

Using Childlink as a teaching and study aid for HND Health & Social Care (Care Practice)

Why should I use Childlink?

- **Childlink** is an innovative online database focusing on Legislation, Policies and Practices regarding children, young people and families who live in the United Kingdom and on the island of Ireland.
- Updated daily **Childlink** while being current also has an archive of over 1 million pages of information. Students are able to print pages from Childlink to include in their work without any copyright restrictions.
- **Childlink** provides information on Education, Welfare, Lifestyle, Justice, Benefit Issues, Youth Affairs, Health and Employment. Childlink can help save students and teachers research time as all the information has been gathered from various sources which can now be found easily in one single source.
- **Childlink** is tailored to provide information to those who are practitioners and in the longer term management of Social Care settings

What is the purpose of this guide?

- This is a short guide for those who wish to qualify gaining a solid foundation of knowledge and practical skills in Health and Social Care.
- The sample questions in this guide are based upon the HND Health & Social Care (Care Practice) specification. However they illustrate how **Childlink** can be used in the teaching of this subject regardless of syllabus.

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When should I use the Search Facility of Childlink?

With over a million pages online the Child Care & Education examples below illustrate just how easy it is to use the search facility to quickly and accurately find a wide variety of information.

Example 1

There are many definition of Equality but our preferred one for this guide is taken from The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. To access this definition just follow these simple steps.

(1) What is the definition of equality?

- Enter **equality** into the search box at the top of the screen and select **Papers** from the **Categories** menu. Then press the **go** button.
- On the search results page click on the entry entitled **Definition of Equality** . This will enable you to view the definition.

Example 2

When undertaking a Qualification in an HND Health & Social Care (Care Practice) it is important that students have a working knowledge of the legislative context in which they operate.

These include:

- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Children Order 1995
- Equality Disability, etc. Northern Ireland Order 2000
- Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001

(2) Where can I find a copy of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?

- Enter **UN Convention** into the search box at the top of the screen and select **Legislation** from the **Categories Menu**. Then press the **go** button.
- On the search results page select the first entry to view a copy of the UN Convention.

Example 3

Understanding the policies and skills required in the field of Social Care are crucial when undertaking this study. There are many key documents covering a wide range of Child Development issues. The following documents are a sample of related papers which can be accessed on Childlink.

- Principles for early years education - The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
- Sure Start: for Everyone - Inclusion Pilot Projects Summary Report on Promoting Inclusion, Embracing Diversity and Challenging Inequality.
- Full day care - National standards for under 8 s day care and childminding
- Our Duty to Care: Northern Ireland
- Every Child Matters

(3) Identify the Professional Development Strategies outlined in Every Child Matters?

- Enter **every child matters** into the search box at the top of the screen and select **Papers** from the **Categories Menu**. Then press the **go** button.
- On the search results page select the entry **Every Child Matters** to view the relevant information.

Example 4

Childlink is unique in providing a detailed archive of some of the most high profile and significant Child Abuse cases which have occurred over the past decade.

These include:

- **The James Bulger Case**
Events surrounding the murder of James Bulger
- **The Billie-Jo Jenkins Trial**
Trial into the death of Billie-Jo Jenkins
- **The Victoria Climbié Inquiry**
Independent inquiry arising from the death of Victoria Climbié
- **The Sarah Payne Trial**
Trial into the death of Sarah Payne
- **The Milly Dowler Case**
Investigation into the death of Milly Dowler
- **The Soham Murder Trial**
Trial into the deaths of Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman
- **The Bichard Inquiry**
Independent inquiry arising from the Soham murders

(4) Where can I find information on Ian Huntley and the Soham Murder Trial?

These Featured Cases can be found by selecting the Featured Cases link under the Archives heading at the left hand side of the screen. Select **The Soham Murder Trial** from the list to view all relevant information.

Search Tips

Childlink has over a million pages and has extensive information on all major topics relating to children and families. To maximise the use of this service we provide the following search tips.

- The searches in **Childlink** are not case sensitive so entering **EARLY YEARS** or **early years** will get the same results.
- **Childlink** sorts the results of a search in order of relevance.
- If you are unable to find the information you require online you may revert to our online request service where we endeavour to source such information within 24 hours.

When should I use the Regions search?

This search enables you to search regions that are relevant to your subject. For example:

Where can I find information on Safeguarding Children in Northern Ireland?

- In this case, a Region Search is ideal as there are documents on Safeguarding Children for each region in the UK.
- Enter **Safeguarding Children** in the Search Box at the top of the screen. Select **Papers** from the **Categories** Menu and select **Northern Ireland** from the **Regions** Menu.
- On the search results page select the entry **Co-operating to Safeguard Children** .



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Browsing the Childlink site

Childlink's strength is that it is easy to navigate the relevant archives relating to many topics in Family and Child Care. The Archives have been organised into six categories. They are:

- Welfare
- Education
- Health
- Justice
- Youth
- Employment

Each category has been set out in the same standardised format ensuring consistency and quick retrieval of appropriate information. **Childlink** operates a three click approach which ensures that students only need three clicks at any time to access the required information.

If you have any feedback about this guide or **Childlink** please contact Stephen Michael at stephen@childlink.co.uk.

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