

CARE AND SUPPORT COMMISSIONING

BULLETIN – 06/05/2026

The Bulletin is produced monthly – please ensure key messages are shared with care staff accordingly.

Capacity Tracker ASC Mandatory Submission: 8th to 14th May 2026

The window will open on **Friday 8th May 2026** for providers to complete their ASC Mandatory submission on Capacity Tracker. **The window will close on Thursday 14th May 2026.**

Please refer to [Adult social care provider information provisions: guidance for providers on data enforcement – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/adult-social-care-provider-information-provisions-guidance-for-providers-on-data-enforcement) regarding the enforcement action DHSC will undertake if providers are not compliant with their ASC Mandatory submission.

Wakefield Cares Careers Hub Updates May 2026

Please see attached update document from the Wakefield Cares Careers Hub.

Infection Prevention Control – MEMO of the Month April

Please see attached the 'Memo of the Month' for April 2026 and a zip folder containing the Vaccine posters from Infection Prevention Control.

Activity Coordinators' Meeting Dates for Care Homes 2026

Please see attached upcoming meeting dates for 2026 - where Care Homes can share ideas, discuss best practice, and learn from one another.

The Benefits of the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS) 16 June 2026 Online 10.30-11.30 – Skills for Care

Join to find out about the benefits of the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS).
Overview

Have you ever wondered what's involved in using the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS)? Join 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 and receive alerts when training is expired or expiring soon.
- Define mandatory training for each role and receive alerts when training expires.
- Benchmark your service against similar providers.
- Access discounts and offers from Skills for Care.
- Contribute vital intelligence which is used by sector stakeholders and decision maker.

Who should attend?

- Owners of social care organisations
- Managers
- Learning and Development Leads
- HR Managers

To register for the session use the following link [Take a virtual tour of the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set](#)

Review of CQC Regulation 9A: visiting and accompanying in care homes, hospitals and hospices (easy read)

Please see attached link below around the new rules on visiting care homes, hospitals and hospices

[Review of CQC Regulation 9A: visiting and accompanying in care homes, hospitals and hospices \(easy read\) - GOV.UK](#)

Building Positive Cultures in Adult Social Care – Skills for Care

Thursday 7 May or Wednesday 3 June 2026 | 10:00 - 13:00 | Online

The refreshed building positive cultures in adult social care seminar is now open for bookings. Formerly delivered as 'building a positive culture seminar', this updated version keeps everything people valued about the original and makes it even better.

Now in a shorter three-hour online format, the seminar is more interactive, more practical, and more accessible. Individuals will explore what positive culture looks like in daily practice, how to spot early warning signs, and the simple leadership behaviours that make the biggest difference.

Alongside this, you'll look at how a positive culture strengthens recruitment, helping you attract the right people, reduce turnover, and build a workplace that staff want to join and stay in.

To book for placement, please see link. [Building positive cultures in adult social care](#)

New Mandatory Questions on DSPT for 2025-26

The latest Data Security and Protection Toolkit is now live for 2025-26 and there have been changes which came into effect on 1st September 2025.

Of the changes, there is a new mandatory question, as well various minor, wording changes to other questions, as well as two new optional (non-mandatory) questions. One existing question has also moved from optional to mandatory.

Digital care hub is working on updating their guidance on the website to reflect the changes. They will also be delivering a webinar on the DSPT 2025-26 changes on 1st October, which you can sign up for here - <https://www.digitalcarehub.co.uk/event/new-dspt-changes-for-2025-26/>

It is recommended to continuing to work on your DSPT and if you need any further support, contact your LSO.

For further information, please read [New mandatory questions on DSPT for 2025-26 - Digital Care Hub](#)

Health & Social Care updates – Gov.co.uk

Please see below link to recent updated guidance and information on Gov.co.uk for topics relating to Health & Social Care.

https://www.gov.uk/search/all?parent=department-of-health-and-social-care&order=updated-newest&level_one_taxon=8124ead8-8ebc-4faf-88ad-dd5cbcc92ba8&level_two_taxon=7d67047c-bf22-4c34-b566-b46d6973f961&organisations%5B%5D=department-of-health-and-social-care