

## Could you lead a network for registered managers in your area?

### How do managers benefit from networks?

There are over 140 networks for registered managers across England, chaired by managers, for managers. When we surveyed the managers attending networks:

- 70% agree or strongly agreed that they felt less isolated as a result of attending network meetings
- 68% agreed or strongly agreed that they felt more confident and prepared for CQC inspections.
- 69% agreed or strongly agreed that they felt more positive about their current position as a result of attending a network

*“If we didn’t have each other to speak to we’d have these concerns and worries building upon us and nobody to speak to and no outlet for them”*

### What can you do?

We think that every registered manager in England should have access to peer-support, information and best practice via a network. Could you:

- Set-up a network or work with other managers you know to start a network?
- Chair a network meeting?
- Host a network meeting or contribute ideas to an agenda for a meeting?
- Support the growth of a new network and attend network meetings?

### What support is available to start new networks?

- Every manager who chairs a network has a designated Skills for Care locality manager to support them. They can help you to set-up your initial meeting, plan agendas and identify guest speakers. They will also attend network meetings.
- Our locality managers arrange bi-annual or annual meetings just for network chairs. These are an opportunity for you to discuss what is working well and what isn’t and share best practice with other chairs.
- Ask your Locality Manager about other support opportunities available to network Chairs.
- A grant of up-to £750 is available to meet the cost of running a network.

### What else do I need to know?

Contact your Skills for Care locality manager to talk about setting-up a network in your area. You can find contact details for your nearest locality manager [here](#).