

# Dignity in Care Champions Network

## What is the Dignity in Care Champions Network?

Anyone who is committed to take up this challenge is welcome to join the champions network. The champions will form an army of volunteers working together to raise the profile of dignity in care locally.

The core of the network will be existing Older People's Champions who have committed to extending their role to take forward this cause. They have already made a significant impact locally in rooting out age discrimination. They include local councillors; non-executive directors of health and social care organisations; clinical and professional champions; advocacy organisations and older people themselves.

We are also seeking providers and commissioners of services and members of the public to join the network.

The Dignity in Care Champions are being asked to take forward a dignity in care social movement by:

- Raising the profile of dignity in care and challenging bad practice in their local areas
- Sharing with each other their experiences and expertise
- Encouraging their local providers and commissioners to take up the Dignity Challenge

## How will the online network support champions?

The online network will be hosted on the Care Services Improvement Partnership's (CSIP) Knowledge Community website. It will help the champions to network with each other and to plan and develop work together more effectively. Champions will be able to debate, review and recommend what works in practice. Champions will easily be able to share with each other their views, stories, examples of best practice, training and support materials, videos, photos, details of forthcoming events etc.

Joining the online network is voluntary. Champions can if they wish chose not to join the online network.

the online network will launch on  
20th November 2006

[www.dignityincare.org.uk](http://www.dignityincare.org.uk)

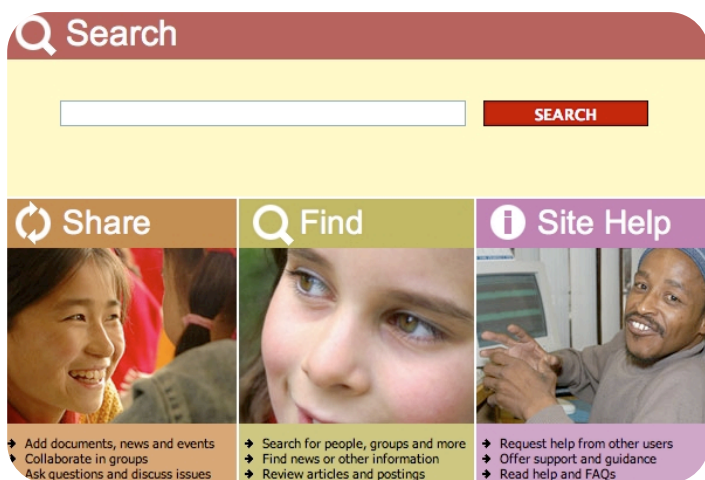
## How do I join the online network?

To join the network you first need to join the CSIP Knowledge Community which launches on 20 November 2006. You can join for free at <http://kc.csip.org.uk>

Membership is free and open to all. It takes less than a minute to complete a straightforward online registration form. All we ask for is your name and a valid email address.

Once you have joined the Knowledge Community you can then sign up for the Dignity in Care Champions Online Network. Visit the network at [www.dignityincare.org.uk](http://www.dignityincare.org.uk) and click on the link 'ask to join this group' in the top right hand corner of the page.

For support with using the Dignity in Care Champions Online Network email [dignityincare@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:dignityincare@dh.gsi.gov.uk)



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The award winning knowledge community website, or 'kc' as it is usually known, provides free and easy to use online communications tools to help people share, learn and work together. It is aimed at anyone with an interest or responsibility to support positive changes in health and social care services and in the wellbeing of people who use them.

It connects a wide range of people, groups, organisations and information in a way that is designed to make it easy for people to find who or what they are looking for.