

Learning & Skills Service

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND 22/23

We are pleased to announce that the **Learning & Skills Service**, part of Sunderland City Council, have been successful in securing WDF funding from Skills for Care, to support the delivery of training for our adult social care providers in the local area in 2022/2023

The Workforce Development Fund (WDF) supports the provision of high-quality care and the continuing professional development (CPD) of staff across the adult social care sector by providing a contribution towards the costs of vocational learning. The funding comes from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and allows you to claim back money towards the costs of workers completing a broad range of adult social care qualifications, learning programmes and digital learning modules.

To claim funding an organisation must provide an adult social care service and directly employ care staff within England.

In 2022-23 WDF will continue to provide additional support to registered managers and frontline managers as this is key to providing quality care and supporting the workforce. Enhanced funding will continue to be available for the completion of leadership and management qualifications, learning programmes and digital learning modules.

How to Claim **Information for Current Members & Potential Members**

To make a claim from the Workforce Development Fund in 2022-23 you must complete or refresh your Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS) account. All existing accounts must be updated on or after 1 April 2022. A workplace's ASC-WDS account is expected to be an accurate reflection of its workforce. Large organisations may be subject to data quality checks and will be advised of any issues which will prevent claiming the fund. More information on ASC-WDS and how it can benefit your organisation is available through this Skills for Care webinar for Registered managers

[RM webinar - ASC-WDS 231121 on Vimeo](#)

For help and information regarding the ASC-WDS, please call the **ASC-WDS Support Service**
On: 0113 241 0969 or e-mail them at: www.ascwds-support@skillsforcare.org.uk

Your ASC-WDS must be updated on or after **1st April 2022**. For new Members, once you have created/updated your ASC-WDS you will then need to fill in and submit a **Member's Declaration Form**. This form can be obtained by contacting the Learning & Skills Service.

Evidence Required to Put Forward Claims

The evidence required in order to claim for achieved & eligible qualifications, apprenticeships, learning programmes and digital learning modules, is a copy of the learner's certificate.

We will only fund qualifications, learning programmes and digital learning modules which are included in the list of funded qualifications and learning - see [WDF 22-23 Funded Quals \(skillsforcare.org.uk\)](https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk)
All qualifications, learning programmes and digital learning modules will be funded up to the value advertised on completion.

Funding claims from all sources (combined with our funding) must not be more than the total cost of the training (i.e. no profit must be made from these funds). Any excess shall be repaid to us before any other funder.

Further Information

For further details on how to register with the Learning & Skills Service as a new member, procedure for submitting claims and any other WDF queries, please get in touch:-

Learning & Skills Service: learningandskills@sunderland.gov.uk
07919 194 234 or via e-mail at: jill.emery@sunderland.gov.uk

For more general information regarding the Workforce Development Fund, please visit the following link to the Skills for Care Website

[Funding for training \(skillsforcare.org.uk\)](https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk)

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