

Social Care Network (SCN)

Your network membership

2023/24

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The network offer

The CIPFA Social Care Network (SCN) supports all those involved in local government social care through their current and future challenges.

SCN offers a wide range of valuable webinars as well as expert support and guidance that is centred on supporting those in both adult social care and children's services. A mix of paid-for and free webinars are planned for the year.

As well as our 'open' events programme, our regular and ad-hoc workshops can also be delivered on-site (webinar or face to face), at a special discounted rate for subscribers.

Our website contains the documentation written to accompany SCN open events along with briefing notes, newsletters and archive material from previous years, all of which can be downloaded free of charge by subscribers.

Our monthly subscriber newsletter contains briefings relevant to those working in social care together with details of scheduled events and conferences, funding updates and links to news stories that might be of interest.

For those with specific questions, the SCN advisor is on hand to help and can be accessed via email, telephone or through our 'Contact your Advisor' feature on the website. Think of the SCN advisor as an additional resource to your team who can help with any social care - related query that you may have.

How to join?

Joining the SCN

If you are interested in joining SCN or have any questions, please email cipfanetworks@cipfa.org or call CIPFA on 020 7543 5600 and we can provide a quote based on your required level of membership.

Features and benefits

- Support and guidance from expert advisors
- Attendance at a wide selection of webinar and regional open training courses for this network using pre-purchased places or on a pay-as-you-go basis at special reduced subscriber rates
- A series of action learning workshops enabling you to share knowledge and best practice with peers to create an environment where the key financial and policy issues of the day can be debated and addressed
- Timely updates and briefings on relevant policy, financial and legislative developments giving you all the facts at your fingertips, and information on how these issues will affect the sector and your wider organisation.
- Exclusive website access to a wealth of published information including regular updates, our current and past event presentation materials, briefings, newsletters and topical articles
- Regular newsletters to keep you updated on the latest issues affecting your work
- Access to a generic CIPFA LinkedIn group, as well as a dedicated Twitter hashtag (#cipfanetworks) for additional advisor updates and networking opportunities
- Opportunities for networking, career development and CPD
- Discounts on any CIPFA Essentials or other open training events run by other CIPFA Networks
- Preferential rates for any on-site SCAN network workshops and free attendance at the action learning workshops
- Access to other network events when bought under a corporate membership arrangement
- A regional and national practitioner network for you to share your views and concerns

What our members say



“The day was well organised, informative and engaging. The presenters clearly knew their subject areas well and were happy to let the expectations of the group and their objectives for the day shape the content and structure of the day. ”



“The course couldn't have come at the most appropriate time in my career. It has greatly improved my understanding and knowledge. Any questions I had were comprehensively answered.”



“ The presenter was very knowledgeable and the session was informative.”



“Well researched and presented webinar which provides finance professionals with some navigational tools in very stormy waters.”



“An extremely well-run session with very useful additions”



“I just wanted to say how well the presentation went. We were kept engaged with a complex topic”



“Really interesting and informative as ever from SCAN events.”

Programme of events

Our planned headline events below are complemented by alerts and briefings, monthly newsletters and dedicated advisor support for practitioners in subscribing organisations. Prepaid places can be used to attend any events set out in this service plan.

New events will be added during the year and details of these, along with options for use of pre-paid places, will be confirmed as part of the event promotion materials and SCN newsletters.



25 January 2023

Integrating Care: Policy, Principles and Practice for Places

A panel of experts explore how to make a success of health and social care integration, focussing on outcomes, governance and finance.



February 2023

Preparing for the New Assurance Regime

A new assurance regime for Local Authority Adult Social Care Services will be introduced from April 2023. This session will explore how councils can best prepare for the new CQC assurance regime.



March 2023

Responding to the Government's Response to the Independent Review of Children's Social Care

The government is scheduled to respond to the Independent Review of Children's Social Care. This event will explore the next steps following the government's response.



May 2023

Coproduction and Commissioning

Coproduction is an increasingly important aspect of planning social care services. We will look at how to make a success of coproduction in the commissioning of children and adult services.



June 2023

Social Care and Housing

Housing is crucial to wellbeing and must not be left out of plans for improving social care services. This webinar will explore the interconnections between social care and housing.



July 2023

**Two Half Day Sessions – Essential Series
(At a discounted rate)**

An Overview of Children’s Services

Aimed at those new to children’s services or who need a refresher on the fundamental concepts.

An Overview of Adult Social Care

Aimed at those new to adult social care or who need a refresher on the fundamental concepts.



October 2023

Assurance Revisited: The Lessons so Far

Following the preparatory session earlier in 2023, this webinar will reflect on the lessons learned from the new CQC assurance regime.



November 2023

The Road to Reform

While some elements of social care reform have been delayed until at least 2025, it is important that the vision for reform does not fade and the groundwork done is not wasted. This webinar will look at how we can prepare for the new road to reform.



December 2023

SEND: The Lessons So Far

Following CIPFA’s work as part of the Department for Education’s ‘Delivery Better Value’ programme, this session will cover what was learned about project and change management and financial modelling capacity to improve delivery of special educational needs and disability services for children and young people.

On the Agenda

Further short updates/briefings delivered by webinar on the latest topical issues throughout the year. These briefings will be accessible to subscribers only, helping you to stay up to date, ask questions and share practice with other subscribers.

Full details of these events will be available at www.cipfa.org/events.

Further support

On-site delivery

Most SCN workshops are available as an on-site delivery. Contact us for more information - either email cipfanetworks@cipfa.org or call CIPFA on 020 7543 5600.

CIPFA Essentials

Our 'Introduction to ...' Essentials programme is designed to help support those who may be new to the sector, or perhaps working in a new role, and may also benefit non-finance staff and elected Members. These interactive workshops are a great way to help develop knowledge and awareness of a specific service area and are proving increasingly popular with staff development programmes.

Specialist support

The SCN can provide support to those working in children's services or adult social care through on-site training, webinars and on-going advice.

Our networks

Looking for more support from our networks?

We offer a number of other networks across a range of topics. We also offer corporate subscriptions for your organisation allowing you and your colleagues to access events and support across multiple CIPFA networks according to your needs.

For any other network enquiries, or for details about our corporate network support package, please email cipfanetworks@cipfa.org or call CIPFA on 020 7543 5600.

Our current networks are:

- Alternative Service Delivery Network
- Better Governance Forum
- Benefits and Revenues Service
- Finance Advisory Network
- Insurance Network
- Pensions Network
- Police and Fire Network
- Procurement and Commissioning Network
- Social Care Network
- Treasury Management Network



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