

Welcome



Meeting the Changing Times Programme 2026

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Prince Regent Suite

10:00am

The View from the Top: National Care Service & Casey Review

Richard Aryes from Care England explores the challenges and opportunities for Social Care

10:50am

The View from the Top: ICB & System Change

Ian Smith, Chair of Surrey & Sussex ICB addressing the existing challenges, and delivering on our collective ambition for improved outcomes and value.

11:40am

The View from the Top: The challenges and opportunities in home care

Paul Cooper, Senior Quality, Compliance and Innovation Specialist for HCAUK explores the challenges and opportunities in Home Care

13:10pm

DoLs legislation and what it means for providers

Isabel De La Haye, Solicitor, Health & Social Care, Lester Aldridge will explain the 2026 Supreme Court changes.

13:55pm

Employers Rights Act - Are you ready for the next changes?

Emma McGrath, Professional Support Solicitor, Citation will outline the upcoming changes to the ERA and how you can prepare.

14:30pm

The View from the Top: Adult Social Care in a Changing Sussex.

The three Sussex based Directors of Adult Social Care, Alan Sinclair, WSCC; Mark Stainton, ESCC & Steve Hook, BHCC come together for a Q&A exploring the changes to local Government

15:00pm

Updates from Care Quality Commission

Neil Cox, Deputy Director of Operations, CQC South Network outlines what to expect from CQC in the coming months.

Silks Suite

10:00am

Adult Safeguarding in a changing social care landscape

Fidelma will explore the impact of Safeguarding in the social care landscape

10:50am

AI in practice: the opportunities, the risks and getting the governance right

AI is already in your organisation, whether you're aware of it or not. This panel looks at what that means in practice: where AI is genuinely helping care providers, where it's falling short, and the risks that come with service user data and CQC scrutiny. You'll hear from providers who've actually put it to work, alongside a legal and regulatory view on what to be aware of. Most of all it's about governance – not as red tape, but as the thing that gives you clarity to use AI effectively.

11:40am

ReFocus - Dementia Care in the Moment - from behaviour to shared understanding

Reece White, Dementia Behaviour Consultant introduces Refocus, which aims to support families and care teams to better interpret, understand, and respond to behaviours in dementia more intentionally and consistently, promoting calmer days.

13:10pm

Sussex Cares - A job that matters, a career that grows

Sussex Cares is a new initiative funded by SESCA to look at supporting care providers with recruitment and retention. Working with the DWP and Careers Services, the aim is to match those looking for work with care providers. Join Martha Pusey, Project Manager, Mike Bailey, SfC and Jon Brothwick Great Care Employer Project lead WSCC, to find out how you can be involved.

13:55pm

Cyber Security - How to avoid getting Hacked

Sam will take you through the risks and pitfalls to look out for when protecting yourself against Cyber Attack

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