

HAR675 Semester 1

Assignment 1 detailed marking criteria (rubric)

The word count for the whole assignment is 3,000 words. You can decide how to divide your word count between the questions, but we recommend that you have an approximate equal distribution between sections.

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Summary comments	Unfortunately the short answers contain significant errors or demonstrate frequent and/or significant misunderstandings of the module's content. There is a poor understanding of some important issues relating to the following aspects of how to do health and clinical research well: • The UK research landscape • Project planning and costing • Project management • PPI • Ethical and governance issues There is a very limited and ill thought-out ability to relate research and practice concerns to the management and implementation of a health related research project. Very few of the significant issues regarding Doing Health and clinical research well have been addressed. The answers contain serious errors of fact or interpretation and misunderstandings of key material.	The short answer question responses demonstrate less than adequate understanding of the important issues relating to the following aspects of how to do health and clinical research well: • The UK research landscape • Project planning and costing • Project management • PPI • Ethical and governance issues The answers show a limited ability to relate research and practice concerns to the management and implementation of a health related research project. The work demonstrates limited application of key learning from semester one. There is a limited attempt to use appropriate references and examples from the applications to illustrate the answers. Few of the significant issues relating to the questions have been addressed and the answers contain some serious errors of fact or interpretation, including possible misunderstandings of key material.	The short answers have demonstrated a basic understanding of the important issues surrounding the following aspects of how to do health and clinical research well: • The UK research landscape • Project planning and costing • Project management • PPI • Ethical and governance issues The work relates research and practice concerns to the management and implementation of a health and clinical research project to an appropriate level. An adequate application of key learning from the module is demonstrated. The applications and literature have been used to illustrate the answers. However, the answers may have some gaps or inadequacies and contain a few serious errors of fact or interpretation of key material.	The questions have been answered well and demonstrate a good understanding of the important issues surrounding the following aspects of how to do health and clinical research well: • The UK research landscape • Project planning and costing • Project management • PPI • Ethical and governance issues The answers are well written and demonstrate a good understanding of the important issues relating to the management and implementation of a health and clinical research project. The answers use the literature and applications to show insightful integration of research and practical concerns relating to the significant issues of health and related research. There has been a good attempt at applying key learning from semester one to the answers. No serious errors of fact or interpretation are present.	The answers are very well-constructed and written. They show a high degree of insight and understanding of the important issues surrounding the following aspects of how to do health and clinical research well: • The UK research landscape • Project planning and costing • Project management • PPI • Ethical and governance issues The answers integrate theoretical and practical concerns, drawing on the materials and learning from the semester as a whole and demonstrate an excellent understanding of the important issues relating to the management and implementation of a health and clinical research project. The answers are illustrated thoroughly and insightfully with literature and examples from the applications. There has been an excellent application of module learning to the answers.

