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Newsletter 8

Dear Colleague

Seasons Greetings from EICA & ECTP.

Due to staff holidays please note amended office opening times:

19th to 23rd December office open 1pm to 5pm

24th to 27th December office closed

28th to 30th December office open 1pm to 5pm

31st to 2nd January office closed

3rd to 6th January office open 1pm to 5pm

Wishing you all a peaceful New Year.

EICA BRIEFINGS FREE TO MEMBERS

Emergency Planning for Your Business - Did you know CQC are now asking to see a copy of your business continuity plan at inspection visits?

All you need to know about how to cope with flood, fire, accidents, disaster emergency events at your premises

Time: 9.00am - 11.30am

Date: 18 January 2012

Venue: Greenstead Community Centre, Hawthorne Avenue, Colchester C04 3QE

www.greensteadcommunitycentre.org.uk

Infection Control - Gloria Lamb, Health Protection Nurses Specialist.

Good Practice guidance on notifiable diseases, outbreaks of diarrhoea or vomiting, managing a flu outbreak, scabies, laundry, MRSA in the community.

Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Date: 15 February 2012

Venue: The Rivenhall Hotel, Rivenhall End, Witham CM8 3HB

www.rivenhallhotel.com

Eating Well for Older People with Dementia - Ann-Marie, West Community Mental Health Dietician, North Essex Partnership Foundation Trust.

How dementia affects the ability to eat, the role of good nutrition, practical and nutritional guidance

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Time: 2pm - 4pm

Date: 27 March 2012

Venue: King's Arms Frating, Main Road, Frating C07 7DJ

www.kingsarmsfrating.co.uk

Employing Workers Legally & Compliance with Immigration

Laws - Lee Clarke, UK Border Agency

Policy guidance on non-uk workers, visa and entry clearance, validation of documentation, fraudulent documentation.

Time: half-day event tbc

Date: April 2012 tbc

Venue: Colchester tbc



To book places on forthcoming briefings please email office@eica.org.uk or contact the office 01702547144 Breakfast briefings are free to members but a charge of £30 is made to non-members Places are limited so please book early for all events.

EICA meets with CQC



EICA meet CQC to discuss local and national issues relevant to the social care sector. CQC welcomes this feedback on a collective basis from EICA and the Association will continue this regular dialogue to represent member's views.

Please email any issues that you would like your committee to raise to office@eica.org.uk

CQC to target home care services

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is to carry out a themed inspection programme of home care services. The programme will help the regulator develop new ways to ensure these services meet the essential standards people have a right to expect and that people are being treated with dignity and respect.

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/node/386875>

More inspections on dignity and nutrition in 2012

CQC will be inspecting a further 50 NHS hospitals and 500 adult social care services as part of our work on dignity and nutrition.

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/public/news/more-inspections-dignity-and-nutrition-2012>

Government announce Social Care faces deeper cuts on back of Osborne plan

Social care will face deeper cuts lasting until 2017 on the back of chancellor George Osborne's Autumn Statement issued yesterday.

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/Articles/30/11/2011/117836/social-care-faces->

[deeper-cuts-on-back-of-osborne-plan.htm](http://www.scie.org.uk/socialcare/videoplayer.asp?v=safeguardingincarehome)

New Safeguarding Video for Care Homes from the Social Care Institute of Excellence

This film looks at aspects of good safeguarding practice in a care home for older people that specialises in dementia. Staff work in a person centred way, spending time with residents and getting to know them well so that they can recognise any changes in behaviour that could suggest abuse. Residents also feel comfortable about sharing any worries that they might have.

<http://www.scie.org.uk/socialcare/videoplayer.asp?v=safeguardingincarehome>



Essex Care Training Partnership
(a service provided by EICA)

NMDS-SC system Update A new report can now be generated which will detail if the establishment meets the NMDS-SC requirements for claiming WDF Funding 2011/12. Individual establishments can log into their NMDS-SC account and download detail on whether the establishment meets the NMDS-SC requirements for claiming the workforce development fund (WDF). It will now enable establishments to see if they are compliant.

This prevents establishments having to contact the helpdesk to find out if their data meets the NMDS-SC requirements for WDF but if any support is still required the NMDS-SC helpdesk can be contacted as usual on 0845 8730 129.

Details of the new report are also available in the news section of the NMDS-SC website www.nmds-sc-online.org.uk

Workforce Development Funding (WDF) 2011/12 - Important Update and Good News

Skills for Care is committed to supporting the sector during this transition year and will be taking the following action in order to support our WDF members in both the short and long term and the following changes will be made to the WDF 2011/12 contract year:

*Extend the range of QCF units that are eligible for claiming workforce development funding to include all units that are covered by the level 2 and 3 diplomas and adults pathway in the level 5 diploma.

*Extend the deadline for NVQ unit claims which now need to have been completed by 16 March 2012

All partners will need to ensure their NMDS-SC has been

updated.

Partnership forms and further information is available from
ectp@eica.org.uk

Skills for Care ENews - The latest edition of Skills for Care National ENews containing information you may find useful from the sector
http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/news/newsletters/24_November_2011.aspx

People with dementia missing out on direct payments

More than three quarters of people with dementia who receive social care support at home are not using direct payments or other personal budgets.

This is despite government plans to roll them out to all people using social care services. As it launches its new report '**Getting personal? Making personal budgets work for people with dementia**' Alzheimer's Society is calling for the personal budget system to be adapted to meet the specific needs of people with dementia.

http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=1281

Equality & Human Rights Commission inquiry into the protection and promotion of human rights of older people in England who require or receive home-based care and support.

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/inquiries-and-assessments/inquiry-into-home-care-of-older-people/>

EICA CRB Service

Please remember Administration charges are reduced for EICA Members only:

Enhanced CRB reduced to £51 (£44 statutory fee + £7 processing fee)

ISA Adult First check reduced to £9 (£6 statutory fee + £3 processing fee)

Total cost for an enhanced CRB plus ISA = £60

Charges for non-members and all other charges remain the same.

Please note it is EICA policy to await full payment before Disclosure process.

All CRB applications and enquiries should be sent to:

EICA Office 4 at 251-255 Church Road, BENFLEET, Essex SS7 4QP

Tel: 01702 547144 or 01268 565551 Email:

office@eica.org.uk Maxine or Lyndsay will be pleased to help you with any enquiries.

A supply of newly addressed forms have arrived. You may continue to use the old forms, remembering to send them to the **new** address in Benfleet.

Please forward this on to others within your organisation who you think may be interested.
