

Skills for Care Workforce Development Funding (WDF) for Health & Social Care Diplomas and QCF unit

Thank you to the 120 care organisations in Norfolk who have already joined our Workforce Development Funding partnership by sending in a completed WDF Partnership Membership form. Many members have reached Skills for Care's list of eligible partners allowing N&SCS to submit funding claims for £33,000 so far.

Many of you benefited from the 'roll over' which allowed those who had complied with NMDS-SC completion requirements last year to remain temporarily eligible until 31st Oct 2011. Unfortunately, this means all members should now check you have met the NMDS-SC requirements since 1st April 2011 and call the NMDS-SC helpline on 0845 8730129 for confirmation. This will ensure you stay on the list for all of the 2011/12 funding year. Often only a small adjustment is needed to your information.

If you would like further guidance on the NMDS-SC requirements for this funding please get in touch with the Brokerage service or visit the website.

Once updated you can use your NMDS-SC reports to compare your business against competitors and help you position your business in a competitive market. The NMDS-SC can help your business survive and develop.

You may submit copies of new QCF units for funding using the new Learner Record Form. Units completed from the new QCF diplomas can be claimed through to March 2012.

Please ensure your training provider lets you have copies of signed off unit summary sheets from candidates' portfolios as evidence of progression. These can be used to claim WDF before the whole diploma is completed - you do not need to wait until the award is finished.

There is still approximately £100,000 left of this funding to support Norfolk care providers

with their workforce development. This must be claimed before the end of March 2012.

Information about Workforce Development funding can be found at the Skills for Care website
www.skillsforcare.org.uk/wdf



PLEASE NOTE

We can no longer submit NVQ units or Inductions to Skills for Care. Only listed* QCF units can be claimed.

*The list of fundable QCF units is available on the Brokerage website

**For further information and claim forms visit
www.c-nb.co.uk/hsc-qualifications
or call the Brokerage service on 01263 825889.**

Norfolk County Council funding for Health & Social Care QCF Diplomas, completed NVQs, PTLLS and DTLLS courses

Norfolk & Suffolk Care Support has limited amounts of the following Norfolk County Council Adult Social Care Workforce Development funding to distribute.

£200 completion awards for recently achieved Level 3 NVQs in Health & Social Care.

£500 completion awards for recently achieved Level 4 NVQs in Health & Social Care and LMCS awards.

£750 towards Level 2 Health & Social Care QCF Diplomas for Personal Assistants and Day Centre employees and £800 towards a Level 3.

£100 towards PTLLS or DTLLS courses.


To find out the eligibility criteria and application process for this funding please contact the Brokerage service on 01263 825889.



Norfolk County Council funding for Short courses

The recent short course funding contract from Norfolk County Council has proved very popular. To ascertain if the training funded has been effective and has produced positive outcomes for the learner, employer and service user, we will shortly be sending out a questionnaire to those providers who have accessed funding. This will provide useful information for the County Council on which to base decisions for future funding.

Please call the Brokerage service to find out remaining availability of this funding which covers the following courses: Food Hygiene, Infection Control, Moving & Handling, Conflict Management, Parkinson's Disease Awareness, Stroke/Diabetes Awareness and Dementia Awareness.

 **Emergency First Aid at Work - UPDATED - INFORMATION CORRECTED**

Norfolk County Council has a contract with St John Ambulance to provide free one-day Emergency First Aid at Work courses to the independent care sector.


To arrange a course, please email your full contact details to catherine.hendry@sja.org.uk or call 01603 701 573 to discuss.

Avoiding inappropriate hospital admissions
FREE WORKSHOP

The Norfolk & Suffolk Dementia Alliance is holding a free workshop on 14 November in King's Lynn in association with Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The aim is to produce a protocol for admitting patients with dementia to hospital.

Managers and senior carers from the Care Home sector are encouraged to attend so that your views are taken into account.

To book a place on the workshop please email Carol Edwards: carol.nickedwards@btinternet.com



Norfolk's 7th Annual Care Conference
'The Future Marketplace'
Wednesday 16 November 2011, John Innes Centre

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