

**OCTOBER 2020**



**WELCOME**

Welcome to the October edition of our helpdesk,

Please ensure that you add our email address to your safe senders list:

E: [helpdesk@ahcp.co.uk](mailto:helpdesk@ahcp.co.uk)

## Welcome note from our National Chair

Hello and a very warm welcome to the October edition of the Helpdesk.

We held our very first Webinar on the 10th September and the feedback has been very positive so I feel confident in saying that we will certainly be looking to do more going forward. We have also seen a growing interest from potential new members who attended the webinar however I think going forward we will be looking to restrict viewing to our members only.

Covid continues to turn our personal and work lives upside down and I'm sure like me you are preparing your environment and your workforce for the second wave. We need to continue to work together and support each other wherever we can because we are in this for the long term it would seem.

Our website continues to grow and again the plea from me is to be sure to log on and check your details as we also use this system to renew membership too and we really don't want for you to miss out on anything.

In relation to the work which the association has been involved in surrounding the new Cleaning Standards I am able to advise that a meeting is due to take place with Emma Brookes from NHSI next week and following on from that I hope to be able to provide an update on the website.

There has been a lot of interest from the session Delia delivered on the webinar and we are just in the process of pulling together some documents which will enable members to apply on line - log on soon to get your application submitted.

Take care and look after each other

*Denise*

***Thank you to everyone who joined  
us for our very first Webinar***



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# ADAPTING TO THE NEW NORMAL

Adjustments in the  
COVID-19 Era

**LET US HELP YOU!**

**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE DEDICATED  
COVID-19 SUPPORT SECTIONS OF OUR WEBSITE?**

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS OUR COVID-19 PAGES\\*](#)

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE MEMBERS SUPPORT FORUM\\*](#)

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE COVID AWARENESS TRAINING COURSE](#)

**GUIDANCE, TRAINING DOCUMENTS, CLEANING PROCEDURES, USEFUL LINKS**

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## AHCP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

### Who is this programme for?

As a member of a cleaning team this programme has been designed to evidence that you meet the requirements and competencies Relating to your role. It helps you to reflect on how you are applying what you have learned through induction and training.

### How will the programme help me meet the requirements?

Cleaning Science workshops to compliment your learning and support your successful completion will be available. The study of cleaning as a science will enable the transfer of knowledge which impacts on your cleaning related activities. These may be classroom based or accessed online.

In the programme you will find multiple choice questions based on the requirements of your role as outlined below. Each question is designed to help you demonstrate that you are competent as a Healthcare Cleaning Professional and will be followed up with practical demonstrations. Course Content:

- Infection Prevention and Control
- Cleaning and the Environment
- Practical Cleaning Applications
- Health, Safety and The Environment
- Communications and Customer Service
- Personal Development

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## AHCP REGIONAL TRAINERS

Further to the announcement at the ahcp virtual forum, Branches should now be considering nominees for the phase 1 funded workshops to develop ahcp trainers to support the Healthcare Cleaning professional Development Programme.

Please note those participating and successfully generating outcomes will be given an opportunity in phase 2 to undertake a fully accredited training to teach qualification the Level 3 Award in Delivering Training.

Further details will be distributed shortly, watch this space!

## KICK START GRANT SCHEME

### **Check if you can apply for a grant through the Kickstart Scheme**

If you are an employer looking to create job placements for young people, check if you can apply for funding as part of the Kickstart Scheme.

### **How the scheme works**

You can use the Kickstart Scheme to create new 6-month job placements for young people who are currently on Universal Credit and at risk of long-term unemployment. The job placements should support the participants to develop the skills and experience they need to find work after completing the scheme.

Funding is available for 100% of the relevant National Minimum Wage for 25 hours a week, plus associated employer National Insurance contributions and employer minimum automatic enrolment contributions. There is also £1,500 per job placement available for setup costs, support and training.

Funding is available following a successful application process. Applications must be for a minimum of 30 job placements. If you are unable to offer this many job placements, you can partner with other organisations to reach the minimum number.

If you are a representative applying on behalf of a group of employers, you can get £300 of funding to support with the associated administrative costs of bringing together these employers.

Kickstart is not an apprenticeship, but participants may move on to an apprenticeship at any time during, or after their job placement.

The Kickstart Scheme is available in England, Scotland and Wales.

[Click here for more information](#)

## INDUSTRY NEWS!

### *HSE Urges businesses to become Covid-Secure*

The HSE are currently carrying out unannounced inspections on premises to ensure COVID 19 Secure guidance is being followed. By law employers have duty to protect workers and others from harm and this includes taking reasonable steps to control the risks and protect people from Corona virus.

