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Welcome to e-News

■ Support with Confidence and Micro provider schemes continue to grow

Following the success of the Buy with Confidence scheme, Support with Confidence is continuing to grow in membership. As part of the scheme, Support with Confidence aims to provide a directory of care and support providers that help people live independently in their own homes, approved on the grounds of quality, safety and training. With joint input from both Adult Social Care and Trading Standards at East Sussex County Council, Support with Confidence is ideally placed to help local residents to find independent care services they can trust.

With over 50 members already approved, providers range from Home Maintenance and Pet Services to Personal Assistants. With many more providers pending approval, the variety of services looks set to grow.

A project aimed at supporting local 'micro' providers of flexible care and support (those with 5 or less employees) has been operating alongside the Support with Confidence scheme since January 2011, and has engaged over 100 existing or potential micro providers interested in developing or diversifying services to date. Over 100 people attended 'taster' events in November 2011 where service users, carers, support organisations and Adult Social Care staff had the chance to talk to micro-providers and members of the Support with Confidence scheme, and there was even a chance to try out some services including reflexology and apple- pressing!

For more information about the Support with Confidence Scheme please contact the Support with Confidence Team on 01323 463430 or supportwithconfidence@eastsussex.gov.uk. Information regarding the scheme including a directory of approved members is available at: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/supportwithconfidence

For more information about the Micro Market Development Project, please contact Samantha Tullett, Micro Market Development Officer, on: 01323 463410 or email: samantha.tullett@eastsussex.gov.uk.

■ Home Works

Home Works provides housing support to people in East Sussex aged 16-64. Support can mean finding somewhere to live or maintaining accommodation and dealing with the issues involved in managing this. In 2010, they supported 4,415 people and currently deal with 72 referrals a week.



Home Works is a short-term service which helps people to identify the skills they need to manage their housing problems and take control of their life. Individuals are supported to learn new skills and gain confidence in their abilities.

To find out more and read a report highlighting Home Works' achievements, visit: www.southdownhousing.org/housingsupport/EastSxHomeWorks.cfm

To contact Home Works:

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Phone 01273 898700 / Fax 01273 898701 / Text 07773 377754 / Email referrals@homeworkswest.org.uk

Home Works East: Hastings and Rother
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■ STEPS to Stay Independent

'*STEPS to Stay Independent*' is a new innovative housing support service that has been launched for older people in East Sussex. It will help people aged 65 or over to stay living independently in their own home. Support workers will make home visits and help people to deal with housing issues (including debts), join in with activities in the local community, or even find more suitable accommodation if needed.

STEPS is a county-wide project, funded by the County Council, through the Supporting People partnership, with the service provided by two local organisations - *Eastbourne Homes* in the west and *In Touch (part of Family Mosaic)*, in the east.

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referrals@stepswest.co.uk

STEPS East – Hastings and Rother
Phone: 0300 123 2422 (local rate)
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■ Strategic Property Asset Collaboration in East Sussex

Work is continuing apace at the SPACES group chaired by Chief Superintendent Robin Smith (Sussex Police). The mapping of property assets has now largely been achieved. Area groups will now be exploring opportunities for sharing such assets and reducing costs. In addition, SPACES, which is a Wave 2 Capital and Asset Pathfinder area, submitted an outline business case in January 2012 to the Local Government Association (LGA) / Department for Communities and Local Government. The case is developed around the proposed Eastbourne 'Agile Hub' which would see multi service functions within a single location hub. It would be allied to other public sector estate rationalisation plans across East Sussex. A Ministerial meeting at the LGA on the 18 January 2012 will consider its implementation and further project milestones.



■ South East Local Enterprise Partnership

The South East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) encompasses East Sussex, Essex, Kent, Medway, Southend and Thurrock. LEPs are partnerships between local authorities and businesses and help partnership working to determine local priorities, drive economic growth, and create local jobs. The population of the South East LEP area is 3.9 million, with 130,000 businesses contributing £62 billion to the economy. The LEP will work together to improve skills, housing, tourism, and transport across the area. Information and updates on developments are available on the South East LEP [website](#).

Meeting Updates

A number of countywide partnerships focus directly on one of the themes or age groups in Pride of Place. Please see below for details of recent meetings.

