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Example quotation:
… whilst it is possible that “poor parenting has little effect on primary educational development it more profoundly affects secondary or higher educational achievement” (Healey, 2003, p.22).

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There has been a tendency amongst health workers to diagnose women experiencing domestic violence with a mental illness, rather than identifying the distress as a result of violence (Harne and Radford, 2008, p.44). However, progress has been made in helping the general public to recognise the signs and raise awareness of the many support networks in the UK (Stroke Association, 2012). Some social work practitioners have used different techniques to try and change the environment where domestic violence is prevalent (Gray, 2009).

The education of health practitioners now includes ways of identifying and supporting victims of domestic violence “the NMC recognizes the importance of community nurses in supporting families to contact the support services where domestic violence occurs” (Williamson et al., 2008, p.25).

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