

Project Name: Working with SSCs to Work with Employers

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Background

Skills for Care National has commissioned Gloucester University to write a FD Social Care Framework for practitioners in the field of social care.

The Framework has been out to consultation for two months across the country and closes on the 27th June. The next phase of the project is to analyse the responses and feedback to Skills for care and key stakeholders.

The LLN have been asked to fund a series of events which will inform key stakeholders of the results of the consultation and agree a way forward.

Skills for care will chair and co-ordinate activities including the events management. The first event will deliver to all Higher Education Institutions (HEi) and Further Education Colleges with HE courses across the region.

The second event will deliver the findings to employers and will also facilitate discussion and debate.

The third event will bring employers and HEis and FEcs together to discuss a Regional way forward.

Objectives of the Project

- Identify common ground between HE, FE and employers

- Disseminate consultation findings
- Identify current practice
- Explore collaboration between employers, HE and FE
- Provide examples of innovative practice.

Project Approach

The project will be delivered in three stages. The first phase will enable HE and FE to respond to the consultation document and discuss how they might wish to take forward the findings.

The second seminar will allow employers to comment and discuss the implications for their workforce.

The third phase will allow the two groups to work together to decide upon a regional approach to the framework.

Scope:

The opportunity to develop a curriculum which meets the needs of the Social Care workforce; which provides a progression pathway for the Social Care workforce; which provides a regional framework which is approved by the Sector Skills Council for Social Care.

A Key Products from the project

- Feedback from employers as to the desirability of a Social Care framework
- The opportunity for HEIs and FECs to develop a needs-led programme
- Thorough consultation with stakeholders
- The opportunity for LLNs to work with Sectors Skills Councils

B Out of Scope

- Prescribed curricula which outlines content, mode of delivery and other aspects of curriculum design.

Constraints

N/A

Initial Project Case

Skills for care have asked for the sum of £2,500 from each of the regional LLNs to support the three events. The monies will pay for costs of venue and an individual delegate rate of £40 per person at the Village Hotel in Walsall.

Skills for Care have an events organiser who will oversee the management and administration of the event.

Benefits of the Project

- The opportunity bring together key stakeholders
- The opportunity to engage fully with employers
- The opportunity to design and develop a curriculum which is fit for purpose
- A potential progression route for the social care workforce

- The opportunity to engage with the SSCs
- The potential to increase the number of vocational students into Higher Education.
- The opportunity to develop an FD which is supported by the SSCs

Key Assumptions

- The consultation will yield a positive outcome
- The HEIs and FEcs have capacity to deliver an FD Social Care
- That the FD meets the needs of the current and future social care workforce

Timescale

It is anticipated that the events will be held in October, November and December.

Costs

Skills for care have asked each LLN for a maximum of £2,500 to cover the cost of the venue which is the Village Hotel in Walsall and a delegate rate of £40 per person.

How will the project be evaluated?

Evaluation forms will be issued to delegates at the end of each event and these will be analysed and evaluated by the events co-ordinator

How will the project be sustained?

N/A

Initial Risk Log

The following table summarises the risks that have been identified that may prevent the project being completed to the required quality, budget and timescale. The probability and impact of each risk has been graded as low, medium or high to indicate the relative importance attached to each element of risk.

Risks	Probability	Impact	Containment Plan
Lack of sufficient funding	low	medium	Alternative sources of funding need to be considered
Lack of sufficient support	low	medium	Initiation to the event would be extended

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