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THINK! Proactive LESS Reactive

Networker: Wednesday 14th March in Leeds.

Venue: DAC Beachcroft City offices Leeds.

Time: 10:30am - 4.00pm

Hosted by **DACbeachcroft**

Programme: Maintaining Compliance & Keeping ahead of Current Risks.

Refreshments & Lunch provided.

Networkers are an open event and there will be NO CHARGE for attending.

Full details of programme, directions and booking [Here](#)

Book now. Three weeks to go.

Places are now in single figures.

At the Forum:

Date: Thursday 17th May in Cardiff.

Venue: Holiday Inn Central Cardiff.

Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm

AGM follows until 4:30pm for Members only.

The Programme and Speakers.



[Here are the latest topics confirmed](#)

→ **Our regular** News Views and update from the Health & Safety Executive Officer

→ **Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome (HAVS)** - so what has this got to do with Social Care I hear you ask, ? **Nigel Lawrence** will cover a recent case from **Wrexham**, £150,000 plus costs £10,901.35 explaining the back ground, outcomes & considering the wider implications for work activity not previously assessed.in Social Care

→ **Successful joint working with partners & contractors** and the management of the health & safety risks

→ **Health & safety considerations when refurbishment works are undertaken** within Care Homes, covering CDM, asbestos, fire precautions, security/segregation, Tools/Materials, and communication logistics.

→ **Legionella**, its management & control - out of sight but hopefully never out of mind.

We hope that you will support the event.

Bookings for event will open in March

Members benefit a reduced rate of **£38**

Non Members will be at **£58**

Forum includes

All refreshments, lunch, presentation papers from speakers & some time to Network with speakers, sponsors & your colleagues.

Don't miss the opportunity

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Happy to help through the e-News.

If you have a question/query concerning any aspect of Safety in Care Just **Email the administrator** with the **details** you require help with **Who they respond to**, giving your **Name, Email** address and **phone**. Or ask administrator to collect responses if you wish to be anonymous. **Just another way for members to network.**

Have you ever been concerned about the unsafe use of hygiene slings?

Deborah Harrison (A1Risk Solutions) has sent in this request to ask Members to take part in the short 10 question research and survey about Hygiene slings (toileting/access) by the **University of Salford**

The **University of Salford** is inviting you to take part in a survey to explore the assessment and prescription process of hygiene slings, commonly referred to as access and toileting slings.

Please read the participant information sheet and survey.

May we thank you for taking the time to consider this request. If you can share this post amongst your colleagues it would be very much appreciated. **SURVEY**



Be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning – know the signs and symptoms.

CO poisoning can kill and in the winter months, when people use their heating appliances more frequently, there are often more incidents of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Latest news on Carbon Monoxide (Detection and Safety) Bill

Second reading now Friday 16 March 2018 .

Summary of Bill

A Bill to make provision about requirements for carbon monoxide detectors; to make provision about carbon monoxide safety; and for connected purposes.

National Health and Social Care Workforce Plan.

The Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) have published part two of the National Health and Social Care Workforce Plan.

It sets out how they, along with social care partners, will work together on new ways of recruiting and workforce planning to make sure people get the right support to enable them to live as independently as possible.

[Read More](#)



Department of Health & Social care (DHSC).

Two new ministers to the department. **Stephen Barclay** as **Minister of State for Health & Caroline Dineage** as **Minister of State for Care**. The department expanded its remit to include social care.

Care providers' network.

We are setting up a network of independent care providers and adult social care complaint-handlers.

The remit of this network will include supporting complaints-handling practitioners and sharing best practice. Joining the network will mean sharing your contact details with other members of the network in the future.

If you are interested in being part of this network, please email [Nicola Driver](#)

Local Government & Social Care

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We have changed our name to Care Inspectorate Wales.

The change takes effect from today (15 January 2018).

From now on, if you see the name 'Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales' or 'CSSIW', this should be read as 'Care Inspectorate Wales' or 'CIW'.

Both are valid.



Don't ignore the Law.

The HSE approved law poster must be displayed on all business premises...

Employers are required, by law, to either display the HSE-approved law poster or to provide each of their workers with the equivalent leaflet. [What to display](#)

Minister for Loneliness .

The PM appointed the country's first minister for loneliness, in memory of Labour MP Jo Cox, who was murdered in 2016.

