ANSWER PLAN

ASSIGNMENT 4 – REPORT OF RESEARCH FINDINGS

You will need to structure this document. To start with, word process the following dividing pages:

* Title page with the project title, your name and the date of the report (May 2016).
* Contents (**number the pages of the report**)
* Abstract
* Introduction
* Methodology
* Results
* Conclusions
* Discussion
* Recommendations
* References
* Appendices

**Do your research**

**P6. Carry out a research project**

**ABSTRACT**

Usually (only about 300 words) providing a summary of the key points and findings of the research e.g. ‘I carried out a piece of research to look at………..’

SEE THE HANDOUT ON WRITING AN ABSTRACT.

**INTRODUCTION**

Like in any good Hollywood movie, the first task of the introduction is to set the scene, giving your report a context and seeing how it fits in with previous research in the field.

This leads into the rationale behind the research, revealing whether it is building upon previous research, looking at something that everybody else has overlooked, or improving upon a previous research project that delivered unclear results.

What made you want to do this research? Did you find that there were gaps in what was already written about your area? Did you find that there wasn’t enough information out there?

You should finish this section by saying that you came up with your particular hypothesis.

**METHODOLOGY**

Presenting a detailed description, with reference to sources that have influenced the methodology and preferably supported by a justification of why the methods were appropriate.

\*EVIDENCE FOR INTRO AND METHODOLOGY COVERED IN ADVANCE\*

You did this in the previous assignments

Just write – see other sections for evidence

**P6. Report Findings and conclusions from the research project**

**RESULTS**

Describe the results and present the quantitative data through tables, graphs and charts.

You need to take each question separately and analyse the information e.g 7 students out of 20 said…….

It would be a good idea to make tally charts for each question if you can.

The questions that are qualitative answers you will need to write down and list the responses.

**E.g.**

Question 1. What is your gender?

10 male and 10 female

**Present this on a graph/chart – 50% males and 50% females**

**E.g.**

Question 6. From the following options, select which is the recommended number of units of alcohol for males and females per week.

4 of the 10 chose….

3 of the 10 chose…..

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**You can then represent this on a graph showing percentages.**

You don’t need to discuss any of the results here, just state what they are. You will do this in the discussion part where you analyse what the results mean.

**Strengths and weaknesses of your research**

**M3. Assess strengths and weaknesses of the research project in meeting the aims of the hypothesis**

**Were you surprised/not surprised with the results based on what you had originally thought and on what other research says?**

Assess the **strength**s and **weaknesse**s of the research project in meeting the aims of the hypothesis.

**What worked well/not so well? Positives/negatives**

Did the methodology work well?

Did I have to change much and if so what?

Did I miss anything out?

After carrying out the research did I realise that I should have done something differently?

What would I do differently if I had to do it again?

What worked well, what didn’t?

Evaluate how the research project could have been improved. E.g. **“If I’d have done……………….., this could have given me better information…………..”**

**Would a larger sample have been more representative?**

**CONCLUSIONS**

**M4. Assess finding of the research project in relation to the original hypothesis**

**DISCUSSION and write up**

**What did you find out?**

Assess the findings of the research project in relation to the original hypothesis **M4**

**Did my research answer the question?**

**Did it give supporting evidence to what I wanted to find out?**

What can you conclude from the results and methodology?

Overall, how did it go? Were you happy with the research or do you feel that there are a lot of improvements needed. Has it gone some way to giving more evidence in the field? Were the results valid and could they be used to help other people carry out research?

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**D2. Evaluate how the research project could have been improved**

Identify 3-5 recommendations that could be related to health and social care practice.

How could the Government/ NHS use this information to improve practice and services? What should be provided based on your findings? What should practitioners do?

**REFERENCES**

References presented in alphabetical order Harvard style.

**APPENDICES**

Include a blank version of any questionnaires completed – the pilot and final ones. Do not include the completed ones.

Include the log book that you have used to show any changes to the research project.