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The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III

As you will be aware the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6 May 2023.

Over the Coronation weekend, including Monday 8 May, there will be a number of events taking place, details of which can be found on the [civic and ceremonial pages](#) of our website.

We know that you and your teams will be working throughout the Bank Holiday weekend, doing everything possible to make things special for the people in your care, and we are extremely grateful to you all.

We hope that you and your teams can enjoy some of the celebrations too, and that in the future you will look back and remember that on that day, that you were making a difference to the lives of others.

Guidance and good practice

Reminder – photo ID required to vote

If you support anyone to vote at polling stations, please make sure they bring photo ID for the local elections on Thursday 4 May. For further information on what will be considered acceptable photo ID see [‘how to vote - photo ID you’ll need’](#)

End of free COVID-19 DBS checks

Free COVID-19 Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are likely to end on 11 May.

The check was introduced as an emergency measure to support employers recruiting health and social care staff into COVID-19 roles. The need for these roles has significantly reduced. Therefore, applications made on or after 11 May will be processed in the normal way and fees will apply.

The DBS provides two additional services – [DBS Update Service](#) and [Adult First Service](#). These can be used to tackle ongoing COVID-19 related or other emergencies, where there may be significant risk to service provision should recruitment be delayed.

Coronavirus Assurance Safety Scheme extended to September 2023

The [NHS and Social Care Coronavirus Life Assurance Scheme](#) provides financial support for the families of eligible social care and health staff who died performing frontline work during the peak of the pandemic. The scheme closed to new claims on 31 March 2022.

Through the scheme, a lump sum payment of £60,000 is made to the colleague's estate, regardless of their salary. The scheme is non-contributory, meaning there is no cost or liability to staff or employers.

An additional period, for claims in respect of deaths which occurred on or before 31 March 2022, has been extended to 30 September 2023. Employers have an active role in submitting claims and are urged to do so for the benefit of families, partners, and dependants and to honour their colleagues' memories.

[See scheme information for employers](#)

Missed vaccinations for care home residents

As the spring booster campaign gets underway, we understand that not all care home residents will have had the opportunity to receive a spring booster vaccine, for example new admissions or residents who may have been away at the time of the initial visit.

If any individuals are identified as having missed the initial vaccination visit but are willing to be vaccinated, or for individuals who initially declined a vaccination but have since become vaccine confident, please notify healthprotection@leics.gov.uk.

Please include the name of the resident, and email via Egress. You will then be advised of when another visit for vaccination will be available.

World Hand Hygiene Day – 5 May

The World Health Organisation (WHO) have a 'Save Lives: Clean Your Hands' campaign - a global movement to improve hand hygiene.

Health and care facilities throughout the world are invited to take part in a global initiative, to continue to raise hand hygiene awareness, to move action to the point of care, and to reduce the spread of infections.

Follow the links below to find out more and sign up to join the campaign.

- [WHO Campaigns World Hand Hygiene Day 2023](#)
- [Campaign guide for engaging in World Hand Hygiene Day 5 May 2023](#)

ProvidingCare.net resources – oral hygiene

ProvidingCare.net have collated [several resources for providers relating to oral hygiene](#) including an oral hygiene assessment tool.

Leicestershire County Council updates

Submitting forms on the Leicestershire adult social care portal

There are an increasing number of referrals available for professionals on the adult social care portal, which we positively encourage you to use when appropriate.

We have however begun to find that several people are registering with group emails when they submit forms to us via the portal. There is a risk to this in that, if we respond via the portal requesting further information, that response will go to the group email with a link to the original form. This then means that anyone who has that group email access can go into the current form and see all the information already recorded, which may well not be appropriate and a breach of GDPR.

Please ensure that you only use individual email addresses to register with and avoid potentially breaching the Data Protection Act.

Learning and development opportunities

Digital Skills Framework for the adult social care sector – 16 May

Skills for Care and The Digitising Social Care Programme (a joint NHS/DHSC unit) invite you to the launch of the updated Digital Skills Framework, on 16 May, 10.00-11.30.

The Digital Skills Framework is a free resource to support the development of digital skills across the adult social care workforce. It's structured around seven themes and aims to help employers and individuals working in adult social care to plan their learning and choose the right digital skills training for their needs.

You'll hear from those who have been involved in the development of the framework and employers who are already using it in the workplace.

Speakers at the event will include

- Care Quality Commission
- NHS-Transformation Directorate
- An employer
- Skills for Care

Recommended attendees are

- Registered managers
- Deputies

- Digital leads
- Learning and development leads
- Learning providers
- Representatives from local authorities
- Representatives from Integrated care systems (ICSs)

[Find out more and register.](#)

Infection Prevention Society Trent branch annual conference – 17 May

The Infection Prevention Society (IPS) Trent branch 'Darling Bugs of May' Annual Conference is taking place on 17 May, including prestigious speakers from across the UK and an infection prevention industry exhibition.

A wide range of subjects will be covered including IPC and human factors, IPC in mental health settings, community, and acute.

The event will be held at Trent Vineyard, Unit 1, Easter Park, Lenton Lane, Nottingham NG7 2PX.

IPS members are free of charge, non-members are £50 per person, and students are £25 per person, and tickets are available through [Eventbrite](#).

Publications

Safeguarding Matters

The latest edition of [Safeguarding Matters](#) is focused on safeguarding adults with learning disabilities and contains learning from case reviews across the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Partnerships.

[See prior issues of Safeguarding Matters.](#)

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Safeguarding Partnership Business Office via lrspto@leics.gov.uk.

Industrial action

Forthcoming possible strikes

Please be aware of the possibility of future strikes in health and education settings and plan accordingly. We may not always be able to warn you of specific dates, but previous Provider News bulletins contain information on what to consider to reduce disruption to your services and support the health and social care system.

Next edition

The next edition of Provider News will be published during week commencing 15 May 2023. If you are interested in contributing by writing about a topic of your choice, perhaps something that is particularly important to you, please contact us at enquirylinequality&contracts@leics.gov.uk.