

Social Care Network (SCN)

# Your network membership

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# The network offer

The CIPFA Social Care Advisory Network (SCAN) supports all those involved in local and central government social care through their current and future challenges.

SCAN offers a wide range of valuable webinars as well as expert support and guidance that is centred on supporting those in both adult social care and children's services. A mix of paid-for and free webinars are planned for the year.

As well as our 'open' events programme, our regular and ad-hoc workshops can also be delivered on-site (webinar or face to face), at a special discounted rate for subscribers.

Our website contains the documentation written to accompany SCAN open events along with briefing notes, newsletters and archive material from previous years, all of which can be downloaded free of charge by subscribers.

Our monthly subscriber newsletter contains briefings relevant to those working in social care together with details of scheduled events and conferences, funding updates and links to news stories that might be of interest.

For those with specific questions, the SCAN advisor is on hand to help and can be accessed via email, telephone or through our 'Contact your Advisor' feature on the website. Think of the SCAN advisor as an additional resource to your team who can help with any social care -related query that you may have.

# How to join?

## **Joining the SCN**

If you are interested in joining SCAN or have any questions, please email [cipfanetworks@cipfa.org](mailto:cipfanetworks@cipfa.org) or call CIPFA on 020 7543 5600 and we can provide a quote based on your required level of membership.

# Features and benefits

- Support and guidance from expert advisors
- Attendance at a wide selection of webinar and regional open training courses for this network using pre-purchased places or on a pay-as-you-go basis at special reduced subscriber rates
- A series of action learning workshops enabling you to share knowledge and best practice with peers to create an environment where the key financial and policy issues of the day can be debated and addressed
- Timely updates and briefings on relevant policy, financial and legislative developments giving you all the facts at your fingertips, and information on how these issues will affect the sector and your wider organisation.
- Exclusive website access to a wealth of published information including regular updates, our current and past event presentation materials, briefings, newsletters and topical articles
- Regular newsletters to keep you updated on the latest issues affecting your work
- Opportunities for networking, career development and CPD
- Discounts on any CIPFA Essentials or other open training events run by other CIPFA Networks
- Preferential rates for any on-site SCAN network workshops and free attendance at the action learning workshops
- Access to other network events when bought under a corporate membership arrangement
- A regional and national practitioner network for you to share your views and concerns

## What our members say



“The day was well organised, informative and engaging. The presenters clearly knew their subject areas well and were happy to let the expectations of the group and their objectives for the day shape the content and structure of the day.”



“The course couldn't have come at the most appropriate time in my career. It has greatly improved my understanding and knowledge. Any questions I had were comprehensively answered.”



“ The presenter was very knowledgeable and the session was informative.”



“Well researched and presented webinar which provides finance professionals with some navigational tools in very stormy waters.”



“The presenter was very knowledgeable and I enjoyed his insight into policies and social care issues outside of what was on the slides”



“We were kept engaged with a complex topic”



“Really interesting and informative as ever from SCAN events.”

# Programme of events

Our planned headline events below are complemented by alerts and briefings, monthly newsletters and dedicated advisor support for practitioners in subscribing organisations. Prepaid places can be used to attend any events set out in this service plan.

New events will be added during the year and details of these, along with options for use of pre-paid places, will be confirmed as part of the event promotion materials and SCN newsletters.



## February 2025

### **SEND finance reform: findings from CIPFA and the NAO**

Learn from CIPFA and the NAO's latest reports on building a sustainable SEND finance system.



## April 2025

### **Public finance and a National Care Service in England and Wales**

The Labour Government aims to create a National Care Service in England and Wales – but how will this impact on local authority finance, and how can the public finance professional contribute to influencing and making a success of this policy?



## May 2025

### **Finance business partnering in adult and children's social care**

This event explores the skills and behaviours necessary to be an excellent finance business partner in social care services. Building on CIPFA's track record of professional development in finance business partnering, we will focus on both adult and children's social care. This event will be focused on practical examples and real-life challenges to make prospective and current finance business partners more effective in their roles.



## July 2025

### **Essential Series: Introduction to adult and children's social care**

This popular course offers an introduction to adult social care and children's services. Split over two afternoons, the sessions are designed to cover all the essential knowledge required for those who are new to adult and children's social care. It is also excellent for people who would like to refresh their knowledge. Covering everything from the basics to the latest social care issues, the interactive course will make delegates more effective in their roles.

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### September 2025

#### **The Children's Wellbeing Bill and social care finance**

The new Children's Wellbeing Bill will bring in far-reaching changes. This webinar will support children's social care finance practitioners to be effective at tackling these changes.



### October 2025

#### **Essential Series: Introduction to adult and children's social care**

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### November 2025

#### **Managing sustainable children's social care markets**

This session will explore how local authorities can effectively respond to the challenges in the children's social care market to enable high-quality, sustainable care.

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#### **On the Agenda**

Further short updates/briefings delivered by webinar on the latest topical issues throughout the year. These briefings will be accessible to subscribers only, helping you to stay up to date, ask questions and share practice with other subscribers.

Full details of these events will be available at [www.cipfa.org/events](http://www.cipfa.org/events).

# Further support

## **On-site delivery**

Most SCAN workshops are available as an on-site delivery. Contact us for more information - either email [cipfanetworks@cipfa.org](mailto:cipfanetworks@cipfa.org) or call CIPFA on 020 7543 5600.

## **CIPFA Essentials**

Our 'Introduction to ...' Essentials programme is designed to help support those who may be new to the sector, or perhaps working in a new role, and may also benefit non-finance staff and elected Members. These interactive workshops are a great way to help develop knowledge and awareness of a specific service area and are proving increasingly popular with staff development programmes.

## **Specialist support**

The SCAN can provide support to those working in children's services or adult social care through on-site training, webinars and on-going advice.



# Our networks

## **Looking for more support from our networks?**

We offer a number of other networks across a range of topics. We also offer corporate subscriptions for your organisation allowing you and your colleagues to access events and support across multiple CIPFA networks according to your needs.

For any other network enquiries, or for details about our corporate network support package, please email [cipfanetworks@cipfa.org](mailto:cipfanetworks@cipfa.org) or call CIPFA on 020 7543 5600.

## **Our current networks are:**

- Better Governance Forum
- Benefits and Revenues Service
- Finance Advisory Network
- Pensions Network
- Police and Fire Network
- Procurement and Commissioning Network
- Social Care Advisory Network
- Treasury Management Network



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