



FREE REFRESHER TRAINING AND UPDATED GUIDANCE ON FACE TO FACE TRAINING

1. **Skills for Care are providing fully funded refresher training** (funded by Workforce Development Fund and delivered via 12 of their Endorsed Learning Providers).

Aimed at existing care staff who urgently need refresher training which has expired or will expire soon, in order for them to continue to work safely.

There are 8 topic areas and employees can be put on one, or several of these, depending on their need.

The 8 topic areas are: assisting and moving people; basic life support; fire safety; food safety; health & safety awareness; infection prevention & control; medication management; and safeguarding (specifically around isolation).

Access further information at: <https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/About/News/COVID-19-Essential-training.aspx>

[Please note that there are funding limits on the number of learners, who are existing staff, accessing the training per organisation. The maximum number of learners that can be funded for a single employer is:

- Small employers (1-50 staff) – 10 learners
- Medium employers (51-249 staff) – 20 learners
- Large employers (250+) – 30 learners]

2. Also Skills for Care has just updated our current **guidance for employers and in-house trainers on face-to-face training and assessment during COVID 19.**

With the government beginning to ease lockdown and changes to advice about returning to work, Skills for Care have reviewed and updated guidance for the social care workforce. Access the document at:

<https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/About/News/COVID-19-Essential-training.aspx>

3. Karen Thornton and Danielle Teasdale from Care 24/7 also kindly shared a Quality Competency Check document at the RM network which they have used to support good practice, to help monitor and assess competence of new staff members with the Care Certificate during the COVID crisis. See attached document in the Provider Zone.