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The latest from the Social Care Institute for Excellence

Dear Andrew,

This edition of SCIELine contains a new hub with best practice and advice for care homes working to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including a Q&A on the subject. There's also new releases of podcasts, webinars to sign up for, and training opportunities.

New: Care homes and COVID-19 - advice and best practice resources

This new hub, launched on the SCIE site, gives guidance, resources and best practice advice for care homes and care staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. Includes guidance on infection control, dementia, and autism and learning disabilities.

Our directory of COVID-19 resources and best practice from across the sector, also includes a growing number of resources useful to care home managers.

Learn more: Care homes and COVID-19 best practice resources

New: Q&A - COVID-19, dementia and care homes

The latest Q&A resource on the SCIE site features answers on dementia and care homes from Alistair Burns, Professor of Old Age Psychiatry at the University of Manchester and Rachel Thompson, Consultant Admiral Nurse at Lewy Body Dementia.

Read: COVID-19, dementia and care homes Q&A

Latest SCIE podcasts: Social care, COVID-19 and beyond

A new series of podcasts hosted by SCIE, includes a range of guests from across the social care sector. Topics include integration, a new 'social contract' and the future of social care. Listen either on Soundcloud or Spotify.

Listen: Social care podcasts - Soundcloud

Listen: Social care podcasts - Spotify

Upcoming webinar: Growing innovation in adult social care

This webinar will share learning in relation to what is working well and not so well in scaling up and implementing innovative approaches to care and support, covering the LSE project, Supporting Adult Social Care Innovation, and the SCIE Innovation Network. Tune in on Tuesday 30 June, 2pm – 3pm.

Register: Growing innovation webinar - 30 June

Free training webinars - new sessions and recordings

There are still opportunities to sign up for live training sessions covering the Mental Capacity Act and safeguarding adults.

You can also view recordings of past sessions, covering different aspects or practice and legislation with each module.

Register and view: Training webinars

Training for you and your team

SCIE offers a range of CPD-accredited classroom training courses, plus online learning including MCA and safeguarding webinar courses. Most of our courses are now available to be delivered remotely through virtual classrooms. Browse our training page, or get in touch to find out more.

View SCIE online learning and training options

Regular COVID-19 guidance from SCIE

At an uncertain time for the sector, we are still doing our upmost to continue to offer evidence-based solutions and share good practice related to the Coronavirus outbreak for all those working in social care. Visit our updated Coronavirus (COVID-19) hub for the latest social care guidance.

View the updated COVID-19 guidance page

Social work capabilities: new resources on work with autistic adults and adults with learning disability

New resources from BASW and SCIE will help social workers, employers and educators to co-produce relevant, effective learning and development opportunities, in partnership with people with lived experience. The resources include: toolkits for social workers; 'critical friend' resources for people with lived experience; self-assessment tools for employers; and curriculum outlines for higher education institutions.

Read the SCIE/BASW press release on the resources

Beyond COVID-19: Opinions from across the sector

SCIE is looking to what social care might look like beyond COVID-19. Our new opinion blog series includes new entries from Deborah Alsina MBE, Chief Executive at Independent Age and Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Chairman of the Local Government Association's Community Wellbeing Board.

COVID-19 insights and experiences - blogs for social care

Blogs published to support the sector during the COVID-19 pandemic. Includes entries on a range of topics, and from a number of different contributors.

Read: COVID-19 and social care blogs

Latest from the social care sector: News in brief

- Care home COVID-19 deaths continue to fall in June - Care Home Professional
- MPs call for all social care staff to be included in visa extension scheme - Care Home Professional
- Visa extensions for health and care workers - SCIE statement

Thanks for reading this edition of SCIELine, Andrew - we hope you enjoyed it.

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