

Availability and Application of School Health Services in Selected Primary and Secondary Schools in Ovia Local Government Area of Edo State-Nigeria

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to survey the availability and application of school health services in both public primary and secondary school in Ovia Local government Area of Edo State using a self developed four point modified likert attitudinal scale questionnaire. The study had four variables on availability of school health service, qualified personnel, facilities & equipment and financial & material resources. The face and content validity was used to determine the validity of the instrument while the Test Re-test method of reliability was use to test the reliability with r value as 0.85. Inferential statistic of Pearson product moment correlation coefficient to test all the hypotheses at 0.05 alpha level. The findings of the study were that there is a correlation between availability of school health services, qualified personnel, facilities and equipment; financial and material resources; and health habits of pupils and students. The study thus recommended that school health services such as facilities and qualified personnel should be made available in all primary and secondary schools and government, NGOs and other able and willing individuals or group of people should provide constant financial aid in Ovia local government of Edo State.