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NEWS FOR 2010/11 FINANCIAL YEAR

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE LWDP

APRIL 2010

As the 6th April marks the start of the new financial year, we are pleased to bring you this co-ordinated communication to tell you about our focus at LWDP for the coming months.

2010 FUNDING NEWS

Health and Social Care NVQ's

From April 6th – August 31st 2010* applications for NVQ Level 2 - 4 qualifications in Health and Social Care will be accepted and where approved will continue to be paid at **£110 per unit** through independent Training providers or **£82.50 per unit** through Colleges.

After August 2010* no further NVQ applications will be processed as the Qualifications Credit Framework (QCF) will become effective. For more information about QCF please visit www.skillsforcare.co.uk

**this date is subject to change if QCF is not ready as planned in August 2010.*

After this time we will be funding credits at **£20 per credit**.

QCF awards are made up of credits which build into:

- An award (12 credits)
- A certificate (13-36 credits)
- A diploma (36 plus credits)

The equivalent of an NVQ is a diploma.

Other Funded Qualifications:

- PTLLS/CTLLS will continue at £250 until the QCF version is available.
- A1 Award will continue at £500 until the QCF version is available.

- Management NVQ's will continue at £110 per unit until the QCF version is available through independent Training providers or £82.50 per unit through Colleges.

Induction programmes

The Skills for Care Induction programmes for levels 2/3 and management levels 4/5 are paid at £150 on receipt of Skills for Care paperwork.

LDQ levels 2/3 are paid at £200 on receipt of the awarding organisations certificate.

Basic Short Courses

These must be 6 taught hours in duration and will be paid at the advertised cost up to a maximum of £50 each.

Where there is an accredited/nationally recognised course covering the subject matter this is the only course that will be supported.

Courses without national recognition/accreditation will be supported only if the Skills for Care skills set for the subject are covered entirely by the syllabus.

Until QCF is operational (Aug 2010 proposed date) LWDP will continue to fund short courses, however the following criteria will apply:

Where there is nationally recognised accredited training available this is what LWDP will fund:

E.g.: CIEH Level 2 Food Safety
 HSE First Aid at Work (3 days)
 HSE Emergency First Aid
 CIEH Level 2 Health & Safety

Please note we will require certificates from the awarding bodies. **Employers please check with Training Providers that this is the training they are providing, this is your responsibility.**

For courses where one of the following applies:

- Nationally accredited courses may be available but may not meet the specific needs of the organisation.

Or

- No accredited courses are available

And

- There is a SfC Knowledge Set for the subject matter

courses will continue to be funded where the Knowledge Set is applied. E.g. Dementia Awareness Training.

Finally

We recognise the importance of courses which meet the learning needs of staff working in care e.g. Catheter & Stoma Care, Diabetes Awareness and recognise that these courses have no SFC Knowledge Set/Accreditation. We will continue to fund these courses only until such topics are covered by QCF.

Entitlement

Each Employee is able to claim for 1 NVQ, 3 short courses, Induction/LDQ and where applicable the A1 or V1 assessor's award and PTLLS/CTLLS (or their QCF equivalent) per year.

<http://www.lwdp.org.uk/LWDPNews.aspx>

Qualifications Credit Framework (QCF)

The new QCF will be implemented nationally in August 2010. Look out for regular communication on this where we will help to explain how this will impact our services to you. The details of the QCF and how it will work are still in development, however for more information visit - www.skillsforcare.co.uk

Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTTLS) and Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (CTTLS)

From 6th April 2010, organisations can nominate up to TWO individuals to complete the course in the year.

Funding for Children's Services

As previously communicated at the present time there are no funds available for staff from Children's Service Providers from April 6th 2010. Any outstanding claims agreed in 2009/10 and completed by March 31st 2010 will be paid as agreed if submitted by May 12th 2010.

Change to Training Provider Licenses

Following the Board meeting held on 16th March, a decision has been made to increase the 2% charge levied upon training providers to contribute towards the cost of their training provider licence to 2.5% for the financial year 2010/11.

The current level of 2% has been fixed for the last 3 years and has never covered the cost of purchasing the licences and it was this that influenced the Board's decision.

For more information on Funding please contact safeerasuleman@lwdp.org.uk or telephone 01772 761872.

2010 TRAINING

E Learning

Following the success of the Pandemic and Dignity in Care pilots, a suite of E Learning is being developed to support relevant key topics. The detail of this training will be communicated in the next few weeks.

