SCPHN (health visiting and school nursing)

Example of the literacy Assessment

Candidates are given 20 minutes to:

Read a statement and then:

1. Paraphrase the information

   AND

2. Write why you think this information is important for health visitors OR school nurses?

Example of a statement:

Prevention and early intervention are, of course, phrases that trip easily off the tongue. But we know, first hand, how much they matter in setting children off on the right journey to future health, wealth and happiness. We also know that, practically, they reduce downstream costs which are so damaging not just to the public purse, but also for those who require the expensive interventions because they represent a failure both in policy and human terms.

Ref: Local Government Association 2015 Healthy beginnings Giving our children the best start in life

Markers are looking to see whether the writing:

- Is in neat and readable English
- Illustrate that they understand the statement and can make sense of it
- Illustrate that they can explain in writing the meaning of information
- Is succinct and the content illustrates the important parts of the information
- Has been organised into:
  
  - Sentences with capitals and paragraphs
  - An introduction, middle and conclusion