

NEWSLETTER



Sussex
Digital
In-Reach
Team

Supporting Care Providers in Sussex

Welcome to The Sussex Digital Team Newsletter. We hope you find the information here helpful as you explore and grow your digital journey within your care setting. QR codes and website links are available in this newsletter to enable you to access more information.

DSPT DEADLINE: 30TH JUNE 2026

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has set out an ambition for all care providers to be fully digitised by the end of this parliament. A fully digitised care provider is a Care Quality Commission (CQC) registered care provider that is:

- Using an assured digital social care record (DSCR) solution.
- Meeting the 'standards met' level on the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT)

The DSPT helps you assess your data security and protection policies, procedures and processes. It's widely recognised by the CQC, local authorities and the NHS as evidence of your commitment to information security.

All CQC-regulated adult social care providers in England must complete the DSPT.

This is a legal requirement under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, as amended by the Health and Care Act 2022. You can read more about this on the [Digitising Social Care Website](#)

You can find out more information about the DSP Toolkit via the following links:

- [Sussex Digital In Reach Team](#)
- [Digital Care Hub](#)



DSPT DEADLINE: 30TH JUNE 2026

REPUBLISH YOUR DSPT IN YOUR LUNCH HOUR

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 • 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

This friendly, practical workshop is for adult social care providers in Sussex who need support with their DSPT republishing. Delivered by your local Sussex Digital In Reach Team, the session will help you get started, understand what needs updating, and make progress in a supportive environment.



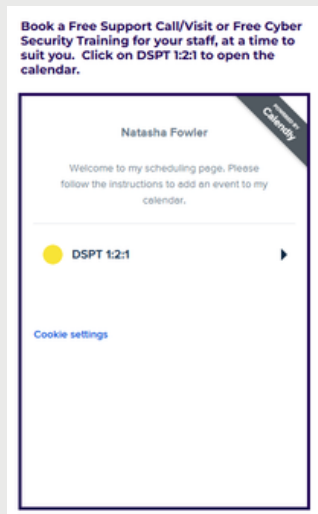
FREE SUPPORT AVAILABLE

The Sussex Digital in Reach Team provides free one-to-one support, either remotely or in person.

We can help you to:

- Understand what is required for each section
- Work through the toolkit step by step
- Review your answers before submission
- Ensure you are on track to meet "Standards Met"

**BOOK YOUR SESSION
NOW**



FREE WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

IN PERSON, PRACTICAL, HANDS-ON WORKSHOP TO HELP YOU PUBLISH YOUR DSPT

This workshop is designed for social care providers who want to publish or republish their DSPT (Data Security and Protection Toolkit). We will take you through each section of the toolkit, step by step, providing practical guidance on how to meet the required standards. Whether you're publishing your DSPT for the first time or updating it, this session will give you the hands-on support you need to ensure your toolkit is complete, compliant, and ready for submission.

WEST SUSSEX:
TUESDAY 23 JUNE 14:30-16:30
FREEDOM WORKS, THE COURTYARD -
GROUND FLOOR MEETING ROOM
30 WORTHING ROAD
HORSHAM
RH12 1SL

EAST SUSSEX:
THURSDAY 18 JUNE 14:30-16:30
FREEDOM WORKS, THE PALACE
WORKSPACE
1-3 ROBERTSON STREET
HASTINGS
TN4 1HT

CYBER ESSENTIALS FOR SOCIAL CARE PROVIDERS

Learn how Cyber Essentials and the DSPT work together to strengthen cyber security across social care.

Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 2:00 PM

This session will introduce Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus, explaining how the schemes complement the DSPT and strengthen cyber security across your organisation.

THE SESSION WILL FOCUS ON THE FIVE KEY SECURITY CONTROLS AT THE HEART OF CYBER ESSENTIALS:

- Firewalls
- Secure configuration
- User access controls
- Malware protection
- Security updates

WE'LL ALSO COVER:

- Common cyber threats facing organisations today
- The difference between Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus
- How certification supports the DSPT
- The benefits of certification, including trust, reduced cyber risk, and included cyber insurance

Whether you are new to Cyber Essentials or already considering certification, this session will provide a practical overview of what is involved and how it could benefit your organisation.

Book here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1989173216638?aff=oddtcreator>

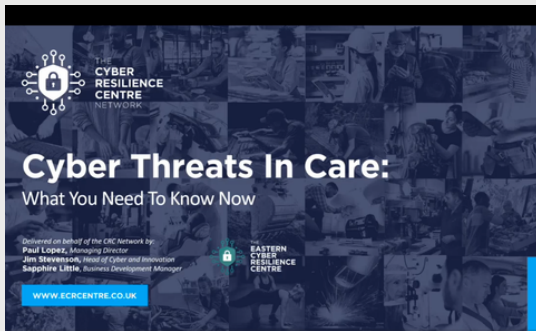


SERIES 1 & 2 OF THE POLICE CYBER RESILIENT CENTRE RECORDED WEBINARS WITH CARE ENGLAND AND THE CARE PROVIDER ALLIANCE

Cyber-attacks against the UK care sector are on the rise – with over 1 in 3 care providers experiencing an attempted breach in the last three years.