Tracey Crouch, the new ministerial lead for loneliness, will lead a cross-government group which will take responsibility for driving action on loneliness, which affects more than nine million people.

The role was one of the recommendations of the Jo Cox Commission, which called for a national strategy in response to an 'urgent crisis'.



Blue badges could soon be granted to people with dementia and autism.

People with 'hidden disabilities' could soon have greater access to blue badge parking permits in England, under new Government proposals. The Department for Transport (DfT) hopes the move will make it easier for people with conditions such as dementia and autism to .. [Details](#)

Fire and explosion at Woodlands View Care Home, Stevenage.

One man has died and another resident is critically injured

Early investigations into the fire indicate the involvement of an oxygen cylinder in the room of the man who died, who was in his 80s.

Chief Fire Officer Darryl Keen, & also Herts County Council's director of community protection, today said such oxygen cylinders remained safe.

The home, acquired by **HC-One** in August 2017, is a complex of six separate buildings with about 25 residents in each unit.

An inspection by the **CQC** in June, when the home was owned by **Bupa**, found it "required improvement" in all areas including safety.

[Details](#)

Cause of huge care home fire which left 6 people in hospital is revealed.

Dozens of firefighters were called to the **Old Vicarage Nursing Home in Pandy Tudur, near Llanwrst**, & rescued seven trapped residents. The cause of the huge blaze has been discovered after a joint investigation by North Wales FRS & the police suggests the blaze was sparked by electrics in a first floor store cupboard.

[Read more](#)

Nearly 60 vulnerable residents had to be rescued from the Crossgates Care Home, Kilmarnock.

The cause of the fire, thought to have started because of a faulty boiler. None of the 59 resident were hurt in the blaze & an investigation by **Police Scotland** is underway.

In February 2011, it was revealed how the standards of care at Crossgate was found to be among the worst in Scotland after a damning report by the Care Commission.

[Read](#)

Rosedale House care home in West Town Lane, Bristol.

All of the residents were evacuated from the building..

A spokesperson for **Avon FRS** added the blaze is thought to have started accidentally.

An Essex care home owner fined following an incident in which a 75-year-old woman was injured leaving her with a life changing condition>

Rushcliffe Care Ltd, which ran **Partridge Care Centre** in Harlow, was fined **£120,000** and ordered to pay a **£170** victim surcharge, plus **£17,826.37** costs, after admitting it failed to provide safe care and treatment to one of its residents in a prosecution brought by the **CQC**

[Details.](#)



Fire safety.

Most fires are preventable. Those responsible for workplaces and other buildings to which the public have access can avoid them by taking responsibility for and adopting the right behaviours and procedures. [Read](#)

Discarded Cigarette caused death of Nottingham man.

who suffered from mobility issues and had carers visiting four times a day – died from respiratory failure & severe burns. Probable cause of fire was from a discarded cigarette dropped onto a dynamic airflow pressure relieving mattress on a hospital style bed.

It is believed the airflow mattress, which has air chambers inside the mattress to help prevent pressure sores, was punctured, which escalated the fire from what would have been a slow burn to an enhanced fire.

Care Home Fire at Highfields Leicester.

Fire located on the first floor of the 3 story building and the premises were evacuated. The flat was damaged by fire, with "severe smoke damage" to the second and third floors. No-one was injured during the incident and the cause is under investigation

Felixstowe nursing home and manager fined following man's window fall death.

Highcliffe House a Felixstowe nursing home and its manager have been prosecuted for failing to properly care for a man who fell to his death from a second floor window .which had no window restrictors

The company and its manager, had admitted health and social care breaches before their sentencing. The firm was fined **£16,500**, while the Manager was fined **£1,000**.

[More details](#)

Fire chief warns about the hazards of vanity mirrors after care home blaze.

Staffordshire FRS has issued a warning about the dangers of make-up and vanity mirrors when placed in direct sunlight, after a fire broke out at **Nethermoor House** care home in Rugeley, Staffordshire. The cause of the fire was direct sunlight shining onto a make-up mirror, which then set light to nearby curtains. [More](#)

Firefighters angry at losing 'day job' to help elderly falling at home.

Firefighters fear more lives are being put at risk now that West Midlands Fire Service has involved them in care contracts with councils to help older people because of a shortage of home care workers.

The move has led firefighters to speak out about the move which they say takes them and their vehicles away from emergencies involving fires. West Midlands Fire Brigades Union (FBU) has launched a petition against the fire service's care contracts scheme.

