

Welfare Reform Training

Additional training dates now available

Please ensure all relevant staff are made aware of this free training

Date	Venue
6 th September 2013	East Sussex Training and Development Centre, Eastbourne
12 th September 2013	Horntye Park Sports Complex, Hastings
13 th September 2013	East Sussex Training and Development Centre, Eastbourne
19 th September 2013	BPE Business Connections, Eastbourne
23 rd September 2013	Hastings Town Hall
24 th September 2013	Cooden Beach Hotel, Cooden Beach, Bexhill
25 th September 2013	Horntye Park Sports Complex, Hastings
26 th September 2013	Bannatyne's Spa Hotel, Hastings
27 th September 2013	County Hall, Lewes
30 th September 2013	East Sussex Training and Development Centre, Eastbourne

Duration: 1 Day

Timings: 9.30 – 5.00

Facilitator: Stuart Freeman - Shelter

Target Audience: Anyone (statutory and non-statutory – including voluntary, sectors) working with individual Clients or Families who will be affected by changes in the benefits system.

Background:

The implementation of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 means that benefits are changing significantly for people who currently receive them and for new claimants.

The five district and borough councils and East Sussex County Council have formed the East Sussex Welfare Reform Project to deliver a plan to support residents who will be affected by the benefit changes over the next couple of years.

This training, which has been commissioned as part of the project, will ensure staff working in a range of disciplines in the statutory and non statutory sector across East Sussex, understand the welfare reform changes and have the skills to appropriately support the East Sussex residents to whom they deliver a service, to manage the changes.

Aims:

- To give participants a detailed understanding of the benefit changes and their implementation
- To enable discussion on the potential impact on client groups, service users and their own organisation
- To consider the options for alleviating the effects of the changes

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the training, participants will have gained:

- An understanding of the timetable for welfare reform
- Awareness of all welfare reform changes
- An understanding of the impact of the range of changes on their specific client group and how these impacts can be mitigated
- Awareness of how the changes can support people in paid work
- The ability to support people to manage their money
- An understanding of where to refer people for more specialist advice and support and how to identify this need
- An understanding of how they can contribute to maximising the resilience of their clients in dealing with changes they may find difficult
- Confidence in dealing with queries/concerns from clients

Refreshments: Coffee/Tea will be available

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