Most of these incidents involve phishing, human error, and unsafe technology use – the good news is they can be prevented with the right awareness and action.

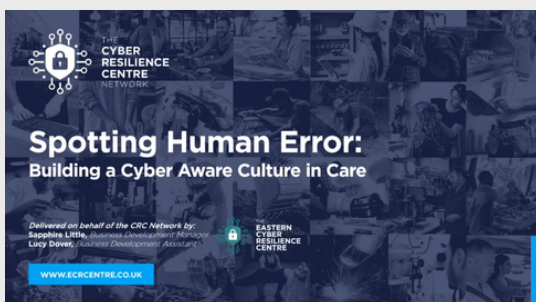
The Cyber Resilience Centre Network, in association with us and our member Care England, is delivering a three-part, police-led webinar series designed specifically for the care sector:



SERIES 1 | WEBINAR 1:
CYBER THREATS IN CARE WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW NOW



SERIES 1 | WEBINAR 2:
PERSONAL DEVICES, WHATSAPP & DATA SHARING ARE YOU PUTTING PEOPLE AT RISK



SERIES 1 | WEBINAR 3:
SPOTTING HUMAN ERROR BUILDING A CYBER AWARE CULTURE IN CARE



SERIES 2 | WEBINAR 1:
FULLY FUNDED CYBER SUPPORT FOR CARE PROVIDERS



SERIES 2 | WEBINAR 2:
DISCOVER CYBER PATH - FREE CYBER RESILIENCE SERVICES FOR THE CARE SECTOR



SERIES 2 | WEBINAR 3:
PREPARING FOR A CYBER INCIDENT: TOOLS AND TIPS FOR THE CARE SECTOR

FREE EVENTS THIS MONTH



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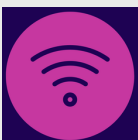

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE
REPUBLISH YOUR DSPT IN YOUR LUNCH HOUR

Get your DSPT republished quick and easy during your lunch break with your Sussex Digital In Reach Team

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE
NHS MAIL - A FREE SECURE EMAIL

In this session, we will explain the benefits of NHS mail and show you how to manage it, from signing up to what to do when you or one of your team leaves your organisation.



THURSDAY 25TH JUNE
REPUBLISH YOUR DSPT IN YOUR LUNCH HOUR

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FRIDAY 26TH JUNE
DSPT REPUBLICATION: SECURE YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN

Essential guidance on managing supply chain cyber risks for social care providers.

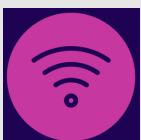
MONDAY 29TH JUNE
REPUBLISH YOUR DSPT IN YOUR LUNCH HOUR - DEADLINE TOMORROW

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DEADLINE IS TOMORROW!!


TUESDAY 30TH JUNE
REPUBLISH YOUR DSPT IN YOUR LUNCH HOUR - DEADLINE TODAY

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DEADLINE IS TODAY!!



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WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE
SUPPORTED LIVING, EXTRA CARE & SHARED LIVES PROVIDERS WEB FORUM

A dedicated online forum for supported living, extra care and shared lives providers to hear the latest sector updates from experts, explore service-specific challenges, and share ideas to strengthen ongoing support.





TUESDAY 9TH JUNE
COMPLETING THE DATA SECURITY AND PROTECTION TOOLKIT FOR THE FIRST TIME

The Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT) is an online self-assessment tool to help adult social care providers in England to store and share information safely.

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE
BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN - CYBER ATTACK SURVIVAL GUIDE

Your go-to guide for navigating and surviving cyber attacks in the care sector




WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE
HOMECARE PROVIDERS THEMED FORUM

A dedicated online forum for Homecare providers to hear the latest sector updates from experts, explore service-specific challenges, and share ideas to strengthen ongoing support.



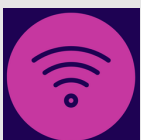

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE
REVIEW AND REPUBLISH DATA SECURITY AND PROTECTION TOOLKIT FOR SOCIAL CARE

How social care providers can review and republish the DSPT including what's changed with the 2025/26 edition




TUESDAY 23RD JUNE
DSPT REPUBLICATION - FOCUS ON ROPA AND IAR

A practical session on Record of Processing Activities (ROPA) and Information Asset Register (IAR)



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS....



