

Adults ASYE – Pre-registration application 2020/21 guidance

Skills for Care is pleased to announce that an initial stage of funding for the ASYE Grant has been agreed with the Department for Health and Social Care, with a second stage to be allocated later in the year. This means that we will now open the ASYE portal so that employers can begin to register newly qualified social workers.

It is anticipated that the level of funding for supporting the ASYE will be similar to the financial year 2019/2020. We apologise in advance for the uncertainty, but the pandemic has meant that we had to adapt our usual process. We are working with DHSC to confirm the exact level of funding available and we will communicate this at the second stage.

The initial allocation for milestone one is based on the information that you supply in the pre-registration form - please be as accurate as possible. We recommend that you refer to the ‘funding and registration FAQs’ before completing the application.

Notes for all employers in Local Authority, NHS, Community Interest Company (CIC), Social Enterprise settings, and small private and voluntary employers who have not claimed funding in the last three years.

The deadline for this pre-registration application is 17:00 Friday 8 January 2021. All employers who have not claimed funding in the last 3 years are asked to make a pre-registration application and applications will not be accepted after this deadline.

The application requires an estimation of the number of newly qualified social workers (NQSWs) your organisation may wish to register during financial year. It's anticipated that this number will take account of:

1. Any plans you have to specifically recruit NQSWs
2. Any non-specific vacancies that may become available during the year with the possibility that they may be filled by an NQSW.

In order to submit as accurate an estimate as possible this calculation should be based on your organisational workforce planning. Those employers that have signed up to [National Minimum Data Set for Social Care](#) (NMDS-SC) will have access to valuable data to help with this via their individualised NMDS-SC [Dashboards](#).

We have [information and guidance](#) to support workforce planning.

Funding will only be drawn down if and when your first NQSW is registered. Funding **will not** be available for those employers who **miss the pre-registration application deadline**. This is to ensure that we can confirm the initial milestone allocation for all employers. **All Local Authority, NHS, CIC and Social Enterprise sector, and private and voluntary employers should complete this form.**

We would encourage Local Authorities and Partnerships to support employers in the Private and Voluntary sector to register their NQSWs themselves as the funding allocation can be calculated to reflect the needs of smaller employers. We continue to encourage larger employers to support NQSWs in the private and voluntary sector.

Notes for employers in the private and voluntary sector

Involvement in an external moderation partnership

If you're applying for funding, you'll need to join or be a member of an ASYE partnership.

Your assessment outcomes will be moderated by the partnership to ensure that they meet the requirements of the [knowledge and skills statement for social workers in adult services](#) and the [professional capabilities framework](#).

Please give details of the partnership you are involved in on the application form and submit your current Memorandum of Collaboration along with this application. If you are not currently a member of a partnership, please indicate this on the application form so that we can offer support to connect you with a partnership in your area.

The Memorandum of Collaboration can be emailed to adultsASYE@skillsforcare.org.uk