RCPA: A Year of Progress in Data Protection and Digital Transformation

This year has been an exciting period of achievement for RCPA's data protection and digital initiatives.

- **DSPT Support Success**: Our free support for the **Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT)** continues to be a valuable resource for providers, resulting in over 83% of Somerset care providers achieving compliance.

- **Digital Engagement**: We hosted our first dedicated digital event, the **RCPA Summer Seminar – Staying Safe in a Digital World**. The event had insightful discussions on topics like artificial intelligence and the reliance on third-party suppliers.

- **Involvement with DiSC**: RCPA have been proud to be part of the digitising in social care project over the last three years which has seen Somerset Council and Somerset ICB award over £211,000 to 87 providers for the implementation of digital social care records.

What's next?

Over the coming months RCPA is involved in two new data protection and cyber security projects.

- **Data Protection Health Checks**: To close the year, we launched the pilot **Data Protection Health Checks** project. The health check is designed to reassure providers they have good data protection and cybersecurity measures in place, by visiting you on-site and discussing how you approach data protection and cyber security. Insights from this project will also help the **Better Security, Better Care** programme in creating tailored resources to address common challenges faced by social care providers.

- **Cyber Resilience Pilot**: RCPA have also been invited to pilot a **Cyber Resilience in Social Care** project. This two-part initiative includes:

  1. On-site tabletop exercises led by RCPA to simulate and assess responses to a cyber incident.

  2. IT security penetration testing conducted by the Cyber Resilience Centre using a Raspberry Pi to identify potential vulnerabilities.

This level of resilience testing is typically only accessible to large organisations due to the cost commitments. We are pleased to offer it free to a select number of providers.

Would you like to know more about any of the above projects?

Free DSPT support – Contact daniel.plummer@rcpa.org.uk

Data Protection Health Checks – Contact daniel.plummer@rcpa.org.uk – Limited spaces available, there is currently a waiting list.

Cyber Resilience pilot – please complete this form as an expression of interest - https://forms.office.com/e/PpP89YCxX6