

Join us for FREE CPD and networking at our
Ellesmere Port Training Centre

Tuesday 30 June 2026 | 9am-4pm

Featuring

- guest-delivered seminars
- question and answer sessions
- a certificate detailing 6 hours of CPD for each attendee
- refreshments provided

**FREE
EVENT**

KAREN FINCH-BURKE – “WHAT IS PALLIATIVE CARE?” – 9:30AM-10:30AM



A highly experienced Registered Nurse for 26 years, Karen has spent the last 16 years developing, delivering, coordinating and evaluating palliative and end of life care education and clinical support for individuals and organisations who care for people who are palliative/ approaching end of life. This has included delivering both the GSF and Six Steps programmes, working with the University of Chester delivering modules for their degree programme, supporting local hospices and care homes with education and clinical supervision, and developing study days and courses, including a 7-week care assistant's EoL course.

SIAN DAVIES – “GETTING BEST INTEREST DECISIONS RIGHT” – 10:45AM-11:45AM



Sian is a highly experienced Registered Social Worker, Best Interest and DoLS Assessor and, in a lengthy career, has been Head of Safeguarding and Head of Adult Social Care for a number of Local Authorities. Getting Best Interest Decisions right is crucial to maintain compliance and evidence that truly person-centred choices have been made in the correct way and involving the correct individuals.

PATSY HUDSON – “SAFE TO BE ME – APPROACHING LGBTQ+ WELL IN ADULT SOCIAL CARE” – 12:15PM-1:15PM



Patsy (she/they) has had a varied career including in health and social care, adult education and research. A social worker by training, having worked for ten years in Adult Social Care before moving to the third sector, Patsy has spent the last six years working for and with LGBTQ+ organisations on both a paid and advisory basis.

CLAIRE SMOUT – “WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN PRACTICE: MAKING THE MOST OF THE CARE WORKFORCE PATHWAY” – 1:30PM –2:30PM



Claire is Chief Officer of Partners in Care, bringing 20 years of experience in adult social care, workforce development and sector transformation, with a strong focus on championing independent providers and amplifying the sector's voice locally and nationally. She began her career there as an apprentice and rose into senior leadership, before moving to Skills for Care where she led major national programmes, including the adoption of the Care Workforce Pathway. With expertise in strategic leadership, stakeholder engagement and digital innovation, Claire works closely with partners across government and the care system to drive sustainable change and improve outcomes for communities.

JAN BURNS MBE – “SOCIAL CARE - WHAT IS TRUE DIGNITY?” – 2:45PM –3:45PM



Jan has over 46 years of experience working across health and social care. Throughout her career she has held senior leadership positions at local, regional and national levels, championing high standards of care and person-centred practice. As CEO of the National Dignity Council, Jan has been involved with the organisation since its inception 20 years ago and is proud to lead the national campaign promoting dignity in care. Passionate about human rights and compassionate practice, Jan is dedicated to ensuring everyone is aware of their right to be treated with dignity, respect and compassion in all aspects of life and care.



Who are Ethical Workforce Solutions?

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Who are Partners in Care?

A not-for-profit membership organisation representing approximately 290 independent adult social care providers – residential care homes, nursing homes, homecare/domiciliary care providers and supported living providers – in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Cheshire. Services include training, a Disclosure and Barring service and a wide range of workforce initiatives. They are the voice for the independent care sector, representing members in discussions with local authorities and the NHS.

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