

## nmds-sc autumn roadshow

From Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding a series of events which you may be interested in attending – please refer to the timetable enclosed to see which event is the most convenient for you!

### a brief recap

NMDS-SC (The National Minimum Data Set for Social Care) is a series of relevant questions that care providers complete, in order to make available information about the social care sector. This information is used in a variety of ways by employers, commissioners and funding agencies among many others, to inform planning of development and training across the sector. Our aim is to bring adequate resources into social care, support for business development and improving the education and skills base in the sector, and in order to do this we need to know more about the sector and its needs!

In addition, submitting up-to-date and accurate NMDS-SC data is currently a requirement if you wish to access TSI funding, and, significantly, holding an active NMDS-SC registration is fast becoming required information in other areas, such as if you wish to bid for Local Authority contracts, and is also being considered by the CQC as a requirement for registration.

As such it is important for employers to come on board and become part of this project to banish the 'data desert' we have historically experienced in this sector once and for all! Hence NMDS-SC! For more information on the benefits of NMDS-SC and how to gather information you can use to improve your business, please visit the NMDS-SC website, [www.nmds-sc-online.org.uk](http://www.nmds-sc-online.org.uk).

### nmds-sc in the north east

As I'm sure you are aware, the NMDS-SC project has gone from strength to strength in the North East, with more and more employers submitting their data. We are keen to ensure that this continues, and are very pleased to be working with the four regional Care Alliances to facilitate this. These free events will be hosted by the Alliances in each of the four North East regions – Tyne & Wear, Tees Valley, Durham and Northumberland.

**N.B. If the location or timing of any event, although outside of your Alliance area, is more convenient to attend, we will be happy to accommodate you – please enquire to the relevant Alliance contact.**



## why are we sending you this?

If you have received this letter you will be a care provider who falls into one of the following categories:

- A** You have never before filled in the NMDS questionnaire
- B** You have completed the questionnaire in the past but need to update
- C** You are well informed about NMDS-SC and all your data is regularly updated

### category A

If you have never before filled in the NMDS-SC questionnaire, but are beginning to recognise the necessity of this, either to access funding or because it is becoming a requirement of your local authority, come along to an event near you and we can tell you more about NMDS-SC and why it is important, set up a login and password for the online system, and even assist you in entering your data. If you would be interested in this, appointments are available throughout the event days on our state of the art NMDS-SC Bus, where you will get one to one help and support. Alternatively, come along to the 'drop-in' and we will be happy to address any questions or concerns you may have. Details of how to book are on the enclosed timetable.

### category B

If your information needs updating, and you are struggling to find the time to do this, or perhaps you have login issues or your IT system is currently down, make an appointment with one of our team and we can assist you to update your data, solve login issues, demonstrate how it all works face to face and answer any questions you may have with regards to the system, drawing down reports and how the information available can assist you with your business planning. Don't miss this opportunity to get free one-to-one, face-to-face support, it really is worth making the time for. In addition you may be interested in attending one of our main event days, where there will be lots of information available from organisations such as Skills for Care, your local Care Alliance and training providers. Details of how to book are on the enclosed timetable.

**Please note that a separate letter will be coming out shortly to employers who need to update their NMDS-SC or who have an un-used login, from our Regional representative, Bernard Groen - please look out for this as it contains important information!**

### category C

First of all, thank you! We really appreciate the effort you make to keep your data up-to-date and accurate. But perhaps you haven't had a chance to draw down reports, and see how the data you've entered can make a difference to your business? Make an appointment on our NMDS Bus, or drop in to an event and our team can show you how the reports available can really benefit you. Also, it would be great to have you along to our networking events, so others can get the benefit of your experience! Interested? Details of how to book are on the enclosed timetable.

## nmDS-SC autumn roadshow – event timetable

Drop-in for a cup of tea and a chat or make an appointment with one of our team for one-to-one support. **Please note that appointments are limited and will be booked on a first come first served basis**, so please respond **asap** to be sure that you don't miss out! To book please see below:

### week one – Tees Valley area, hosted by the Tees Valley Alliance

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October Main Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NMDS SC Bus - appointments available</li><li>• Also – drop-in at any time and have a chat about NMDS-SC to one of our team!</li></ul>	Eston City Learning Centre (TBC)	TBC
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Networking Event with information stands</li><li>• NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li><li>• Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li></ul>	The TAD Centre, Middlesbrough	TBC
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li><li>• Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li></ul>	Premier Inn, Morton Park, Darlington	TBC

**Please note that the Darlington event is also open to Durham employers. Call Catherine Haycroft on 01642 384997 to book or for more information or email [c.haycroft@tees.ac.uk](mailto:c.haycroft@tees.ac.uk)**

## week 2 – Tyne & Wear area, events hosted by the Tyne & Wear Care Alliance

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li> <li>Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li> </ul>	North Sands Business Centre, Sunderland	All Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li> <li>Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li> </ul>	West End Customer Service Centre, Benwell	All day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li> <li>Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li> </ul>	Blissability, South Shields	All day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li> <li>Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li> </ul>	Parks Sports & Leisure Centre, North Shields	All day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li> <li>Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li> </ul>	Lyndhurst Centre, Gateshead	All day

Call Victoria Harrison on 0191 5656052 to book or for more information or email [victoria.harrison@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:victoria.harrison@sunderland.gov.uk)

## week 3 – Northumberland area, events hosted by the Northumberland Care Alliance

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li> <li>Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li> </ul>	Berwick Rugby Club, Berwick	10 am – 3 pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li> <li>Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li> </ul>	Alnwick Rugby Club, Alnwick	10 am – 3 pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li> <li>Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li> </ul>	Wansbeck Enterprise Centre, Ashington	10 am – 3 pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li> <li>Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li> </ul>	Ponteland Leisure Centre, Ponteland	10 am – 3 pm

Call Tracey Mitchell on 01670 394425 to book or for more information or email [tracey.mitchell@northumberlandcaretrust.nhs.uk](mailto:tracey.mitchell@northumberlandcaretrust.nhs.uk)

## week 4 – Durham area, events hosted by decha (Durham Employers Care and Health Alliance)

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li> <li>Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li> </ul>	Consett Civic Centre, Consett	9 am – 4 pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li> <li>Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li> </ul>	Spennymoor Education Centre, Spennymoor	9 am – 4 pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li> <li>Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li> </ul>	Glebe Centre, Murton	9 am – 4 pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November Main Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Networking Event – information stands, trainers and NMDS-SC information – <b>please book a place</b></li> <li>NMDS SC Bus - appointments available</li> </ul>	Durham County Cricket Club, Chester-le-Street	1 pm – 5 pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NMDS-SC Bus – appointments available</li> <li>Drop-in at any time and chat to one of our team about NMDS-SC</li> </ul>	County Hall, Durham	9 am – 4 pm

Please note that the Spennymoor and Murton events are also open to Tees Valley employers. Call Jackie Eager on 0191 3835582 to book or for more information or email [jacqueline.eager@durham.gov.uk](mailto:jacqueline.eager@durham.gov.uk).