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Question 1 (Weighting 19%)	1) Identify and critically discuss the research landscape the study outlined within the protocol would operate within, highlighting the benefits and challenges of this landscape (using references and examples from the protocol). Consider: The UK research landscape and support structures, processes and organisations.	The purpose and importance of the UK research landscape has not been identified or discussed. The example protocol and appropriate literature have not been used to support the answer. The answer contains fundamental flaws, misinterpretation of key material or gaps.	Key issues regarding the purpose and importance of the UK research landscape have been missed. The example protocol and appropriate literature have been used inadequately to support the answer. The answer contains some serious errors of facts, misinterpretation of key material, or gaps.	The purpose and importance of the UK research landscape has been identified and adequately identified. Most key issues regarding the purpose and importance of the UK research landscape have been addressed. The example protocol and appropriate literature have been used to illustrate the answer. The answer contains few serious errors of facts, misinterpretation of key material or gaps.	The purpose and importance of the UK research landscape has been identified and discussed well. Key issues regarding the purpose and importance of the UK research landscape have been addressed. The example protocol and appropriate literature have been used well to illustrate the answer. There are no serious errors of fact, errors or gaps.	The purpose and importance of the UK research landscape has been identified and thoroughly critically discussed. Key issues regarding the purpose and importance of the UK research landscape have been discussed and critiqued fully. The example protocol and appropriate literature are used widely and insightfully to illustrate the answer. Very few errors.
Question 2 (Weighting 19%)	2a) Identify and discuss the key issues when creating and communicating a health and clinical project research plan, including costing information (using references). 2b) Critically discuss how the study outlined in the protocol has addressed the project research plan noting any strengths and weaknesses. <i>Consider: Project aims and objectives; key project activities; project timings; direct and indirect costs involved with research.</i>	The key issues of communicating a research project plan have not been identified or discussed. Key issues of the research project have not been discussed or are inappropriate. The strengths and weaknesses of the example protocol's research plan have not been identified. The example protocol and appropriate literature have not been used to support the answer. The answer contains fundamental flaws, misinterpretation of key material or gaps.	Key issues regarding communicating a research project plan and costing a project have not been identified adequately. Discussion surrounding these issues is limited. The strengths and weaknesses of the example protocol's research plan s have been inadequately identified. The example protocol and appropriate literature have been used inadequately to support the answer. The answer contains some serious errors of facts, misinterpretation of key material, or gaps.	Discussion around key issues of communicating project plans and costing projects is acceptable. Strengths and weakness of the example protocol's project plan have been identified adequately. The example protocol and appropriate literature have been used to illustrate the answer. The answer contains few serious errors of facts, misinterpretation of key material or gaps.	The discussion around key issues of communicating project plans and costing projects is insightful. There is a good exploration of the strengths and weaknesses of the example protocol's research project plan. No serious errors or misinterpretations of facts are present. The example applications and appropriate literature have been used well to illustrate the answer. There are no serious errors of fact, errors or gaps.	The answer demonstrates an excellent understanding of how to communicate research project plans and cost a research project. There is an insightful and critical exploration of the strengths and weaknesses of the example protocol's project plan s. Example applications and appropriate literature are used widely and insightfully to illustrate the answer. Very few errors.
Question 3 (Weighting 19%)	3a) Suggest and discuss the key areas that should be addressed when considering the project	Key issues surrounding research project management are not identified or discussed.	Key issues surrounding research project management are not adequately identified or discussed.	Key issues surrounding research project management have been	The key issues surrounding research project management	The key issues surrounding research project management have been

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	management of health and clinical research projects (using references) 3b) Critically discuss how the study outlined in the protocol has addressed the project management, noting any strengths and weaknesses (using references and examples from the protocol). <i>Consider: project management and conduct: timing, project risks; project accountability; roles and responsibilities of individuals and organisations; team leadership and communication</i>	The strengths and weaknesses of the example protocol's project management plans are not identified. The example study protocol and appropriate literature have not been used to support the answer. The answer contains fundamental flaws, misinterpretation of key material or gaps.	Identification of the strengths and weaknesses of the example study protocol's project management plan is less than adequate. The example study protocol and appropriate literature have been used inadequately to support the answer. The answer contains some serious errors of facts, misinterpretation of key material, or gaps.	adequately identified and discussed. The identification of the strengths and weaknesses of the example study protocol's project management plans is acceptable. The example study protocol and appropriate literature have been used to illustrate the answer. The answer contains few serious errors of facts, misinterpretation of key material or gaps.	have been identified and discussed well. A good understanding of the key issues of project management has been demonstrated. The identification of the strengths and weaknesses of the example protocol's project management plan is insightful and thorough. The example study protocol and appropriate literature have been used well to illustrate the answer. There are no serious errors of fact, errors or gaps.	identified and explored with a high degree of insight. An excellent understanding of the key issues of project management has been demonstrated. The example protocol's project management plans have been critically discussed. The example study protocol and appropriate literature are used widely and insightfully to illustrate the answer. Very few errors.
Question 4 (Weighting 19%)	4a) Suggest and discuss why PPI should be considered within health and clinical research (using references). 4b) Critically discuss how the study outlined in the protocol has addressed PPI (using references and examples from the protocol). <i>Consider: The reasons underlying PPI within research; how the public and patients should be involved in research projects; the different dissemination audiences and most suitable methods and tools for communicating with each audience.</i>	An awareness of the purpose and methods for PPI has not been demonstrated. The example study protocol and appropriate literature have not been used to support the answer. The answer contains fundamental flaws, misinterpretation of key material or gaps.	An awareness of the purpose and methods for PPI has been inadequately demonstrated. The example study protocol and appropriate literature have been used inadequately to support the answer. The answer contains some serious errors of facts, misinterpretation of key material, or gaps.	The answer demonstrates an adequate understanding of the purpose and methods of PPI. The example study protocol and appropriate literature have been used adequately to support the answer. The answer contains few serious errors of facts, misinterpretation of key material or gaps.	The answer demonstrates a critical awareness of the purpose and methods of PPI. It identifies the key issues that should be considered. The example study protocol and appropriate literature have been used well to illustrate the answer. There are no serious errors of fact, errors or gaps.	All key issues are identified. There is an excellent discussion and critique of the key issues involved in PPI. It shows a high degree of insight and understanding of the issues involved within dissemination and PPI. The example study protocol and appropriate literature are used widely and insightfully to illustrate the answer. Very few errors.