[More details](#)

Essex FRS called to reports of a fire at sheltered accommodation in Spittal Road, Malden.

Three residents suffered smoke inhalation after a fire broke out in a bedroom causing extensive damage to the building.

An investigation will take place to determine the cause of the fire.

[Read](#)

Care provider Four Seasons temporarily bailed out.

The struggling care provider Four Seasons one of the largest private social care providers in the country, has been struggling to stay afloat amid the ongoing social care crisis.

It has signed a deal with a hedge fund 9/2/18 which will see £70m invested to enable it to keep operating. [Read](#)

CQC welcomes publication of safeguarding review of Mendip House.

Following allegations of mistreatment and abuse of some residents by a number of staff. Mendip House was a bungalow used as a care home for six people with complex needs, one of seven registered locations provided by the [National Autistic Society](#) [More](#)

Announcement: Independent Review into the NHS and social care (13 February 2018).

Surgeon and former health minister Lord Darzi to launch Independent Review into the **NHS** and **Social Care**. Lord Darzi will set out next stage of reform for the health and care service, supported by think tank **IPPR**. [Read](#)

Updated HSE-CQC MoU.

Revised Memorandum of Understanding between **HSE & CQC** is now available on both the **HSE & CQC** websites. The document outlines the respective responsibilities of **CQC, HSE** and local authorities in England when dealing with health and safety incidents in the health and adult social care sectors. It also clarifies that CQC is the enforcement body in respect of suspected cases of Legionnaires' disease in patients/service users arising from the hot and cold water systems at premises registered with CQC. [Details](#)

Accompanying operational guidance for regulatory staff has been published and is also available on HSE's website [Details](#)

Scotland's new Health and Social Care Standards.

This easy read version gives some examples & has some pictures to help people understand what the Standards are; how good their care should be. There are 5 Principles to go with the Standards. These are things that should happen when you get care and support. The new standards are relevant across all health and social care provision, and will be used from **April 2018**. [Read](#) summary and you can then follow through to the full document.

Introducing 'opt-out' consent for organ and tissue donation in England.

Consultation.

The government wants views from as many people as possible on plans to make it easier for people to give consent to be an organ donor.

The plan is to change the organ donation system to an 'opt-out' system. Need to find out what people think of how the changes should be made. [Details](#)

This consultation closes at 11:59pm on 6 March 2018

5 Live Investigates reports on the dangers skin creams containing paraffin.

According to the report, Skin creams containing paraffin could be responsible for 'hundreds' of fire deaths across the UK.

5 live revealed last year that **37 deaths** had been linked to the creams **since 2010** & the programme has learned there have been a further 8 deaths and this figure could be much higher.



Listen to the [report in full on BBC I player](#).

It starts at 4.45 seconds into the programme.

Seven key recommendations from the Taylor review.

This independent review considers the implications of new forms of work on worker rights and responsibilities, as well as on employer freedoms and obligations. It sets out 7 principles to address the challenges facing the UK labour market. [>>Full report](#)
[>>Summary](#)

Ombudsman offers practical guidance on contracts for social care providers.

Care providers can now download new guidance from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman to help them provide clearer cost information in their contracts for service users. [Details](#)

How to check the identity of a CQC inspector.

CQC have been made aware that a small number of providers have been contacted by people posing as inspectors.

Genuine inspectors visiting in person carry **ID badges** that include:

- > A photograph of the inspector on the front
- > A copy of our warrant on the reverse
- > The signature of **CEO** Sir David Behan (older ID badges may have the signature of Cynthia Bower).

If unsure about the identity of an inspector, please contact the enquiries team on **03000 616161**. Or use the [contact web page](#)

DSE Assessments and Healthy Working.

Prolonged use of computer workstations and display screen equipment (DSE) can lead to neck, shoulder, back or arm pain, along with stress, fatigue and temporary eye-strain

These disorders can be avoided if DSE assessments are carried out, equipment is set up correctly and good practice is applied [Details](#)



Patient safety review and response report October 2016 to March 2017.

A summary of how we reviewed and responded to the patient safety issues you reported. We explain why recording patient safety incidents is important for learning and how to report these incidents. You can also find out how many incidents were recorded and how we use them to support healthcare providers to improve patient safety.

NASHICS is a Member of this group [Read](#)