Details regarding free End of Life E Learning developed by the NHS will be sent out in April.

IT Training

A new schedule for IT Training will be published in April 2010. This will cover new topics such as Microsoft PowerPoint and Desktop Publishing and will also aim to run courses at intermediate and advanced user levels.

2010 HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES

HR Training Schedule

A new schedule for HR Training is being developed and will be published in April 2010. Look out for more details on this exciting list of new topics in the coming weeks.

Peninsula Business Services

A new contract has been negotiated and licences are available at £150 per Service Level Agreement for Adult Social Care Providers and £300 for Children's Service Providers which represents approximately 5% or 10% of the full cost for organisations purchasing on a single contract basis. Licences are still available for Employers. To apply or for more information please contact katieburgess@lwdp.org.uk or telephone 01772 761855.

Investors in People

An opportunity to receive support in achieving IIP Accreditation has become available for Employers. If you are interested in participating please contact LWDP as soon as possible on 01772 761855.

Conference Room Hire

The conference room at Marian House provides an excellent facility for all conference and training events. Seating up to 50 delegates, there is a comfortable, relaxing area for breakout session as well as a range of equipment. Refreshments can be arranged to suit your needs and there is ample free car parking. For further details please contact clairewardle@lwdp.org.uk or call 01772 761855.

For more information on Human Resources Services please contact katieburgess@lwdp.org.uk or telephone 01772 761855.

2010 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Care Ambassador

We now have a team of 33 Care Ambassadors who promote Social Care to others. They are available to attend schools and colleges to promote working in Social Care, attend job and careers fairs and any other events that help to raise the profile of a career in Social Care.

If you are interested in becoming a Care Ambassador please contact samfrankland@lwdp.org.uk or telephone 01772 761855 for more information.

Raise the profile of Social Care

We have started work on the Social Care case studies with the aim of illustrating people's life stories and the variety of roles Social Care has played within their life. As part of this, we are looking to engage with employees currently working in Social Care, along with service users and their families to share their stories.

If you have a story you would like to share which illustrates how working in Social Care has made someone's life better, or know of someone who might like to share their positive experience of Social Care, please email your contact details to natashafurnell@lwdp.org.uk

Apprenticeships

Following feedback from our Information day held on the 4th March, we will be holding an Apprenticeship Information session on the 8th June. This is an opportunity for Employers to find out about the advantages of employing an apprentice in their organisation. Follow up support sessions will be available for those who may wish to complete an application.

To register for a place please contact clairewardle@lwdp.org.uk or telephone on 01772 761855. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Care First Careers

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and Department of Health (DH) have developed a scheme, Care First Careers, to increase youth employment and support Social Care Employers with recruitment and retention.

In early 2010, employers will be offered a £1,000 recruitment subsidy, administered through Jobcentre Plus, for taking on a young person in adult social care. The young person needs to be 18-24 years old, and have been on Jobseekers Allowance for 39 weeks or more. They also need to be in post for at least six months, working 16+ hour weeks throughout that period.

For more information on the scheme, see www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk/carefirstcareers

2010 EVENTS

March Stakeholder Event Supporting Literature

Following the Stakeholder Event held on the 18th March 2010, a full version of the Business Plan is available on www.lwdp.org.uk

The handout providing a summary of the Business Plan objectives is also available on www.lwdp.org.uk and can be viewed here.



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Personalisation Events

Events targeted at Personal Budget Holders and Personal Assistants will be scheduled later in the year. Look out for communication on these events soon.

Information Days

Following the positive feedback from the Information Day held at Marion House on the 4th March, we will be holding several more events at various locations in Lancashire in 2010. Further information will be available on this soon.

Stakeholder Event

The next Stakeholder Event is to be held in October 2010. Look out for more details in the coming months.

Celebration Event

The annual Celebration Event will take place in November 2010 and we will be inviting all stakeholders to participate. Further details will be communicated nearer the time.

2010 PROJECTS

A range of key projects will be continuing in 2010 covering topics such as

- Dementia,
- End of Life Care
- Safeguarding Adults
- InLAWS

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We hope that you have found this issue of E news useful and informative. Any suggestions and comments on what you would like to see in future issues would be welcomed so please contact us with your thoughts. Please email info@lwdp.org.uk with any comments.

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