■ Older People's Partnership Board

At its meeting on 13 October 2011, the Older People's Partnership Board discussed:

- Progress in the implementation of the Joint Commissioning Strategy for adults in later life and their carers 2010-15;
- The Adult Social Care Performance Framework, whereby a "local account" of performance will be shared with the new *Healthwatch* (replacing the Local Involvement Networks) who will report any concerns to the Care Quality Commission (CQC);
- Adult Social Care budget planning for 2012/13, and the "Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources" Plan;
- Local and national development of Age UK since the merger of Age Concern and Help the Aged in 2009;
- How Adult Social Care monitors the quality of home care provided by the private sector;

- How the *Liverpool Care Pathway* is helping to improve services for those approaching the end of life and their families; and
- The actions being undertaken by East Sussex Healthcare Trust to fulfil a CQC Commission Action Plan.

Full minutes of all meetings can be found at:

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/over50s/developingservices/partnershipboard.htm>

Consultations

■ Economic Development Strategy

East Sussex County Council is asking for feedback about the Economic Development Strategy. This new strategy was developed in partnership to set out priorities for economic development in East Sussex.

The consultation will run until 9 March 2012 and can be accessed from the following link: [East Sussex Economic Development Strategy: your views](#)

What's On?

■ SpeakUp Big Event 2012

2012: What will it bring? How will voluntary and community groups in East Sussex be affected by recent changes to national policy?

2012 is set to bring sweeping changes to national policy which will have widespread effects. But which policies are changing and how? What will be gained and what will be lost?

These questions will be up for debate during '**The Big Event 2012: Bridging the Gap between Policy Reforms and Practice**'. This annual conference will give local organisations an opportunity to better understand recent national reforms, identify opportunities and engage in dialogue with both the public sector and other voluntary organisations. Speakers and round table workshops will focus on two key areas: Health & Social Care and Welfare & Legal Aid. This will be accompanied by an **Advice Fair** offering hands-on support to local groups and information about free and low-cost services available.

The Big Event 2012 will take place on Tuesday March 13 at Winter Gardens, Eastbourne.

The event is free and is open to all staff and volunteers working in either the voluntary or public sector.

Booking is essential. Visit www.askcasper.org.uk/speakup/bigevent2012 for info or phone 01323 72 78 72.

■ Brighton Housing Trust Training

Courses for the voluntary sector in January to March 2012:

[The Guide to Health & Safety Management](#) – 26 January (half day), Brighton

[Engaging Clients in Work & Learning](#) – 31 January (half day), Hastings

[Motivational Interviewing](#) – 3 February, Brighton

[Benefits & Work](#) – 16 February (half day), Brighton

[Conflict Management & Resolution Skills](#) – 21 & 22 February (two days), Brighton

[Life Coaching Skills for Support Workers](#) – 13 March, Brighton

[Working with Substance Misusers](#) – 20 March, Brighton

[Introduction to Management](#) – 22 March, Brighton

Full course details, additional dates, course fees and booking details can be found on the website www.bht.org.uk.

For training queries, contact the Training Team: 01273 645401 or training@bht.org.uk

East Sussex in Figures (ESiF)

East Sussex in Figures (ESiF) is the local information system (LIS) for the county. It's a website that provides access to essential data, information and analysis. For further details contact 01273 482030 or email esif@eastsussex.gov.uk

Do you need to understand the characteristics of your local area?

Area Profiles are available on ESiF for every ward and parish in East Sussex, as well as for each district and for the county as a whole. They contain a number of pre-determined tables, charts and maps presenting key information for your selected area on subjects such as Children and young people, Housing and Education: [creating area profiles](#)

Recent publications

Demographic projections

Population projections based on housing planned in the county have just been published. The population of East Sussex is projected to increase to 523,700 by 2026, mainly in groups aged 55+. The working age population is projected to decline by 10% between 2010 and 2026: [See briefing](#)

Limiting long-term illness

Projections for limiting long-term illness and seven categories of disability are now available for the first time on ESiF: [See data](#)

New datasets - highlights

Employment by industry - The number of people in [employment by broad industrial group](#), as defined by the Standard Industrial Classification

Quarterly average house prices and transactions, 1998-2011 - House prices for four property types: detached, semi-detached, terraced and flat/maisonette, together with the number of transactions.

Live births, 1991-2010 - The total number of live births by gender for districts in East Sussex for the period 1991 onwards.

Deaths, 1991-2010 - The total number of deaths by gender for districts in East Sussex for the period 1991 onwards.

ESiF Training 2012

Four ESiF training dates have been booked for 2012, taking place at St Mary's House in Eastbourne on the mornings of Monday 13 February, Friday 4 May, Wednesday 4 July and Thursday 29 November. The courses are designed to help you access and understand the resources available on ESiF and to become confident in extracting data in a variety of formats to suit your needs. More information about ESiF training is available on the ESiF front page.

We may also be able to organise demonstrations of ESiF at formal events or forums, please e-mail esif@eastsussex.gov.uk to express an interest in this option.