

Week 9

The external moderator visit – turned into a crisis by another member of staff after I had just got it sorted! The lady was fine, and turned out to be INCREDIBLY helpful – left me with heaps of notes. Thank you, Hilary! And, on the plus side, the students have been given an internal moderator who knows a lot about counselling (hooray!). Overall, a positive result. The downside is that I have to get the students to rewrite their assignments – in fact they have a whole new one to write. OK for those that word processed their work and nothing but trouble for all the others. I am going to be very unpopular... Otherwise, the EV was pretty impressed with the standard of most people's work, and very encouraging.

She was also impressed, in a different way, with the skills group. The problem for me is I didn't know any of them before the course starts so I have had to get to know them. They have bonded into quite a tight group, but were still able to allow the EV in and be open with her. All in all, good feedback from the EV about the standard of the course offered and type of work being done.

Meanwhile, the visit started on the same day my daughter got mauled at work by a dog and ended up min casualty, and my 2,500 word essay was due in – so I didn't really get anything else done! I got an amazing amount of feedback about the possibility of doing a diploma though ... and the boss was impressed by the demand. Food for thought for September 2008...