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Adults' Health and Care

Provider newsletter

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Take a virtual tour of the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS)

Have you ever wondered what's involved in using the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS)? Join Skills for Care to see first-hand the tools and benefits that your organisation could be missing out on.

This session is designed to give social care providers who do not yet have an ASC-WDS account a demonstration of how the service works. Care providers who already use ASC-WDS may wish to join to be reminded of how they can make the most of their account.

20,000 care providers already use ASC-WDS and can access a range of benefits including:

- Eligibility for funding opportunities.
- Record information about your staff.
- Manage your training records.
- Define mandatory training for each role.
- Receive alerts when training is expired or expiring soon.
- Benchmark your service against similar providers.
- Access discounts and offers from Skills for Care and endorsed training providers.
- Allow Skills for Care to create vital intelligence which is used by sector stakeholders and decision makers.

The webinar will take place on 20 August, 13.30-14.30pm over Teams. Contact Debbie.Boys@skillsforcare.org.uk to register your interest.

A second webinar will take place on 18 September, 13.30-14.30pm over Zoom.

[Register now.](#)

SafeLives invites local survivors to join its local panel of experts

SafeLives has been commissioned by Hampshire County Council, on behalf of the Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership (HDAP) Board, to develop a Domestic Abuse Survivor Voice Panel to drive transformation within domestic abuse responses in Hampshire.

SafeLives is now inviting local survivors to join its local panel of experts - by experience. The Hampshire Authentic Voice Panel will see each member supported in sharing their experiences, insight and expertise to ensure that domestic abuse responses in the region reflect the needs of those they are designed to support. The closing date for expressions of interest is 19 July.

You can find out more on the [SafeLives website](#)

Staying safe this summer

As the temperatures rise, it's important to make sure you, and the people you support are keeping cool and hydrated this summer.

Some [useful information](#) about how to beat the heat is available, including information in Easy Read and BSL videos.

More information about [staying safe in summer](#) is on Connect to Support Hampshire.

Top tips include:

- Keep out of the heat if you can. If you have to go outside stay in the shade especially between 11am and 3pm, wear sunscreen, a hat and light clothes.
- Avoid exercise or activities that make you hotter.
- Keep yourself cool by having cold drinks and food, and put cold water on your skin or clothes.
- Keep the windows and curtains closed in rooms that face the sun and open them at night when the temperature has gone down.

Watch the [hydration video](#) which has top tips and a myth busting section.

Care Home Framework update

Read the latest [Care Home Framework newsletter](#). This month's edition features information about contracts, reminders and more.

New Change in Needs Form

During the Care Home Framework engagement events you told us:

- Response times to change in need requests have been very slow and assessments delayed
- There is no clear guidance on the process or how the outcome is judged
- You are asked to provide evidential information, but no standard guidance is given to what that should contain, and it is unclear why some information is rejected
- You have felt at risk when unable to get a response and the individuals needs cannot be met within your CQC registration
- You want a better process for change in need requests

We have listened to this feedback and are **pleased to announce an update to the [professional online referral form](#)** allowing residential and nursing homes to inform Hampshire County Council Adults' Health and Care when individuals have a change in need.

Keep an eye out in your emails and on the [Care Home Framework microsite](#) for the July Care Home Framework newsletter featuring a step-by-step guide on the change in needs form.



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