UNIT 22

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY FOR H&SC

ANSWER PLAN ASSIGNMENT 3

P4, M2

**Task 1, P4**

Use the information on the powerpoint ‘Plan for a Research Project’ to help you with this assignment.

Produce a plan for a research project.

You need to use the following headings to help you produce a plan for your individual project. You can do it in table format if it helps you.

HYPOTHESIS

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH

RATIONALE –

PROPOSED METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION (just identify them here – you will justify your choice in M2 in more detail).

PROPOSED SECONDARY RESOURCES

PEOPLE INVOLVED (SAMPLE)

BREAKDOWN/TIMING – You need to be specific here and say exactly what you plan to do at each stage. ***YOU NEED TO KEEP A RESEARCH LOG BOOK TO RECORD ALL NOTES AND DETAILS REGARDING YOUR RESEARCH – ANYTHING GOES WRONG, ANY CHANGES ETC***.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, E.G. ETHICAL ISSUES, POTENTIAL PROBLEMS OR RISKS.

You need to explain how you will get **CONSENT** for your research.

You will need to provide evidence that you have gained informed CONSENT from each individual participant and show this in your plan. How will you get them to agree to take part?

You will need consent or approval from your school or college to carry out the overall project and this consent should be included with your project plan. (Tutor will provide written college consent).

You need to explain in your plan that you will design your research tool (questionnaire, interview) and test it out with a small group of classmates to see if it can be improved before it is used in the proper research project – this is called a PILOT.

**Task 2, M2**

Produce a piece of written work that justifies the use of the chosen research methods in your project.

Ask yourself the questions such as, why is this method better than the others for this project?

Why will this method give me more accurate results?

Will it be easier to get valid data from this method?

See if your choice of method/s can be backed up by the methods that have been used in previous research that is similar to your own.