**Research Skills Workshop – Standalone Research Skills**

**Assessment Instrument Activity**

**The Research Skills Unit F60A 34 contains 3 Outcomes**

**Outcome 1** - Plan a research investigation

**Outcome 2** - Access and analyse complex data from a range of primary and secondary sources

**Outcome 3** – Present findings of a research investigation

To achieve the Research Skills Unit each learner must provide sufficient valid evidence at SCQF level 7 to meet the 7 Evidence Requirements and the requirements relating to length and authenticity. Bullet points have been added to provide detail about evidence that would be expected to help meet the associated requirements.

1. Define research objectives appropriate to purpose
   1. Clear identification of topic for research.
   2. Learners must ‘define research objectives appropriate to purpose’, by breaking down their topic of research into clear objectives.
2. Plan a research investigation
3. Learners must identify primary and secondary sources to be used in their *Investigation.*
4. Learners must identify methods and techniques to be used in their *Investigation.*
5. Learners must produce a suitably detailed plan in order to show that they have ‘Planned a research *Investigation’.*

1. Implement a research plan
2. Learners must show that the *Investigation* has sought to meet objectives set out in *Investigation* plan.
3. Analyse information from a range of primary and secondary sources
4. Learners must show that they have collected and “analysed information from a range of primary and secondary sources”. A variety of primary research methods may be used.
5. Produce a referenced record of research activity and materials
6. Present findings based on accurate analysis and interpretation of data
7. Use a format appropriate to the chosen medium

Findings should be a minimum of 1,000 words or oral equivalent.

**Working in groups of 3, draft an assessment instrument which could be used by your Centre**