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Dear David

Pearson BTEC Level 4 Certificate in Healthcare Science

As a professional body in the healthcare science sector we do not recognise this qualification, in its current state, as valuable and relevant in supporting the needs of the profession and our members. The Physics and Bioengineering workforce consists of many specialisms who do not have any patient contact, and do not participate in 'Investigating, Diagnosing, Treating and Managing Human Disease and Disorders'. Therefore, it is not possible for them to provide evidence to support the Unit 4 learning outcomes.

This qualification in isolation does not meet the needs of the profession, although, should Unit 4 be adjusted to encompass the aforementioned specialisms, it could form part of a framework which does. Without having sight of the entire framework we are not able to comment on its value or relevance.

This qualification alone would not necessarily lead to any particular jobs in the sector. It is a very broad, generic introduction, which could form an introductory module to a large qualification.

We would be happy to assist Pearson in further development of this qualification and the broader framework to ensure it is fit for purpose.

We are happy for Pearson to share this letter, if needed, with the Department of Education and/or the Skills Funding Agency, and publish it on the Pearson website so learners are able to access it.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Young', written in a cursive style.

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