

COVID-19 NEWSLETTER

NEWS, GUIDANCE & TIPS FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROVIDERS IN TORBAY

Update on policies for visiting arrangements in care homes

Our first priority continues to be to reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in care homes and prevent future outbreaks, to ensure the health and safety of both care workers and residents. We appreciate the challenges which care homes, as distinct from other health and care settings, face in safeguarding their residents from infection, and the particular risks of outbreaks of infection in care homes. We also appreciate the vital importance of maintaining physical and mental wellbeing of residents and families through continuing contact. [Please click here to view the full guidance](#). If you have found some innovative ways of maintaining visits safely for your residents and their family members, please let us know so we can share with other homes in Torbay. This is especially important as we move into the colder weather when it is more difficult for people to meet outside.

New Manager Webinar

Wednesday 23 September at 1.30pm

30-minute webinar for new managers in social care and those managers who haven't engaged with Skills for Care before.

The webinar will introduce you to the support and resources that Skills for Care offers care organisations in England. You will hear about how Skills for Care can support you with recruiting and developing your staff. We will also explain the support available to help you effectively lead your organisation, develop best practice and keep up to date. You will be shown where to find things on our website and have an opportunity to ask questions to a panel of Skills for Care staff.

Register for a place at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8352028172875929614>



Rowcroft Courses & Workshops

Rowcroft Hospice are offering a range of online courses which can be found by [clicking here](#). These courses are designed for health and care professionals working at all levels. Courses currently on offer include:

- An Introduction to the five priorities for care (flyer also attached with this newsletter)
 - Recognising Dying
 - Communicating sensitively
 - Involving the dying person
 - Supporting the person and those important to them
 - Planning and delivering care at the end of life
- Loss & Bereavement
- Palliative and end of life care – Can I still donate?



Rowcroft have also created some online resources to support care homes but are also relevant to domiciliary care agencies. [Please click here to view these resources](#), as well as some helpful videos which can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

Access to information

- [Caring for Care Homes Webpage](#): These resources have been produced in collaboration with GPs, pharmacists, care homes managers and social care commissioners across Devon. **Previous editions of this newsletter can also be found on this page.**