

Pre module assignment



Module 1 – Information & data exchange

Welcome BTEC Student,

Before you attend module 1 of the BTEC Advanced Award in Neighbourhood Nuisance and Anti-Social Behaviour Case-Working you are required to complete the following task. Please beware that there will be a trainer lead group discussion on this task, and it will form part of **your formal assessment of the module**.

Introduction

Sharing information can bring many benefits. It can support more efficient, easier to access services. It can help to make sure that the vulnerable are given the protection they need, that organisations can cooperate to deliver the care that those with complex needs rely on. Law enforcement agencies must have access to the information they need to counter the increasingly sophisticated methods that fraudsters and other types of criminal are using. Our time is valuable. No one likes being asked to provide the same information over and over again.

Sharing information presents risks. Information systems are becoming more complex and widespread. There is a potential for more information about private lives, often highly sensitive, to become known to more and more people.

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To assist your introduction to the module you are required to spend some time (approximately 2 / 3 hours) studying the Information Commissioner's Framework code of Practice for Sharing Personal Information. You will find a full downloadable copy of this document within the student study section.

Please consider carefully sections 1 to 6 of the framework.

The framework contains simple, practical advice that will help all those involved in information sharing to develop the knowledge and confidence to make good quality decisions about sharing personal information.

The framework code of practice will help to make sure that the benefits of information sharing are delivered, while maintaining public trust and respecting personal privacy. (Source: Information Commissioner)

When considering the framework think about the following:

- Sharing information can bring many benefits, what are they?
- How does information sharing support the vulnerable?
- Why do law enforcement agencies need access to information from other public bodies?
- How can we combat giving the same information over and over again?
- What risks are presented when sharing information, what are they?

Crime Reduction Toolkit



Using Intelligence & Information Sharing

<http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/toolkits/>

The use of sound, quality information and intelligence processes are essential to identifying and limiting the activities of those committing crime and disorder and tackling the problems which adversely affect community safety and quality of life.

Use the above website link to explore the above toolkit paying particular attention to sections 1, 2 & 3.

Think about

1. What are the many good reasons for exchanging information within the crime and disorder arena?
2. What analytical techniques and products underpin the information-sharing model?
3. What are the definitions of 'Information' and 'Intelligence'?