

Adults' Health and Care

Provider newsletter

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Reminder - South East Social Care International Recruitment Small Grant Scheme

Registered social care providers in the South-East region can apply for a £1500 grant towards the cost of recruiting staff from overseas. Providers must be CQC registered and located in a South-East Local Authority area. The money can be used towards obtaining a sponsorship licence from the Home Office or recruiting a new member of staff using a skilled worker visa, during the current financial year.

For Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Southampton and Surrey, the scheme is being run by Hampshire Care Association.

You can apply online, and applications can be made prior to recruitment if you expect to obtain your licence or allocate a Certificate of Sponsorship before March 2024. Funding will be allocated to successful applications and can be claimed once evidence can be presented. If you have already obtained your licence, or recruited an overseas worker since 1 April 2023, you can still apply.

The number of grants available in each area is proportional to the number of registered providers, and you are encouraged to apply early to secure your grant.

You can find more information and support, including resources on the [SESCA website](#), and at information seminars.

If you have any questions you can contact grants@sesca.org.uk or the Hampshire hub at robin.ir@hampshirecare.org

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International Recruitment webinars

A series of exclusive webinars, presented by JMW Solicitors, will be taking place to support with international recruitment.

The webinars are open to all registered adult social care providers in the South-East and will provide:

- The latest immigration updates
- Updates
- Practical tips
- Case studies
- Q&A session

Sign up to the following:

[Introduction to International Recruitment](#)

Tuesday 12 September 10-11:30am and Thursday 21 September 2-3:30pm

[Best Practice – Ethical Sourcing, Compliance and Onboarding](#)

Thursday 14 September 10-11:30am and Tuesday 26 September 2-3:30pm

[Home Care Provider Special](#)

Tuesday 19 September 10-11:30am and Thursday 28 September 2-3:30pm

Consultation on Disability Action Plan

The government has launched [a consultation](#) seeking views on the proposed Disability Action Plan and the new areas for action it includes.

The [consultation is aimed at anyone with an interest in the action the government will take during 2023 and 2024 to improve the lives of disabled people](#). Disabled people and disabled people's organisations may be particularly interested but anyone, including any organisations or individuals, may respond.

The consultation closes on 6 October. If you have any questions, please contact: disabilityactionplan@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Latest news from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board

Read the [latest news](#) for care providers from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board. Updates this week include information about PPE masks, COVID-19 vaccinations, training information and more.

You can also find the [Hampshire pharmacy opening times](#) for the August bank holiday from the NHS.



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