Credits / Level of Study 15 credits / Level 7

Module Aims
The aim of this module is to enable the student to analyse the structure of primary and community care services to understand the complexities of policy and the political processes in relation to the development and provision of health and social care. It is intended that the student will develop greater ability to lead and contribute to partnership working in relation to policy implementation with evaluation of the impact policy may have on health and social care delivery.

Module Content
The content of this module enables the student to develop a conceptual understanding of health and social care policy and provision. It also allows for the exploration of current substantive issues in the field of primary and community and their impact on service delivery.

It is intended that the student will develop greater understanding of Interagency working and inter-professional strategies designed to promote and improve partnership working and the Influencing factors in relation to the context of policy implementation and the legal aspects of policy development.

Pre-requisites of Study
Please contact the Module Leader before applying

Delivery of Module
Teaching will use a blended approach incorporating interactive lectures, discussions, seminar presentations and problem-based-learning.

Assessment
A critical analysis of a health or social care policy relevant to the primary or community care setting. Identify key factors of the policy and critically analyse how effective the policy has been in the primary and community environment.

Consideration should be given to partnership working, resource allocation, legal factors and any other relevant factors identified during the analysis.

Based on your analysis make recommendations with a rationale for future developments at local level.

Word Count: 3,000 words (100%)