



International Recruitment

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Season's Greetings!

We hope this finds you well at this busy time of year. Here is our final International Project Bulletin of 2023, with some important updates.

Grant Scheme



Time is now running out to secure international recruitment funding through SESCO's Grant Scheme! Since extending the scheme to offer two £1,500 grants per care service last month, the response has been phenomenal, and over nine hundred grants have now been processed.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to support your international recruitment efforts - act now while funding remains available! For eligibility criteria and details on how to apply, please [use this link](#).

Government Immigration Policy Announcement

On 4 December 2023 the UK Government announced a 'five point plan' to lower net migration. This includes prohibiting social care workers from bringing dependants from Spring 2024.

SESCA have joined industry leaders across the care sector in condemning this policy change, which will only exacerbate the social care workforce crisis. Please read our [latest news update](#) for further information.



We would also urge providers to expedite their international recruitment plans so that their new recruits can apply for Dependant Visas before the Spring deadline (the exact date has yet to be confirmed).

We will continue to monitor the latest immigration policy changes and report on their implications for the adult social care sector.

FREE Legal Helpline goes live Monday 15th January!

Following the success of a pilot we ran in October '23, a FREE international recruitment legal helpline will be available to all social care providers in the South-East from Monday 15th January until Friday 15th March 2024.



Details as follows:

- The service will be delivered by the immigration specialists at Lester Aldridge LLP.
- Providers will be entitled to a Free Phone Consultation of up to 30-minutes.
- Phone lines open: 9am-5pm, Mon-Fri (answer phone outside these hours).
- Email and voicemail replies within 48 hours, or by the following Monday if received after 4pm Friday.
- Runs from Monday 15th January to Friday 15th March 2024.
- Terms and conditions apply, [click here further details](#) (and see poster overleaf).

Thanks for reading our latest update.

Wishing you a very “Merry Christmas” and every success for 2024!





South East
Social Care Alliance



FREE International Recruitment Legal Helpline



Up to 30-mins FREE advice from immigration experts Lester Aldridge.

Covering Sponsor Licences, COS, SMS, UKVI compliance, contracts, and more.

Commissioned by SESCO, as part of the DHSC's International Recruitment Funding initiative.

Open to all registered providers in the South-East.



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