Employers are being put on the spot and checks are being carried out to ensure health and safety mechanisms are in place to reduce the risk of corona virus in order to protect workers and others

*There are five practical steps expected :*

- Step 1 carry out a COVID 19 Risk Assessment
- Step 2 develop increased cleaning, hand washing and hygiene procedures
- Step 3 take all reasonable steps to help people work from home
- Step 4 maintain 2m social distancing where possible
- Step 5 where people cannot be 2m apart manage the transmission risk

Information regarding these potential visits can be found here:  
[www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)

## FUNDING AVAILABLE

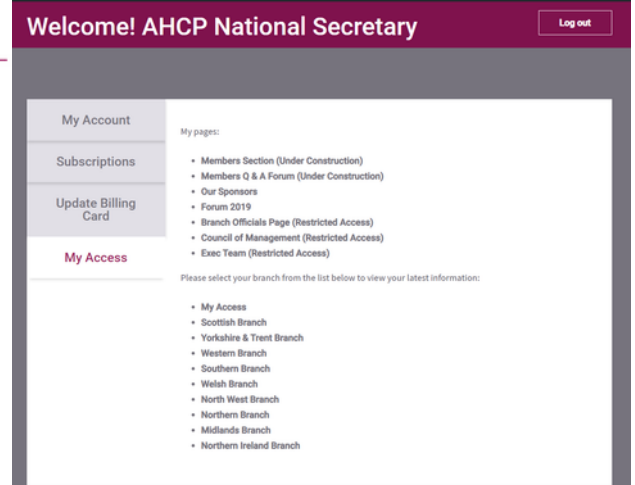
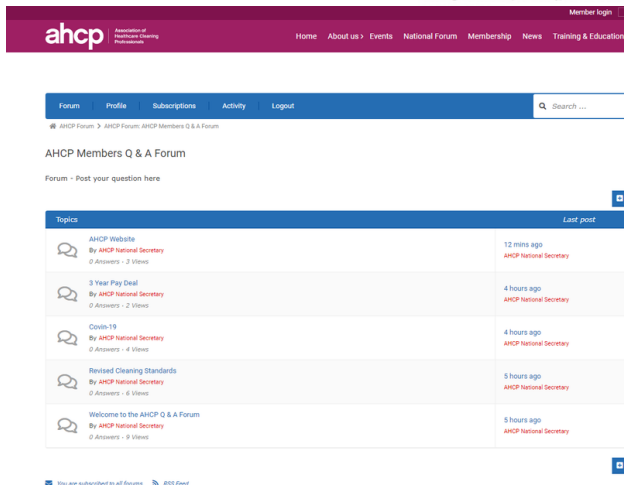
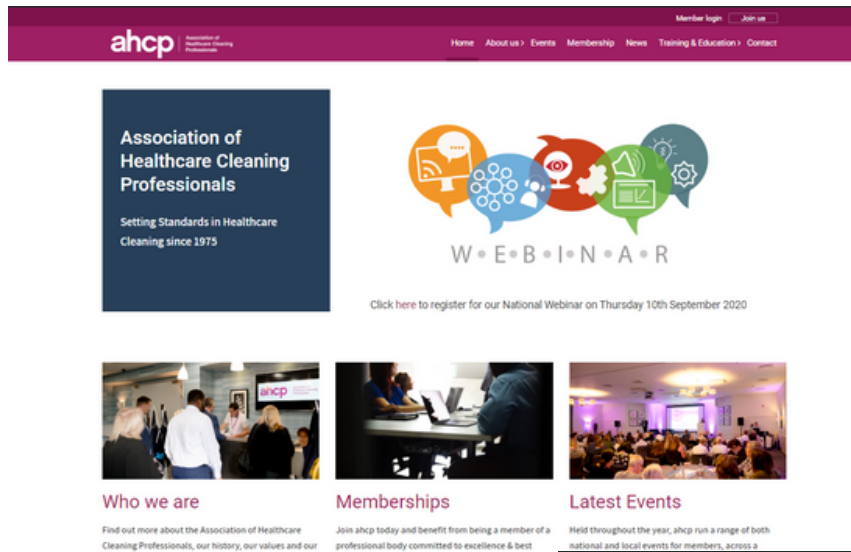
*Localised funding is available check your local providers!*

Funding is currently available for the Midlands region, Accredited Infection Prevention and Control Practical Cleaning Skill Courses.

Contact [education@ahcp.co.uk](mailto:education@ahcp.co.uk) for details.



## We have added many new features to the website!



## Branch Portal Pages

Keep up to date with your local Branch.

## Members Q & A Forum

Ask for Help & Guidance, share ideas, Be involved!

## Education, Training & Development Section

Updates on the Healthcare Cleaning Apprenticeship Programme, Training Opportunities & The Professional Development Workbook.

## Events Calendar with RSVP

Check when your next Branch Meeting is taking place, RSVP to events.



## AHCP Members Q & A Forum

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new  
Questions & Answers Forum Page!  
[www.ahcp.co.uk](http://www.ahcp.co.uk)

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