



Welcome to NISCC e-News.....

This bulletin is for our registrants, their employers and our stakeholders to update you about issues related to professional registration and to share information about our work to help improve and develop the workforce.

If you have any comments to improve our e-News, or would like to submit a story for publication please email comms@niscc.hscni.net



Colum Conway – NISCC Chief Executive

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Social Care Worker Compulsory Registration – apply now to meet the March'17 deadline

Registration for the 12,000 staff from domiciliary care, day care and supported living is picking up pace as we approach the March 2017 deadline. Now over 60% of registrations have been completed. Make sure your application is processed in time. **Go to the [NISCC Online Registration Service](#) now and submit your application.**

Helping you with the registration process

We have lots of information and support to help social care workers and managers to complete the registration process. Go to our website to access and share [Resource materials](#), ['How To Guides'](#), and [YouTube presentations](#). Contact the NISCC Customer Service Team if you need advice. Email: info@niscc.hscni.net or call 028 9536 2600.

Review of the NISCC Code of Practice for Employers of Social Care Workers

We are reviewing the NISCC Code of Practice for Employers of Social Care Workers and need your views on the draft revised standards.



We have drafted new revised standards for employers and would like our stakeholders to share their views through our online consultation.

Click here to read the draft revised standards:

<http://tinyurl.com/hg9sq3e>

Click here to submit your comments through Survey Monkey:

<http://tinyurl.com/hg9sq3e>

Consultation closing date – 30th December 2016

One of the first appointments for Jackie McIlroy - Northern Ireland's new Deputy Chief Social Work Officer - was meeting with the team at the Northern Ireland Social Care Council.

NISCC Chief Executive Colum Conway welcomed Deputy Chief Social Work Officer Jackie McIlroy to the NISCC Office for her first introduction to the NISCC staff and an update on social care regulation.

Jackie's predecessor, Christine Smyth is moving to lead on the Social Work Strategy for Northern Ireland. We wish her well in her new role.



Our pool of Social Work Ambassadors is growing – Join us now!

Are you: ***An enthusiastic practitioner?***

Passionate about your profession?

Able to share your experience with those considering a career in Social Work

Yes? – then we need you!

We have 21 Social Work Ambassadors but we need more! Our ambassadors are from BHSCT, Foster Care Associates, Include Youth, NHSCT, NIAMH, QUB (Student SW), Salvation Army, SEHSCT, UU (Student SW), Voypic and WHSCT. We want ambassadors from all areas of practice – so if you are interested please contact Mairead.harkin@niscc.hscni.net . [Click here](#) to find out more from our website.



In November we held a training workshop for our latest new Social Work Ambassadors. They are all passionate about promoting the social work profession.

Our new Social Work Ambassadors pictured at the training with Paul Gallagher – Trainer & Service User (L-R) Byrne Clodagh UU, Maurice Mahon WHSCT, Julie Gibson NHSCT, Laura Kernohan BHSCT & Denise Kelly BHSCT

Congratulations and thanks to all of them.



NISCC and Dementia Together NI - re-launch of the Domiciliary Care Toolkit App Monday 29 November 2016

Domiciliary Care Toolkit re-launched with new content for Dementia and Adult Safeguarding

Opening the launch event, Sean Holland, Chief Social Work Officer said:

“The e-Health and Care Strategy requires all sectors, including social care to take advantage of digital technology. This App contains important areas of learning and development for care workers which will strengthen their practice and ensure the people they support receive high standards of care.”

Visit our website for the full story <http://www.niscc.info/news/121-re-launch-domiciliary-care-toolkit>

Links to download the App from Apple and Google Play are available from the NISCC website at: <http://www.niscc.info/workforce-development/mobile-learning>

Thank you to everyone who attended!

Social Work Awards 2016 – Congratulations to all the winners at this year’s Award Ceremony hosted by the Southern Health & Social Care Trust in Armagh City Hotel. A record number of 93 applications were received from social work teams and individuals from all across Northern Ireland.

Over 5,300 social workers currently practice in the province, and social work teams and individuals were nominated from across NI with 24 shortlisted as finalists. To see the categories and the winners visit our website <http://www.niscc.info/news/117-social-work-awards-2016-swmakesadifference>



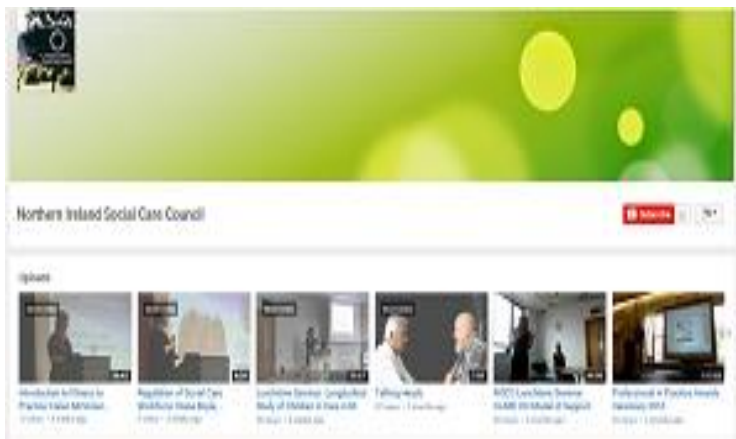
NISCC seminars and workshops – take part, watch the live stream or catch up on You Tube

We run a range of workshops and seminars throughout the year. These are seminars are free to attend. Details and booking information are shared on our website [Events](#) page. If you can’t attend on the day, watch the online live stream or catch up later on our You tube channel.

Tax Relief on Registrant Fees

Remember to claim tax relief on fees paid for NISCC registration. More information about tax and the forms you need to submit is available from the [HMRC website](#)

Share the social care story - Keep in touch with NISCC on You Tube, Facebook and Twitter



We have clips and animations to help share news and information about registration, regulation and professional development for social work and social care workers. Have a look and subscribe to the [Northern Ireland Social Care Council You Tube Channel](#). Please check out our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for live news and stories from events with our registrants and social. We now have 740 Facebook Page likes and 1169 Twitter Followers. Twitter has Please Like and Share with your colleagues and friends to spread social care good news stories.

Council Meetings – Open and accessible

You are welcome to come along to our Council meetings. They are usually held in our office at Millennium House. If you would like to attend a meeting, please email maureen.martin@niscc.hscni.net or call 028 9536 2952. Minutes from previous meetings are published on our website at: <http://www.niscc.info/about/how-we-make-decisions>



Dates for 2016-17

- 1 February 2017
- 26 April 2017

Customer Service – Here to help

We can help with queries about our work & the services we offer, including advice on your NISCC registration, using your NISCC Online account, routes into education & training and information about our Corporate Management. Call: **028 9536 2600** (lines open Mon-Fri 09.00-13.00 & 14.00-16.00). Email info@niscc.hscni.net

This newsletter is to update you on news and projects affecting the social care workforce in NI. Registrants using the information within the newsletter to develop their knowledge and practice can include the learning and development in their Post Registration Training & Learning record.

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