SESCA CONFERENCE 2026

DATE: WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2026

VENUE: SANDOWN PARK RACECOURSE, ESHER

OUR FLAGSHIP EVENT BRINGS TOGETHER CARE PROVIDERS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERS FROM ACROSS THE REGION FOR A DAY OF INSIGHT, NETWORKING AND FOCUSED DISCUSSION ON THE KEY ISSUES SHAPING ADULT SOCIAL CARE.

Building on the success of previous events, this year's conference will deliver a strong programme of expert insight, practical sessions and networking opportunities.

We are pleased to confirm a high-profile guest speaker: Vic Rayner OBE, CEO of the National Care Forum.

The programme will also include an update on SESCO's International Recruitment Project, including how providers can access funding and support to sponsor internationally recruited care workers.

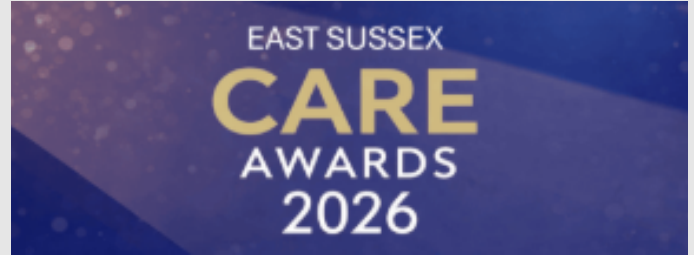
A full programme, including speaker line-up and exhibitor details, will be announced shortly.

FREE for registered Adult Social Care providers operating in the South East.

Places are limited and expected to fill quickly, so please reserve your free place now.

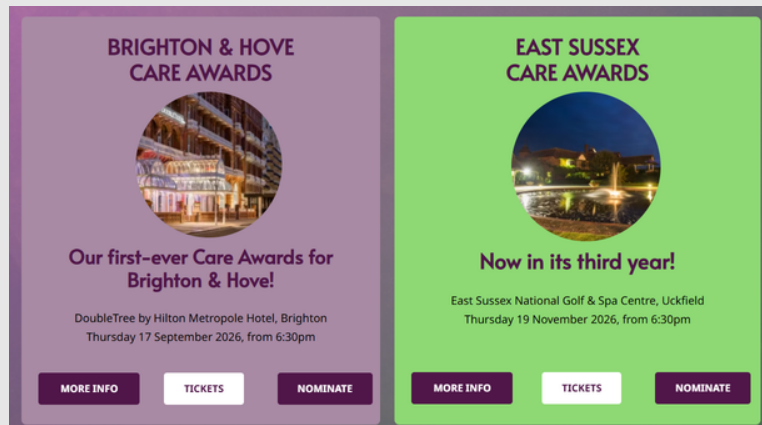


OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS....



TWO AWARDS EVENINGS DEDICATED TO THE UNSUNG HEROES OF OUR CARE COMMUNITIES

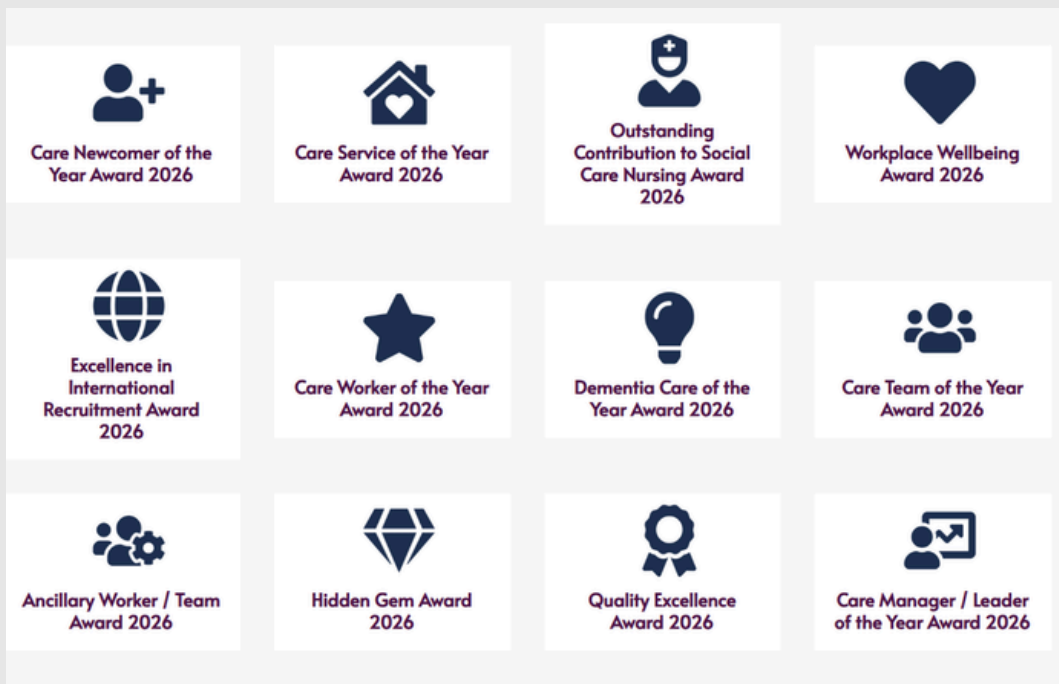
WE ARE DELIGHTED TO LAUNCH OUR EXPANDED 2026 CARE AWARDS PROGRAMME, WHICH THIS YEAR WILL FEATURE TWO DEDICATED AWARDS EVENINGS:



NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!!

