**FUNDING TO SUPPORT TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE**

The Department of Health has approved funding to support accredited training to help develop capacity and capability within the social care workforce. This funding will focus on supporting people at different stages on their social care career pathway by improving access to training, support and learning resources.

As part of the overall funding, support is available to **Independent and Third Sector providers** (with no age restrictions) to payfor the following qualifications:

* Level 3 Award in Education & Training, also known as ‘Train The Trainer’
* Level 4 Certificate in Principles of Leadership and Management in Adult Social Care

Funding is not available to pay for staff time to complete the qualifications or for backfill.

These qualifications need be sourced by providers.

Should you require any further information about these qualifications please contact [Meta.Keenan@niscc.hscni.net](mailto:Meta.Keenan@niscc.hscni.net) or [Mervyn.Bothwell@niscc.hscni.net](mailto:Mervyn.Bothwell@niscc.hscni.net) )

In making application for funding, providers must agree to the following conditions:

1. **Re Level 3 Award in Education & Training (Train The Trainer):**

* Provide evidence of completion of Train The Trainer **by 28 February 2022**
* Provide plans of the number of staff to receive training from Train The Trainers and associated subject areas **by 28 February 2022**; see attached spreadsheet
* Provide evidence of delivery of in-house training via Train The Trainer, including numbers of social care staff trained, **by 30 June 2022**
* Provide evidence of impact and outcomes by completing short surveys that will be issued by the Social Care Council

1. **Re Level 4 Certificate in Principles of Leadership and Management in Adult Social Care:**

* Provide evidence of commencement of qualification **by 28 February 2022**
* Provide evidence of completion of qualification **by 29 December 2022**
* Provide evidence of impact and outcomes by completing short surveys that will be issued by the Social Care Council

**Applications will be treated on ‘first come-first served basis’, and must be made by returning the attached proforma to Mervyn.Bothwell@niscc.hscni.net by 5pm on 30 November 2021.**

**To ensure that the limited funds are maximised, providers will be able to apply for a maximum of two Level 3 (Train The Trainer) Awards and two Level 4 Certificates per organisation.**

**Indicative successful applications will be notified by 10 December 2021 with providers being re-imbursed by 31 March 2022 if the above 28 February conditions have been met.**

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