

Social Care Advisory Network (SCAN)

# Your network membership

2021/22

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# The network offer

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

SCAN offers a wide range of valuable webinars and face-to-face events as well as expert support and guidance that is centred on supporting those in both adult social care and children's service. A mix of paid for and free webinars, and (where COVID restrictions permit) face to face regional workshops 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 local government 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.

# How to join?



If you would like further information about the benefits of subscribing to the SCAN, please contact [Sandra Beard](#) 07718 242835 who will be delighted to assist you.

## Joining the SCAN

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 political, financial and legislative issues giving you all the facts at your fingertips, and information on how these issues will affect the sector and your wider authority
- Exclusive website access to a wealth of published information including regular briefings and 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
- Access to a generic CIPFA LinkedIn group, as well as a dedicated Twitter hashtag (#cipfanetworks) for additional advisor updates and networking opportunities
- Opportunities for networking, career development and CPD
- Discounts off 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



“I enjoyed the course very much and would complement Sandra Beard on her knowledge and presentation”



“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. ”

# 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 SCAN newsletters.



## March 2021

### **Introduction to budgeting and financial planning for budget holders within social care**

Aimed at non finance staff, this non-technical event will help social care budget holders to set more meaningful budgets and provide more useful forecasting and monitoring reports. (Further dates in September)



## April 2021

### **The short and longer term impact of Covid-19**

A look at the continuing impact of Covid-19 on adult social care and children's services.

### **Action learning workshop**

An opportunity for delegates to share ideas, knowledge and best practice in a guided networking debate. (further workshops in August and December.



## May 2021

### **Free briefing**

Helping corporate colleagues and Members develop a better understanding of the financial and performance challenges facing adult social care and children's services.

### **Introduction to children's services**

Aimed at those new to children's services or who need a refresher on the fundamental concepts. (Further dates in October)

### **Introduction to adult social care**

Aimed at those new to adult social care or who need a refresher on the fundamental concepts. (Further dates in October)



## June 2021

### **New developments in planning to deliver good value**

A look at best practice and case studies to show how to good planning can lead to improved delivery of good value within social care.

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**July 2021**

**Free briefing**

Making it easier to encourage service managers to take greater ownership of budgets and financial management.

**Introduction to the integration agenda and the Better Care Fund**

A look at past, present and future policies in relation to the governments integration agenda and the workings of the Better Care Fund.



**September 2021**

**Free briefing**

What are the benefits of business partnering and how can business partnering be better adopted in adult social care and children's services?



**November 2021**

**Future developments in the funding and operation of social care**

An update for those in adult social care and children's services on the latest developments within the sector.

**Free briefing**

Presenting budget and monitoring information to better engage Members and corporate colleagues.



**January 2022**

**Free briefing**

Preparing reports that better integrate operational and financial information with social care.



**March 2022**

**Income and grant funding**

How to maximise income and grant funding. Revenue and capital.

**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) or contact Sandra Beard for further details.

# Further support

## **On-site delivery**

Most SCAN workshops are available as an on-site delivery. Contact us for more information.

## **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 contact:

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## **Our current networks are:**

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



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