

## Newsletter 9

Dear Colleague

EICA & ECTP welcome you to our latest Newsletter. News and updates can also be seen on our website at [www.eica.org.uk](http://www.eica.org.uk)

You may also contact us at the Benfleet Office, but please be aware that as from the 13th February 2012 our Benfleet Office opening hours will be **9.30 to 2.30pm** Monday to Friday.

### **EICA BRIEFINGS FREE TO MEMBERS**

#### **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](http://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

**Time:** 2pm - 4pm

**Date:** 27 March 2012

**Venue:** King's Arms Frating, Main Road, Frating C07 7DJ [www.kingsarmsfrating.co.uk](http://www.kingsarmsfrating.co.uk)

#### **Employing Workers Legally & Compliance with Immigration Laws - Lee Clarke, UK Boarder Agency**

Policy guidance on non-uk workers, visa and entry clearance, validation of documentation, fraudulent documentation. **Please note this briefing is specifically for Care Providers based in the North of the County**

**Time:** 10am - 12.30pm

**Date:** 19 April 2012

**Venue:** Great Notley Discovery Centre, CM7 8FS [www.greatnotley.com/discovery.html](http://www.greatnotley.com/discovery.html)

#### **Employing Workers Legally and Compliance with Immigration Laws - Chris Evans, UK Boarder Agency**

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

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documents, fraudulent documentation. **Please note this briefing is specifically for Care Providers in the South of the County, including Southend and Thurrock**

**Time:** 2pm - 4.30pm

**Date:** 6 June 2012

**Venue:** Campanile Hotel, Basildon, SS14 3AE

[www.campanile-basildon-east-london.co.uk/en/access.aspx](http://www.campanile-basildon-east-london.co.uk/en/access.aspx)



To book places on any forthcoming briefings please email [office@eica.org.uk](mailto:office@eica.org.uk) quoting your membership number. 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.

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### **EICA meets with CQC**



EICA met with CQC and were joined by South Essex Care & Health Association (SECHA) on 15th January 2012. This is part of a planned series of meetings for exchange of issues of interest to all parties. EICA Members interests were represented at this meeting in respect of proposed commissioning strategies from both Southend Borough Council and Essex Council. CQC reported that they are currently collecting intelligence to inform proposed thematic reviews in respect of end of life care and pressure area care. CQC also reported that Public Health departments will shortly come under the Social Services directorates as part of Government reforms and that this could have budget impacts.

Please email any issues that you would like your committee to raise to [office@eica.org.uk](mailto:office@eica.org.uk)

### **Find CQC latest reports in your area**

You can now find all the reports that The Care Quality Commission (CQC) have recently published using their new map display. It shows services in England where CQC have produced reports resulting from a review of compliance. see link <http://www.cqc.org.uk/node/428836?clear>

### **CQC on How our work helps improve standards**

A case study looks at how a routine inspection at a care home resulted in swift closure when it was found government standards were not being met. see link <http://www.cqc.org.uk/node/439471>

### **CQC publishes reports from its review of services for people with learning disabilities**

A further 12 reports from a targeted programme of 150 unannounced inspections of hospitals and Care Homes see link <http://www.cqc.org.uk/media/cqc-publishes-12-reports-its-review-services-people-learning-disabilities>

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### **Social Care Reform**

Cross Party talks to begin on Social Care reform see link <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-16533310>

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## My Home Life Essex

[www.myhomelifeessex.org.uk](http://www.myhomelifeessex.org.uk)

My Home Life Essex is sponsored by Essex Council, with direction from Age (UK) and the private sector including EICA. Ultimately the project is owned by those participating and is a chance to exchange ideas and participate actively in the My Home Life movement. The project is aimed at sharing good practice and support initiatives that improve the quality of life of care home residents, visitors and staff.

The Leaders Support Programme is starting a new cohort in January 2012. 80 managers are expected to complete by the end of 2012. Possible accreditation of Leaders' Support is currently being investigated.

EICA have a lead officer who can provide further information and first hand experience of working with My Home Life. Contact details of My Home Life lead officer from EICA office.

**Essex Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board** EICA is represented on the Essex Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board by our lead officer. The EICA representative attends Board meetings and is able to represent members interests. Contact details of lead office available from EICA office <http://microsites.essexcc.gov.uk/microsites/ESAB/>

## Latest news from the CRB

The Protection of Freedoms Bill which is currently going through Parliament includes a proposal for the CRB and ISA to becoming one organisation the Disclosure and Barring Service. see link

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/agencies-public-bodies/CRB/crb-newsletters/crb-news-2012/crb-news-jan-2012?view=Binary>

## 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](mailto:office@eica.org.uk)** We will be pleased to help you with any enquiries.



**Essex Care Training Partnership**  
(a service provided by EICA)

**Workforce Development Funding (WDF) 2011/12 - Funding is still available**

Many of you will be aware of the Workforce Development Funding (WDF) that Skills for Care distributes through a network of employer

partnerships, (previously known as TSI funding), but what you may not be aware of is that there is still a substantial amount of funding left just waiting to be claimed!

Skills for Care's Workforce Development Funding does not pay for the full cost of a qualification, but provides employers with a contribution towards the cost which is claimed retrospectively for *completed* NVQ or QCF units. A full list of the units that are eligible for funding are available from ECTP. All partners will need to ensure their NMDS-SC has been updated.

**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](http://www.nmds-sc-online.org.uk)

Partnership forms and further information is available from

[ectp@eica.org.uk](mailto:ectp@eica.org.uk)

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### **Skills for Care News -**

#### **Apprenticeships:**

Apprenticeships are not just for young people but for all ages. They offer a cost-effective, low-risk way to grow your workforce and can help improve the recruitment and retention of staff.

[http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/qualifications\\_and\\_training/apprenticeships/Informationforemployers.aspx](http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/qualifications_and_training/apprenticeships/Informationforemployers.aspx)

#### **Manager Induction Standards (MIS) change**

January 2012: Please note that the MIS are being 'refreshed' and new editions are expected to be published in March 2012

[http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/developing\\_skills/leadership\\_and\\_management/management\\_induction\\_standards.aspx](http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/developing_skills/leadership_and_management/management_induction_standards.aspx)

#### **A new way to see and use your NMDS-SC information**

This summer Skills for Care will be launching a new way for users of the NMDS-SC to visualise and make use of their information.

<http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/nmds-scdashboards/>

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