcher will use Google Scholar and CINAHL Plus full text to get appropriate information. The key worlds will select accurately to find out the proper information very easily. Again, researcher will use some inclusion criteria to get more accurate information.

**Main body:**

* Use a range of sources relating to the research topic i. e. Primary or Secondary research sources.
* Provide a critical discussion of some of the main published work on the topic.
* Showing an awareness and understanding of differing arguments, theories, and approaches
* Your literature review should include key information from different sources to meet the aim and objectives of your chosen topic.
* Evaluate the validity and reliability of the sources.

**Main body-Example:**

Abuse and neglect have become important topics of discussion in recent years. Adult abuse and neglect are also increasing rapidly across the globe. In these days, a significant occurrence of elder abuse has been identified thus the World Health Organization declared it as a public health problem. Elder abuse refers to the intentional or unintentional actions that put the elder person life in risk by the caregivers. It can also be seen as the failure of caregivers to fulfil the basic need of the aged individual. The surprising fact is aged individuals suffer because of the person whom they trust (Fraga Dominguez, 2017; Pillemer et al., 2016).

The increasing number of this kind of incident is also positively influenced by the increasing number of ageing populations in the world (WHO, 2018). People of different backgrounds experience abuse and neglect in different social and institutional settings (Moran, 2014). Children and adults are the most vulnerable groups to encounter abuse and neglect in different social and institutional settings. It has been found from the several studies of different regions that, 15.7% individuals ageing 60 years and more have experienced some kinds of abuse in the past years. But the problem is that the elder people could not seek help from the law and enforcement organizations as they are often afraid of the care providers and authorities. Several factors can increase the risk of adult abuse including the physical health, mental health, cognitive behaviour and substance abuse of the adults.

* So, in this reality research related to the elder abuse and neglect is an urgent need and thus the researcher become interested to find out the way of tackling the negligence and abusive behaviours to the elderly people in residential health care organization.

**Conclusion-**

**What should be in your conclusion?**

A conclusion in which you draw together your key findings and suggest how these might shape a future research. Your conclusion should give a summary of:

* The main agreements and disagreements in the literature – *This literature review investigated…****It is clear that researchers tend to believe…***
* Any gaps or areas for further research - *In future, it would be interesting to check…*

Example:

The literature review presented in the previous section indicates that abuse and neglect are common across the globe (Horwath, 2017). Elder abuse is one of the pressing problems of our society which is not focused properly till now. But it needed to be addressed urgently with some effective actions. Thus, the prevailing situation must be analysed carefully first and this study shows similarities with that perspective. Here after addressing the common facts of elder abuse and neglect, the forms of abuses, the needed adult safeguarding policies and practices for the care organizations and the required preventive measures taken by the care assistants have been discussed. With the hope of the better situations some recommendations are also presented here.