Across England, the vacancy rate has decreased compared to last year and the number of filled posts has increased. During this period international recruitment increased which has impacted these trends.

Workers in Waltham Forest had on average 8.6 years of experience in the sector and 77% of the workforce had been working in the sector for at least three years.

We have many resources and tools available to help. Please visit our <u>values-based</u> recruitment page for more information.

Skills for Care have also collaborated with the adult social care sector and people who draw on care and support to develop a <u>Workforce Strategy</u>, which includes <u>attraction</u> recommendations and commitments.

## **Employment information**

## Qualifications, training and skills

We believe that everyone working in adult social care should be able to take part in learning and development so that they can carry out their roles effectively. Learning and development helps everyone to develop the right skills and knowledge to enable them to provide high-quality care and support.

Skills for Care estimates show that 52% of the direct care providing workforce in Waltham Forest hold a *relevant* adult social care qualification (51% in London and 47% in England). Raw data from the ASC-WDS showed, of those workers without a relevant adult social care qualification recorded, 65% had five