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East Sussex Adult Social Care is a Partner of Research in Practice for Adults

Dear Colleagues,

This means that, as of 1st September, **all Adult Social Care staff** can freely access resources designed to support [evidence-informed practice](#) when working with adults and families. This includes:




- **[Publications](#)** - Research and Evidence Reviews, Leaders' Briefings, Practice Tools and Guides, Frontline Briefings, Strategic Briefings, Evidence Scopes and Evaluation Tools.
- **[Research and Policy Updates](#)** - succinct summaries of newly published research with the latest information on policy, consultations and research reports.
- **[Case Law & Legal Summaries](#)** - monthly overview and analysis of selected cases, highlighting implications and recommendations for practice
- **[Tailored Support](#)** - in-house workshops, evaluation, strategy and evidence-scoping.
- Access to **[recorded webinars](#)** (online presentations).
- Two places at **[learning events](#)** - workshops, webinars, conferences, seminars and knowledge exchange forums.



You will need to [create an account](#) on the Research in Practice for Adults (RiPFA) website; **once [logged in](#) all resources are free to access and/or download**. This is a quick and simple process which can be [completed online](#) by following the on-screen instructions.

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If you have any questions, please contact your Link Officer or email help@ripfa.org.uk.

Examples of resources already available:

Recent Research in Practice for Adults resources	
	<p><u>Good recording: Practice Tool (2017)</u></p> <p>This Practice Tool provides an overview of the importance and purpose of recording, with resources and case studies to support reflection and professional development. The tools support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> preparation for recording> professional writing> note-taking and recording outcomes-focused conversations> recording analysis, rationale, decisions and actions. <p>Its main focus is on recording assessment conversations. However, the principles apply to all professional recording.</p> <p>Aimed at: Practitioners and managers across social care and wider services for adults.</p>
	<p><u>What is a family group conference for adults? Customer Guide (2017)</u></p> <p>A family group conference is a facilitated decision-making meeting, which aims to help the individual and/or family find solutions to problems. This might be where there are concerns about an adults' safety or wellbeing, encouraging the family to find their own lasting solutions by building on their strengths and resources.</p>
	<p><u>Risk enablement: Frontline Briefing</u></p> <p>With the cultural shift currently taking place in social care, enabling people is a core skill for frontline workers - influencing how people are consulted, how risk is worked with and how outcomes are achieved. This Frontline Briefing explains how risk enablement relates to the <i>Care Act 2014</i>, identifies examples of good practice and provides useful tools and methods for working effectively with risk.</p> <p>This briefing is accompanied by a reference chart Risk enablement: Chart which provides an outline of some of the key definitions and considerations in risk</p>

	<p>enablement.</p> <p>Aimed at: Frontline practitioners and managers who work with adults and their families.</p>
 <p>The image shows the cover of a briefing titled 'Developing effective commissioner and service provider relationships'. It features a photograph of several people in business attire sitting around a table, looking at documents. The text on the cover includes 'INSIGHT INTO PRACTICE Strategic Briefing', the title, 'Darlington', and the website 'www.rifa.org.uk'.</p>	<p><u>Developing effective commissioner and service provider relationships</u></p> <p>As more services are commissioned by local authorities within the context of reducing resources, it can be a challenging time for the relationship between commissioners and providers. This briefing examines the current situation, barriers and enablers, and how to establish collaborative working practices to achieve the best outcomes for clients and communities.</p>
 <p>The image shows the cover of an evidence review titled 'Reimagining Adult Social Care: Evidence Review'. It features a circular diagram with three segments: 'Research Evidence synthesis', 'Expertise Local and national', and 'Experience What works in practice'. The central text is 'Evidence informed practice'. The cover also includes 'research in practice for adults', 'EVIDENCE REVIEW Evidence synthesis', 'Darlington', and the website 'www.rifa.org.uk'.</p>	<p><u>Reimagining Adult Social Care: Evidence Review</u></p> <p>This Evidence Review asks the broad question: If we were able to start designing adult social care from a blank slate, and build a system based on the evidence of what people want and what is effective, what would that system look like?</p> <p>The Review also provides an analysis of key research on the important issues in adult social care today - including safeguarding, promoting independence, involvement and advocacy, and the adult social care workforce. It aims to inform the policy debate with an evidence-informed view.</p>