

Welcome to the joint SWEN and ASYE forum

- Agenda for today
- Welcome and introductions/housekeeping
- Skills for Care updates – Selena Docherty, Skills for Care
- Student placement documents 2023-24
- ASYE and student placements with providers (table discussion)
- Equality, diversity and inclusion: anti racist practice in social work and the ASYE – Jenny Green, Skills for Care
- Coffee break
- Workshop and table discussions
- AOB
- Lunch and close



ASYE assessors forum

Tuesday 12 September, 14:00-16:00, via Zoom

This forum brings together ASYE assessors' from across the country and is an opportunity to share thoughts and ideas about what you think works well with the ASYE and where there are areas for improvement. It's open to anyone who is assessing NQSWs from both adults and child and family services. The meetings often explore ASYE developments and is an opportunity for ASYE assessors and co-ordinators to learn from and support each other.

[Book your place for this date and future ones](#)

GEMS forum

Tuesday 19 September, 10:00-12:00, via Zoom

This forum has been established for a year for NQSWs who self-identify as ethnically diverse. During the first meeting the group decided on its name. It's open to GEMS NQs from both adults and child and family services. It facilitates discussion of issues which pertain to NQSWs who identify as ethnically diverse and to explore issues around working together, experiences of ASYE programmes and understanding of anti-racist practice issues.

[Book your place for this date and future ones](#)



NQSW forum

**Tuesday 26 September, 14:00-16:00, via
Zoom**

The forum is an opportunity, for you as a NQSW, to share your thoughts and opinions about what you think works well and where there is room for improvement.

It's for all NQSWs from both adults and child and family services who would like the opportunity to influence the national framework of the ASYE programme.

[Book your place for this date and future ones](#)



QA refresh and ASYE framework refresh drop-in sessions

We've combined our QA refresh and ASYE framework drop-ins for ASYE co-ordinators/leads into one monthly session.

You can join whenever you want to and stay for as long as you want to. It's a space to ask anything you'd like clarification on about the refreshed ASYE programme, or you can just listen to what other people are asking and discussing.

They're running from June 2023 - March 2024.

[Book your session](#)



KSS self-assessment tool clarification

We'd like to clarify that Skills for Care does not provide a template for the KSS self-assessment tool, and that it is the employer's responsibility to provide one for their NQSWs.

Please ensure that your NQSWs are aware of where to find their own KSS self-assessment document.



Annual report for ASYE in child and family services 2022-23

Every year we produce a report for the Department of Education about child and family ASYE. The most recent report covers April 2022-March 2023 and focuses on ASYE activity undertaken during this time. The report is drawn on evidence from the quality assurance meetings, 360-degree evaluation tool data, portal data, action learning sets, feedback from national forums and events.

Key themes include a continued focus on equality, diversity and inclusion on ASYE programmes, the importance of investing in the ASYE and developing assessor quality.

[Download the annual report](#)

Peer reviewers wanted

Child and family social work

We're currently recruiting colleagues to form a team of peer reviewers. You'll work alongside Skills for Care staff to carry out ASYE programme quality assurance review activity.

We require peer reviewers from child and family settings. A grant funding payment will be paid to the peer reviewers' employer, and peer reviewers should see this as a CPD opportunity.

The deadline to apply is Monday 17 July. A training day will be confirmed.

Guiding principles for delegated healthcare activity

Together with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and partners, we've co-developed voluntary guiding principles to support person-centred, safe and effective delegation of healthcare activities to paid care workers, including personal assistants.

The principles are designed to be adapted locally to complement existing best practice and local protocols. We've also created supporting resources, videos and sample policies.

Find out more at

www.skillsforcare.org.uk/DelegatedHealthcareActivity

Our positive workplace culture campaign

During June and July, we'll be exploring what a positive culture is and why it's important. A positive workplace culture supports staff to feel happy and confident at work and will lead to better outcomes for people who draw on care and support. Therefore, we'll be providing practical tips and examples that employers/managers can use to support a positive workplace culture.

Keep an eye [on our website](#) and social media channels using #PositiveWorkplaceCulture during June and July to find out more.



Professional Capabilities Framework (PCF) evaluation survey

BASW has commissioned a survey to evaluate the PCF, its utility and function in modern social work practice and education. They'd like to hear your views on the PCF, whether it's fit for purpose, and how/if it should be changed in any way. The research team will subsequently publish the final report and provide a written response.

[Fill in the survey](#)



PP docs

Will be posted on our website following this meeting

Main changes – Jane Mathew Byrne



Quick table discussion

Student placements variation

Student placements at care providers and domiciliary care.



Workshop

Equality, diversity and inclusion: anti racist practice in social work and the ASYE – Jenny Green, Skills for Care

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Stretch break

Topics for future meetings?

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