

ASC-WDS Introductory email examples for providers

Skills for Care and [LOCAL AUTHORITY TEAM] are dedicated to developing the adult social care workforce in [LA AREA]. This includes increasing our understanding of the collective workforce, so that we can provide targeted support and to inform and guide our planning and commissioning.

Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS)

We are keen to increase the coverage of the [Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set \(ASC-WDS\)](#) and the uptake of the Workforce Development Fund (WDF) to help us achieve these goals. If you're new to the service, we encourage you to set up your ASC-WDS account and start benefitting right away. If you already have an account, this is your reminder to ensure your records are up to date.

What are the benefits of ASC-WDS?

The [Workforce Development Fund \(WDF\)](#) is funding from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) disseminated by Skills for Care. The fund allows you to claim back money towards the costs of workers completing a broad range of adult social care qualifications, learning programmes and digital learning modules. To be eligible for WDF, you must have an up-to-date ASC-WDS account, with certain workforce and staff records completed.

The service provides safe and free storage of staff records and helps you to manage your training records. It lets you define mandatory training for each job role and alerts you when training is due to expire. You can benchmark your workplace against other providers in your area for metrics like pay, turnover rates or staff sickness. You'll also get access to the Benefits Bundle with discounts from Skills for Care and endorsed training providers.

Sharing data with your local authority

By adding your data to ASC-WDS, we can be more aware of business and workforce needs in the area, and can target training events, funding information, advice and guidance and workforce planning regionally, sub regionally and locally. **Your data will remain anonymous unless you opt in to share specific information with us.**

Local authorities are responsible for reporting on the current and future health and care needs of local populations to inform and guide the planning and commissioning of services in the local area. Access to higher levels of valid and reliable workforce data will help us to ensure we have a more comprehensive picture of the local adult social care sector.

Where can I get help with my ASC-WDS account?

- Log in or create an account: <https://asc-wds.skillsforcare.org.uk/login>.
- Find out more about ASC-WDS: <https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/ASCWDS>

If you need help accessing your account or getting set up, our friendly support team are available to help. You can contact them via phone or email:

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