The power of networks

Skills for Care supports over 150 networks for registered managers, covering every local authority area in England. They are chaired and led by registered managers, for registered managers. Networks offer peer support and access to experts, best practice and information.

A recent survey highlighted the value of networks to registered managers.

74% agreed or strongly agreed that they have a better knowledge of legislation and policy relevant to their role.

68% agreed or strongly agreed that they felt more confident and prepared for CQC inspections.

The power of being a big group – having access to information and people they wouldn't usually get e.g. the CQC area manager wouldn't necessarily visit each individual employer but was happy to come to the group and discuss concerns.

70% agreed or strongly agreed that they felt less isolated as a result of attending network meetings.

69% agreed or strongly agreed that they felt more positive about their current position as a result of attending a network meeting.

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☪ **If we didn't have each other to speak to we'd have these concerns and worries building upon us and nobody to speak to and no outlet for them.** 🌙

64% indicated that they felt more confident in their role through sharing relevant resources, support and suggestions from other managers.

☪ **I think there was a social side and a support side – in fact we all have the same challenges.** 🌙

73% said they had shared ideas and good practice with other managers as a result of networks.

☪ **I would say the primary benefits is I feel confident and confidence in myself in applying the legislation to daily activities.** 🌙

Registered managers rated the following activities as useful:

whole group discussions

(87%);

presentations on hot topics

(85%);

external speakers

(85%)

We have over 150 registered manager networks across England that support registered managers to share skills, knowledge, increase confidence and access peer support. **Find out more at www.skillsforcare.org.uk/networks.**