

## **Further health and social care education/training information**

### **I Care...Ambassadors' scheme**

CBC support the Skills for Care 'I Care...Ambassadors' scheme which promotes the sector as a career of choice to people of all ages and includes working with schools and colleges. This includes attending local job fairs and other events. More information can be found by visiting the following links:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-care/ascl/ldasc.aspx>

<http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Finding-and-keeping-workers/I-CareAmbassadors/I-Care-Ambassadors.aspx>

Skills for Health has a similar 'Health Ambassadors' scheme

[http://www.healthambassadorseast.org.uk/docs/employer\\_engagement\\_RIR2.pdf](http://www.healthambassadorseast.org.uk/docs/employer_engagement_RIR2.pdf)

### **Apprenticeships in Health and Social Care**

Apprenticeships are work-based training programmes for new or existing staff designed around the needs of the organisation with Government funding to help ensure that a skilled workforce is in place to meet customer's needs.

We work both internally and with our care providers to promote opportunities for young people to enter the care sector. The intermediate apprenticeship includes the completion of 'preparing to work in the health and social care sector' as well as the knowledge and skills elements of the Diploma in Health and Social Care.

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### **Mental Health Qualifications**

Within the Qualification Credit Framework (QCF) there is an existing Level 2 Certificate in Mental Health Awareness, Level 2 Certificate in Community Mental Health Work, a Level 3 Certificate in Working in Community Mental Health Care and a Level 3 Diploma in Mental Health Care which include units such as:

- Understand mental health problems
- Understand mental health interventions
- Understand the legal, policy and service framework in mental health
- Effective team and joint working in mental health.

### **Diploma in Health and Social Care**

The Diploma in Health and Social Care includes optional mental health units. These are knowledge and competence based qualifications.

### **Care Certificate**

This has been developed by Health Education England, Skills for Health, and Skills for Care and is currently available in draft form. It will include assessment of knowledge and competence in the following key areas:

1. Understand Your Role
2. Your Personal Development

3. Duty of Care
4. Equality and Diversity
5. Work in a Person Centred Way
6. Communication
7. Privacy and Dignity
8. Fluids and Nutrition
9. Dementia and Cognitive Issues
10. Safeguarding Adults
11. Safeguarding Children
12. Basic Life Support
13. Health and Safety
14. Handling Information
15. Infection Prevention and Control

<http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Standards/Care-Certificate/Care-Certificate.aspx>