Appendix 1

Assessment Questionnaire

This questionnaire is related to the assessment activity carried out prior to your recent assignment submission. It is completely anonymous and will provide valuable data for analysis concerning the development of this programme. In determining whether or not the approach taken was successful or not, a permanent change in assessment guidance could well be applied to improve the learning experience of future students.

Please answer all questions honestly providing as much information as you can.

1.	1. Please choose from the options provided, the one which best matches your normal assessment experience:						
	I normally meet the criteria at the first attempt.						
	I normally refer on my first attempt then meet the criteria once I have received feedback from the tutor.	_					
	I normally meet the criteria at the final attempt once I have received a lot of guidance and support from the tutor.	_					
2.	2. Again, please choose from the options provided, the one which best describes your ability to meet your deadlines:						
	I normally submit my work to the deadline						
	I normally miss my deadlines.						

3.	3. Again, please choose from the options provided, the one which best describes your approach to meeting the criteria. You may choose more than one:					
	I normally just go for the Pass criteria then look to upgrade once I am given an action plan.					
	I normally go for all of the available criteria (P, M & D) regardless of the quality of my attempt.					
	I normally read the assignment brief then go straight into the writing stage without referring to the Unit Content.					
	I normally refer to the Unit Content before attempting my assignment as well as prior to submission.					
	I normally don't take much notice of the command verbs highlighted within the criteria.					
	I normally make a point of finding out what the command verb is and ensure that I am working towards it throughout.					
4.	Do you feel that the guidance provided prior to this assignment was beneficial?					
	YES/NO					
5.	Did you feel that it led to a better understanding of the criteria?					
	YES/NO					
6.	Did you attempt all of the available P, M and D criteria in your assignment submission?					

7. Did you feel that you spent more or less time on this assignment than you first anticipated after seeing the brief?

MORE TIME / LESS TIME

8.	What areas in particular do you feel benefitted from this practice?				
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9.	What effect has this experience had on your assignment writing technique?				
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10	.How do you feel that this will benefit you in future?				
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11	.Would you recommend that this approach is made common practice as part of your course?				
	YES / NO				
	If you answered 'NO' to Q.11, please state your reasons below.				

Thank you for agreeing to complete this questionnaire and for taking part in this piece of Action Research. Again, please be assured that your input is completely anonymous.