NOMINATION CLOSING DATES:

BRIGHTON & HOVE: 30TH JUNE 2026 - EAST SUSSEX: 31ST JULY 2026



THERE ARE TWELVE AWARDS CATEGORIES OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS WORKING AT OR ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDERS REGISTERED WITH EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL.

CARE SECTOR'S GOT TALENT 2026

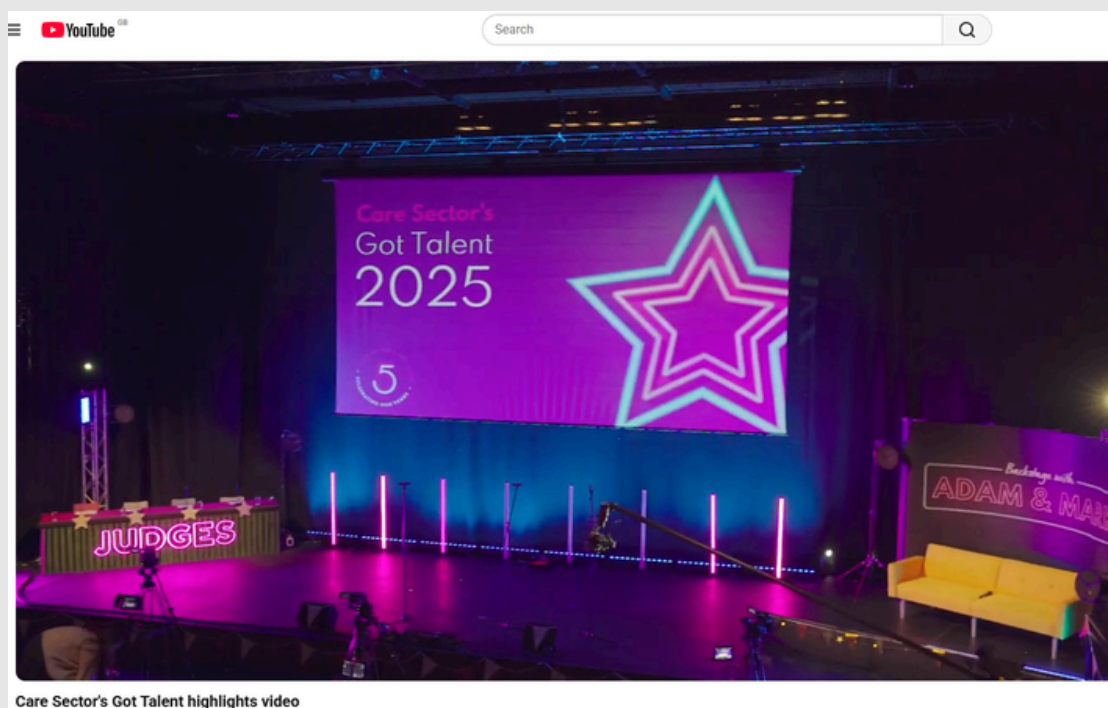
CARE SECTOR'S GOT TALENT IS BACK FOR 2026 AND APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN.

Applications are open from 1 May to 31 August 2026. Please complete all sections and upload your audition video.

The competition is open to the whole care sector, including residents, service users, care providers and suppliers. Please tell us the organisation you work for or are connected to.

The live final will take place on 7 October 2026 in Birmingham, so please ensure you can attend if selected as a finalist.

Download our application guide (opens in new tab). If you experience any issues with your application, please email tracy@championingsocialcare.org.uk



Watch the Highlights from 2025!! Do you want to show off your talents this year?



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT 'ADOPT A GRANDPARENT' IN CARE HOMES



TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2026

'Adopt a Grandparent' is a UK-registered charity tackling loneliness among older adults living in care homes through virtual friendships.

This award-winning programme, which is free to use, carefully matches older people with volunteers based on shared interests, culture, or language. These matches are then nurtured through weekly video calls using a secure and safeguarded platform that allows both parties to build authentic, long-term friendships across generations.

This session will include everything you need to know about the programme, including:

- ✓ The benefits to your residents
- ✓ The benefits to your service
- ✓ How the care home offers additional person-centred care
- ✓ Safeguards in place
- ✓ How to apply to join the programme



BOOK NOW!!!

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