

Continued government funding confirmed for 2026/27



The Adult Social Care Learning and Development Programme

This includes funding for:

- Learning and Development Support Scheme (**LDSS**)
- Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism (**Oliver's Training**)

Funded by the Department of Health and Social Care and administered by NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA).

To claim funding, you first need an up-to-date Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS) account. Find out more about [ASC-WDS](#).

Find out more about the [funding available, including guidance documents and grant determination letters](#).

Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training (‘Oliver’s Training’)



- Funding to support Oliver’s Training is available to the adult social care sector through the [Learning and Development Support Scheme \(LDSS\)](#), separate to the overall existing LDSS funding already available for other training courses and qualifications. The LDSS is administered by NHSBSA via the [online claims service](#).

Procured training - reimbursement rates	
Tier 1 - £25.00	Tier 2 - £90.00
In-house training - reimbursement rates	
Tier 1 - £12.50	Tier 2 - £50.00

- You will need an up-to-date [ASC-WDS](#) account to claim funding.
- Updated FAQs available (2 December 2025) [here](#).
- [Recording](#) of national webinar.

Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate (L2ASCC) qualification



- An accredited qualification designed to provide a baseline standard to care, reduce the need for repeat training and give recognition to our care workforce. Ofqual-regulated, requiring workplace assessment, completed in 6-8 months (or less). It provides the key knowledge and skills required for the 'New to Care' role in the Care Workforce Pathway.
- The L2ASCC qualification is available for funding through the LDSS (**up to £1,540 per qualification**).
- The Level 2 Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship Standard has been revised, and the L2ASCC qualification is now mandated within the standard, therefore providing an alternative funded route (via Apprenticeship Levy).
- Employers can find quality approved learning providers through the Quality Assured Care Learning Service.
- It is encouraged for care providers to prioritise enrolling staff who don't hold a relevant qualification on to the qualification, to enable them to gain recognised skills and support progression in their role.

[Find out more about the L2ASCC qualification \(including factsheets and FAQs\).](#)

Quality Assured Care Learning Service (QACLS)



Supporting you to select high-quality, trusted training

What QACLS provides

- Reviews individual training providers and adult social care courses and qualifications against national quality standards.
- Supports employers to identify high-quality, accessible learning that meets workforce and care needs.
- Quality assures eligible training courses and qualifications on the Learning and Development Support Scheme (LDSS), and quality assures approved providers delivering Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training.
- Over time, quality-assured learning will be the only route for LDSS funding.

What this means for registered managers

- Supports evidence of compliance with CQC expectations on staff training and competence.
- Improves workforce capability, consistency and outcomes for people who draw on care.

Actions

- Prioritise selecting quality-assured training providers, courses and accredited qualifications when planning staff development, using the [QACLS list](#).
- Monitor the impact of training on practice, care quality and inspection outcomes.

Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS) demo & funding update ****booking is required****



ASC-WDS demo and funding update - various dates and times
please select



Come and join us for an informal demo and information sharing about ASC-WDS and LDSS funding for 26/27.

This is a local session for providers across the London and the South East.

Online via MS Teams

Choice of dates:

- 12th May 10-11.15am**
- 23rd June 2-3.15pm**
- 6th August 2-3.15pm**
- 14th September 2-3.15pm**
- 4th November 10-11.15am**

Link to form: [ASC-WDS demo and funding update - various dates and times please select](#)

Help investigating medicines errors



Explore our new medicines management resources designed for adult social care.

These tools support training, quality assurance, and competency assessment, and provide a framework for reviewing factors contributing to medicine errors.

- The 'Contributory factors framework for medicines errors in adult social care settings' helps services investigate errors in a structured, learning-focused way.
- The interactive framework highlights key factors to consider and supports a root-cause-analysis approach, encouraging staff involvement and a culture of openness. It includes case studies and a summary and action-planning template to help prevent future errors and strengthen safe practice.



[Explore the resources](#)

New preceptorship workshops – are you a registered manager who employs nurses?

Our upcoming online preceptorship workshops can help strengthen support for newly registered nurses and nursing associates in your service

Whether you're looking to support nurses in becoming preceptors or looking to develop preceptorship leadership within your organisation, these workshops provide practical tools, guidance and shared learning.

- **Preceptor role workshops:** 11 June | 19 October | 10 February | [Find out more and register today](#)
- **Preceptorship lead workshops:** 2 June | 8 October | 3 February | [Find out more and register today](#)

Spaces are limited – find out more and register today!