



## **Partners in Care Membership - FAQs for Personal Assistants**

- **Who are Partners in Care?**

Partners in Care is a not-for-profit membership organisation representing approximately 260 independent Nursing, Residential, Supported Living and Domiciliary Care providers in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin.
- **What do Partners in Care do?**

We offer a wide range of services for adult social care providers across Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin. These include training, a Disclosure and Barring Service and a wide range of workforce initiatives.
- **Why should I become a member of Partners in Care?**

You will receive access to benefits including subsidised training courses, subsidised Disclosure and Barring Service, accurate, relevant, and up to date information and advice as well as opportunity to network with your peers.
- **What training do you offer?**

We have a core training offer which includes First Aid, Moving & Handling, Safeguarding Adults Awareness and Professional Boundaries. However, we run many other courses on a regular basis including the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS), Dementia, Medication, PEG, Phlebotomy, Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) Prevention & Management and Clinical Observation. View our website for more information [Training Courses \(partnersincare.org.uk\)](https://partnersincare.org.uk)
- **Can I get my Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check through Partners in Care?**

Yes, if you are employed rather than self-employed. We offer a DBS service to our members at a subsidised rate, which is all completed online. Your employer will be able to check your ID as part of the application process, or where necessary this can be done by a member of our team. For further information please email [dbs@partnersincare.org.uk](mailto:dbs@partnersincare.org.uk)
- **What other services can I access as part of my membership?**

Other member benefits include:

  - ✓ Information and advice service via phone, email, online chat and social media.
  - ✓ Weekly newsletter with up-to-date, accurate and relevant information
  - ✓ Networking opportunities

- ✓ Representation to inform commissioning and local decision making with local authorities and stakeholders.
- ✓ Access to our website which contains lots of information and links as well as the option to book training at any time.

- **How can I become a member of Partners in Care?**

You can join today by visiting our website [Become a Member \(partnersincare.org.uk\)](https://partnersincare.org.uk) or phone 01743 860011.

- **How much is membership?**

Membership for Personal Assistants is £48.00 per year.