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Higher Mental Health Care Review

During the past academic cycle 2009 -10, an unusually low pass rate was identified across a number of presenting centres in Higher Mental Health Care. SQA has carried out a series of investigatory measures in an effort to better understand the reasons behind this exceptional case but has been unable to identify any discrepancies in its processes or in the application of standards. SQA and the colleges remain concerned and are committed to working together to identify the reasons behind the significant drop in pass rate.

SQA's Qualifications Committee, as part of its remit from the SQA Board, has asked *Scotland's Colleges* to join them in undertaking a detailed review. An SQA Qualifications Committee member, who has not previously been involved in this matter will Chair the group which will have membership of Principals of colleges and SQA executives and will be looking at the assessment and quality assurances of the Higher Mental Health Care qualification.

The review will begin immediately with the aim of reaching conclusions by mid to late October.

Additionally SQA will work together with *Scotland's Colleges* to exemplify and share standards with all centres involved in the delivery of this qualification.

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