

## Links and info shared by Fran at Suffolk Registered Manager Network Meeting

### New qualifications framework & WDF

- [www.skillsforcare.org.uk/qualifications](http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/qualifications)
- You can find a list of [approved RQF qualifications](#) on our website and you can search all regulated qualifications using the new Government [register](#).
- [Choosing workforce learning](#) - We've developed a number of tools to help you choose the right learning and the right provider for you.

**Question / comment raised in terms of the cut off time for claiming QCF units for L5:** The group felt that the time Skills for Care are allowing is not fair on the learners who are under lots of pressure anyway and they felt that for some timescale to complete might be unrealistic. Is there any thoughts of making an exception for those undertaking QCF L5 to allow them to claim back WDF funding after the April 2019 cut off?

**Response from Cori Lowe (Project Manager - Workforce Development Fund):** We understand people's concerns about this and will be looking into it further. Further advice will be provided in due course. We will also continue to monitor feedback.

### [Apprenticeships](#)

#### Funding:

- Two calculators available to access, to help employer's budget costs:
- Official SFA: <https://estimate-my-apprenticeship-funding.sfa.bis.gov.uk/>
- Unofficial Funding Apprenticeships System (this has more detail): <http://www.fas.report/>

**Question raised:** Are the new Apprenticeships Standards (particularly in terms of the degree level apprenticeships) going to be funded on a similar basis to 'train to gain' - where people who had a qualification at the same or higher level than the one they wanted to do could not access funding?

**Response from Pete Barron (Project Manager – SLQA):** You can now do an apprenticeship at a lower level than your existing qualification so long as it's sufficiently different.

#### Support:

- Fran Woodall, Locality Manager, [fran.woodall@skillsforcare.org.uk](mailto:fran.woodall@skillsforcare.org.uk)
- The Skills for Care SLQA team are on hand to answer questions you have [slqa@skillsforcare.org.uk](mailto:slqa@skillsforcare.org.uk)
- We have set up an online forum for Adult Social Care employers to talk all things Apprenticeships with each other using Facebook as the platform. For people who are already signed up to Facebook please follow this link and request to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/socialcareapprenticeships/> The group has been set to 'private' so only approved members will be able to see the content / posts.