

“we gather information about the social care sector”

what is the national minimum data set for social care (NMDS-SC)?



Since 2006 Skills for Care have been gathering information about the social care workforce and the services that are provided. This type of data collection is unique, never before has there been a clearer picture of the shape and skills of the social care sector which will inform government policy and funding. This unique project is the National Minimum Data Set for Social Care.

we ask you for information about your organisation and your workers

- To give you an overview of your whole workforce in a secure and accessible online site.
- So Skills for Care can represent the social care sector with this anonymised information, which will help attract resources and money to the sector.
- The more data we receive from you the more future funding and resources for the sector will be based on fact rather than fiction!

we encourage you to update your information to benefit your business

- If your information is up to date you can apply for TSI funding for Induction and NVQ training of your staff.
- You can save time and submit your NMDS-SC workforce information to the CQC (formerly CSCI) for inspection.
- Why do workers leave and where do they go? There are a number of reports available for your business that will help you make decisions on recruitment, retention, pay and development of your staff.



we provide you with the opportunity to download personal reports that will help you improve your business

- So you can print or email your workforce data to CQC using the NMDS-SC AQAA Workforce Report.
- See how your turnover and pay rates compare to other care - providing establishments in your local area. Use the NMDS-SC to compare the skills of your staff with others in your local area to consider how to improve practices and retain staff.
- Understand your workforce and improve your staff retention. See the skills gaps in your workforce and help staff develop to improve the service that your business provides to service users.
- Plan for the future. Use the NMDS-SC to look at your current workforce and identify the future skills and competencies needed to deliver new and improved services. Use information in your personal reports to help you meet the proposed national minimum standards of achieving a qualified workforce.

To use the NMDS-SC to help your business planning go to www.nmds-sc-online.org.uk to log in or register if you have not already done so. If you have any problems updating your information or registering or would like to discuss the NMDS-SC further please call the NMDS-SC Helpdesk 0845 8730129.

Remember NMDS-SC is a free resource available to you from Skills for Care.

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You can also contact your NMDS-SC Regional Lead if you require additional support or want to find out about NMDS-SC events in your area. To contact your regional Skills for Care office visit our website for further details.

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