



Newsletter May 2017

Welcome to the May Essex Care Association (ECA) Newsletter

New Name = New Logo

As most of you are now probably aware The Essex Independent Care Association (EICA) has recently gone through a name change to The Essex Care Association (ECA) and we have a brand new logo. This will gradually be phased into use on all our documentation and we are planning to develop a brand new website too so watch this space!

We are always encouraging new membership and ideas. By choosing to become a member of ECA you are able to gain access to various benefits:- Information, Advice and Guidance, Links to local networks, a reduced rate for DBS checking service, access to free support from ECA Project Manager and Office team, regular email care sector news updates and reduced members rates to all ECA conferences throughout the year as well as free delegate spaces at other various briefings/courses we run throughout the membership year. If you have Provider contact who is interested in joining or would like to know more about ECA please let us know or get them to contact us.

Please contact the ECA office for more information office@eica.org.uk

[Join ECA Now - ECA Application Form 2016/17](#)



News

In April Essex Care Association ran a free members only event where David Collins, the Managing Director of David Collins Solicitors who is leading the case against Essex County Council challenging its approach to fee setting, both under the old and the new contractual framework ran a question and answer session.

This was an extremely informative event and was well attended and we received some very positive feedback from delegates following the event.

ECA are continuing to work closely with David Collins who has promised to give us regular updates on the proceedings which we will in turn forward on to our members.

The first ECA conference of the year was held on 26th April held in Chelmsford . This was attended by over 100 delegates. The main event being the Directors of ECC who spoke about their plans on how they are going to spend the £24 Million additional funds they have received to be used on adult social care. It was a very lively discussion and some delegates certainly had some very strong views on the subject!!

See the attached PDF of the ECC presentation.



ECA Registered Managers Network Meetings 2017/18

ECA are holding the first of three Registered Managers network meetings in association with ACCTV, a commercial partner of ECA.

Meeting Number 1 - Managing Workplace Pressure

“Learn to recognise signs of pressure and stress in yourself. Consider the potential impact of personal stress on your health and wellbeing and discover strategies to implement whilst at work.”

Date : Thursday 8th June 2017

Venue : The Best Western Marks Tey Hotel, Colchester, Essex CO6 1DU

The Best Western Marks Tey

Time : 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Also meet with Caroline Theodorou from Skills for Care who will be giving a short presentation on the support services and resources that Skills for Care have to offer.

[ECA registered managers-network meeting flyer](#)

ECA'S Next Breakfast Meeting and ECA AGM - Tuesday 4th July 2017

The ECA office are currently busy planning the next breakfast conference which is on Tuesday 4th July at the Best Western Marks Tey Hotel, Colchester CO6 1DU.

We currently have 2 speakers confirmed for the event:-

- Neil Eastwood from Sticky People who will give a presentation entitled 'Saving Social Care'
- Sir Henry Boyle will give a presentation entitled 'The new CQC Equality objectives - threat or opportunity?'

We have invited the Directors of Essex County Council to give a follow up presentation from the last conference but we are still awaiting confirmation of their attendance.

[ECA Breakfast conference flyer](#)

Please book your place by emailing the ECA office.

The charge for members is a reduced rate of £15 per delegate including breakfast

Non ECA members £25 per delegate including breakfast



HCQC one day work shop for ECA members

Thursday 29th June , 9.15am – 4.30pm County Hotel, Chelmsford CM1 2PZ

Continuing their enhanced and developing regulatory role the CQC are introducing 5 new Objectives, which Inspectors will use as part of wider and deeper assessments of Care Homes and other facilities. Many business owners and senior managers are unaware of these changes (some of which start this year) so the HCQC has designed a one-day workshop for ECA members to explain what they are, how they will impact your business and what action you must take.

[HCQC Flyer 29th June 2017 ECA Members offer](#) ECA members are currently being offered a 55% discounted fee of £89.97 if places are booked by 2nd June

Book online via the HCQC website: www.hcqc.uk

Why not join ECA today and receive the benefit of a reduced member's rate to this event?



Essex Care Training Partnership
working together for better care skills

Important Workforce Development Funding News

ECTP has now received confirmation from Skills for Care that our bid for Workforce Development funding for 2017/18 has been successful. Unit funding will again be £15 per credit. New claim packs will be available shortly. As in previous years your organisation must be NMDS.SC compliant post 1st April 2017 in order to be eligible to claim. <http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/NMDS-SC-intelligence/NMDS-SC/Why-be-part-of-NMDS-SC.aspx>

Ruth and Julie look forward to working with you over the coming year and supporting you to benefit from this really helpful source of funding from the Department of Health

ECTP submits valid claims on a first come first served basis, however at all times we adopt a fair approach to ensure funding is available to as many partners as possible. ECTP reserves the right to reject excessive claims submitted.

Please do not hesitate to contact us ectp@eica.org.uk if you require any further help.



One of the most frequently asked questions Skills for Care get asked from adult social care providers is 'how do we get a good or outstanding rating' following inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Their easy to use good and outstanding care guide (available to download below) gives a view of what really good care and support is, and critically how to make it happen.

[Skills for Care - Good-and-outstanding-care-guide.pdf](#)

Help Skills for Care make improvements to NMDS-SC

Skills for Care need your help to identify new roles and services to include in the National Minimum Dataset for Social Care (NMDS-SC). The NMDS-SC captures information about the adult social care workforce and is used by the Department of Health and other stakeholders to plan services and make informed decisions about funding.

For more information and a link to the survey visit:

[Skills for Care NMDS-SC survey](#)

Dying Matters Supporting someone approaching the end of their life can be the most challenging work any health and social care worker faces, but it can also be the most

rewarding.

This week Skills for Care are supporting Dying Matters Awareness Week to help ensure the adult social care workforce has the right skills and knowledge to deliver the best quality care.

If you're responsible for providing end of life care Skills for Care have a range of [Resources](#) available to help support you and your workforce.

[Common core principles and competences](#)

[End of Life Core Skills Education and Training Framework](#)

[Working together to improve end of life care](#)



Dementia Awareness Week

14th - 20th May

ACCTV are a commercial partner of ECA And with Dementia week approaching, ACCTV, wanted to share their passion for supporting staff to improve their skills and knowledge and ultimately the care and services offered for those living with Dementia. They provide innovative courses of learning to support your organisations learning and development needs. As part of their extensive library they have a series of specialised dementia courses which have been filmed with the assistance of Industry leaders and experts.

See attached flyer for more information



Mental Health Awareness week - 8th- 14th may

Too often, people feel afraid to admit that they are struggling with their mental health. This fear of prejudice and judgement stops people from getting help and can destroy

families and end lives. Heads Together wants to help people feel much more comfortable with their everyday mental wellbeing and have the practical tools to support their friends and family.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry are spearheading the Heads Together campaign to end stigma around mental health. Heads Together aims to change the national conversation on mental health and wellbeing, and is a partnership with inspiring charities with decades of experience in tackling stigma, raising awareness, and providing vital help for people with mental health challenges.

<https://www.headstogether.org.uk/>



Celebrating good care, championing outstanding care

Everybody has a right to good care. Much attention is rightly focused on poor care, but it's also important to recognise where care is good and to celebrate the services that are getting it right. Some care providers do things well through innovative ways of working or by doing the basics well. Others can learn from them and solutions should be shared across the system.

CQC have issued a collection of case studies to illustrate some of the qualities shown by care providers that are rated outstanding overall.

[CQC - Celebrating Good Care 2017.pdf](#)



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