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Question 5 (Weighting 19%)	Discuss key ethical and governance issues arising from the study outlined in the protocol, including how and why these ethical issues have been addressed (using references and examples from the protocol). <i>Consider: The general ethical and governance principles of health and clinical research projects. For example autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence and justice; use of data and data protection; vulnerable groups; consent; capacity and confidentiality; laws, professional regulations, good practice, processes and procedural advice.</i>	General ethical and governance issues and principles have not been identified. The example study protocol and appropriate literature have not been used to support the answer. The answer contains fundamental flaws, misinterpretation of key material or gaps.	General ethical and governance issues arising from the study protocol have been inadequately identified. The answer demonstrates a limited ability to apply general ethical and governance principles to the study outlined in the protocol. The suggestions made to address ethical and governance issues within the example study protocol are less than adequate. There is a limited attempt at using the example study protocol and appropriate literature to illustrate the answer. The answer contains some serious errors of facts, misinterpretation of key material, or gaps.	The answer identifies enough of the key general principles of ethical and governance issues relating to health and clinical research. There is an adequate attempt at applying general ethical principles to the example protocol. Appropriate suggestions are made regarding how the study outlined in the example protocol could address ethical and governance issues. The example protocol and appropriate literature have been used to an acceptable level to illustrate the answer, but not beyond. The answer contains few serious errors of facts, misinterpretation of key material or gaps.	The answer identifies all key general ethical principles relating to health and clinical research and includes a discussion of how and why these issues have been addressed in the example protocol. A good ability to apply the general ethical and governance principles to the example protocol is demonstrated. Suggestions made regarding how the study relating to the example protocol could address key ethical and governance issues are comprehensive. The example applications and appropriate literature have been used well to illustrate the answer. There are no serious errors of fact, errors or gaps.	An excellent understanding of the key ethical and governance issues involved in health and clinical research is demonstrated. All key ethical and governance issues, including those within the example protocol are identified and discussed sophisticatedly. Excellent and insightful suggestions made address the general ethical and governance principles associated with the study outlined in the example protocol. The example protocol and appropriate literature are used widely to illustrate the answer. Very few errors.
Overall style, presentation and referencing of the student's work (Weighting 5%)	Style, presentation, innovation, referencing of the student's answers. Are the answers structured in a logical manner? Is it well written without typos, are tables or figures labelled appropriately?	Unacceptable presentation. There are numerous errors that make the work very difficult to understand. An academic writing style has not been used. Answers are difficult to follow. Limited or no referencing.	The assignment's presentation makes it difficult to follow and understand. There are frequent errors that make the work difficult to understand. Figures and tables are not appropriately labelled and referencing is not correct.	The assignment is presented in a satisfactory way. The work is largely easy to understand, but there are some errors. Referencing and figure/table labelling are acceptable.	Answers are clear and easy to read. The discussions flow and they are easy for the reader to follow. All tables and figures are labelled appropriately, and referencing is good.	An extremely well written and well-presented piece of work. It is easy for the reader to follow and understand. Excellent referencing.