

## **Current Level 5 Higher Apprenticeship in Care Leadership and Management (SASE) England Framework and new Level 5 Leader in Adult Care Apprenticeship Standard**

Dear Colleagues,

Please refer to the communication below that Awarding Organisations have received from Skills for Care:

You will be aware that the apprenticeship system has changed. These changes have already taken effect in the adult social care sector for apprenticeships and qualifications at Level 2 and Level 3.

Changes at Level 5 have taken a little longer to come to fruition, with the Adult Care Trailblazer Group, in partnership with apprenticeship training providers, Awarding Organisations, and end-point assessment organisations, supported by Skills for Care, working tirelessly to complete and have published the new Level 5 apprenticeship standard for Leader in Adult Care.

Whilst the assessment plan is not yet signed-off by the Institute for Apprenticeships (IfA), we are approaching the final stages and expect to see publication in Autumn/Winter 2018. The publication of the Leader in Adult Care assessment plan will trigger the standard becoming 'live' and allow apprentices to commence the new apprenticeship standard.

In order to enable the sector to prepare for the change, the following has been agreed:

### **Existing SASE framework**

- The current apprenticeship framework, the Level 5 Higher Apprenticeship in Care Leadership and Management (SASE), will remain open to learners for registrations until **31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**. The framework contains the current Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (England) qualification and the adult pathways within the Diploma will also remain open to learners for the length of the framework.



- Centres offering apprenticeship frameworks should continue to offer the current qualification through the existing SASE framework.

### **New apprenticeship standard**

- Once signed-off by the IfA (expected Autumn/Winter 2018), the new Leader in Adult Care apprenticeship standard will include the Diploma in Leadership and Management in Adult Care as a named mandatory qualification.
- You can see all the new Level 5 Diplomas in Leadership and Management in Adult Care qualifications that have been developed by Awarding Organisations and approved against Skills for Care's specification [here](#). These new level 5 qualifications have been developed to reflect updated practices and the modern pressures of leadership and management in the sector. For those Centres wishing to move over to the new qualification outside of apprenticeships, they may register learners from 1st September 2018.

In the longer term, once the SASE framework has closed for registrations, the new Diplomas will replace the current Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services for adult care leaders and managers (adult pathways). Apprentices must then undertake the new apprenticeship standard and complete the named qualification that has been approved by Skills for Care.

This approach aims to provide consistency for the sector with the continuation of the current framework and diploma, whilst introducing the new standard and diploma. Running the current and the new alongside each other provides everyone involved in apprenticeships with the time needed to understand the new offer, plan their approach, and make informed choices about when to move to the new standard and diploma.

Yours Faithfully



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