

Leicestershire Adult Social Care Provider News



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The future of adult social care

Accelerating Reform Fund for social care

On 24 October DHSC's Adult Social Care Innovation & Improvement Unit launched the [Accelerating Reform Fund](#) (ARF) which provides a total of £42.6 million nationally over 2023/24 and 2024/25 to support innovation and scaling in adult social care, and to kick-start a change in services provided to support unpaid carers.

The ARF will support local areas to take forward projects, guided by a list of priorities for innovation and scaling, but relevant to their local areas.

The purpose of the ARF is to support at least two projects in each area, with one of those having a particular focus on unpaid carers. Local authorities should work collaboratively with partners in their Integrated Care System (ICS) geographies, including the NHS, care providers and voluntary and community sector groups. All projects should consider co-production with people who draw on care and support including unpaid carers, to ensure inclusivity of the diverse needs of local areas.

[SCIE](#) will be offering hands on support to local areas to take forward their priorities for innovation. Local areas will be able to work with SCIE to develop local partnerships and to set-up and deliver projects. A national evaluation partner will be evaluating whether the programme has been successful at tackling the barriers to innovation, the success of SCIE's support offer, and the ways local areas can continue to scale and adopt new innovations after the grant has been delivered.

The Council will be returning an expression of interest application as part of the local health and care system by the mid-January 2024 deadline.

Guidance and good practice

National Safeguarding Adults Week 2023

National Safeguarding Adults Week 2023 runs from 20–24 November and is the ideal time to remind you about the wide range of information and guidance available to support you to effectively safeguard adults at risk.

Resources are available here:

- [Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board website](#)
- [LLR Safeguarding Adults Board YouTube channel](#) 'see something say something' videos on recognising the signs of abuse

Safeguarding Matters online briefing – 6 December 2023

The next Safeguarding Matters online briefing will take place on Wednesday 6 December 2023 9.30-12.00 and is open to all staff across the multi-agency partnerships for adults and children.

The aim of the briefing is to share information in relation to the safeguarding of children and adults including procedure and guidance updates, resources to support practice and reflection on learning from reviews and audits.

No need to register – [just use this link on the day.](#)

Specialist Covid and flu vaccination clinics for people with a learning disability

[Dedicated vaccination clinics](#) are being provided for adults and children with a learning disability, living in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.

The clinics will offer both the flu and Covid vaccines for anyone aged 5 years and over who is registered as having a learning disability. They have been designed to offer a calming, friendly and more supportive environment to people with a learning disability, their accompanying family members or carers.

Loughborough

The first two clinics are taking place at Emmanuel Church Hall, 47 Forest Rd, Loughborough LE11 3NW on the following dates:

- Sunday 26 November from 9.00-16.00, for ages 12 years and over
- Sunday 3 December, for ages 5 to 17 years (9.00-13.00) and 18 years and over (13.00-16.00)

All appointments need to be booked in advance by calling 0116 497 5700 and selecting option 1. The telephone line is open Mondays to Fridays 8.00-20.00, and on Saturdays 9.00-17.00.

Coalville

There will be an additional clinic on Sunday 7 December, for drive-through vaccinations, where people will be vaccinated while they are in their vehicle. This clinic will be held at Belvoir Shopping Centre, Coalville LE67 3XA from 10.00-16.00, offering both Covid and flu vaccines. Although this clinic is designed primarily for people with learning disabilities, other eligible people can also attend for their vaccines.

Please note that that people will need to buy a car parking ticket for the Belvoir Shopping Centre car park. A half hour appointment for a vaccination can be booked in advance by calling 0116 497 5700; alternatively people can just turn up.

Free transport help for Covid-19 & flu vaccinations

Do you work with or know someone unable to travel to/from a vaccination clinic?

To help Leicestershire & Rutland residents who are unable to travel to a clinic, a free transport offer to/from a vaccination provider has been set up. Just call 01530 512456 between 9.00-17.00 Monday to Friday.

The provider will check eligibility and then make all the necessary arrangements.

Supply of Lateral Flow Test kits (LFTs) available free

As part of the COVID-19 response, Leicestershire County Council was provided with Lateral Flow Test kits for residents to use in their own home and to support mass community testing should this be required.

These have been in store for use in case of a need to rapidly stand up widespread community testing. As this is now deemed unlikely, and with a looming expiry date of the end of January 2024, we would like to offer these to providers and partners who have contact with individuals or cohorts of people who were deemed clinically extremely vulnerable to help support your winter planning and business continuity.

We can therefore offer them free of charge to adult social care providers registered with CQC who support clinically extremely vulnerable people.

We can provide the LFTs by a full box load which contains 59 small box kits with 7 tests in each test kit - 413 tests per large box.

If you have a need and are interested in collecting these from County Hall, Glenfield, LE3 8RA, please email PHPool@leics.gov.uk with how many you would be looking to take, and we can arrange collection. Ideally we would aim to supply these to you before late December but please enquire if you still require them after this date.

Leicestershire County Council updates

Care home contract

The contract for services in a residential setting is being updated. All providers for this type of service which Leicestershire County Council contracts with will have received a contract extension to extend the current arrangement until July 2024 at the latest. These were sent electronically. If you have not received this, please contact enquirylinequality&contracts@leics.gov.uk

We hope to have the updated draft contract and specification ready by the end of January 2024 to be shared with providers for consultation and comments and the new contract to go live in April 2024.

Learning and development

Leadership programme for adult social care nurses from global majority backgrounds

The Florence Nightingale Foundation in partnership with Deborah Sturdy, Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care in the Department of Health and Social Care are pleased to offer an exceptional and transformational [leadership development opportunity](#). The programme is open to nurses from global majority backgrounds working in social care organisations across England who have at least three years' post registration experience.

This programme offers a supportive learning space for nurses to develop their leadership identity, capacity, and capability, enabling their influence on organisational and patient health outcomes.

Applications opened on 10 November 2023, and close on 15 December 2023.

Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Integrated Personalised Care Programme 2023/24

The Integrated Personalised Care Programme sets out the responsibilities of the NHS, that with the right oversight and training, care modules that can be delivered by social care agencies, whilst remaining the responsibility of the NHS.

This training programme is free of charge and has been designed to promote constructive co-operation between staff of different agencies in the interest of excellent quality care for individuals.

Delivered by healthcare specialists locally, the programme will enable social care workers to acquire the knowledge, skills and understanding required to undertake generic healthcare modules confidently and safely in line with Integrated Personalised Care, at no cost to you.

This training programme has been designed for:

- Social care workers who haven't previously received training in the core generic delegated healthcare modules
- Social care workers who have previously received training in the core generic delegated healthcare modules and require an assessment and sign off for the delegated modules.

Training is available for the following generic modules:

- Assisting patients with nutritional requirements and risk of choking
- Manage stoma, ileostomy and urostomy care systems
- Tissue viability
- Use of pressure relieving equipment
- Administration of eye and ear drops
- Applying steroid creams above 1%
- Undertaking blood glucose testing

The training will be supported by a series of presentations, practical opportunities, and simulation. Whether delegates are completely new to a role or simply wish to refresh their skills, we hope that they will find this free training programme enjoyable, informative, and rewarding.

If you would like to take advantage of this free training programme, please contact lpt.HSCP@nhs.net

Publications

Options magazine

The latest [Options magazine for LLR](#) is now available.

Opportunities

City home care tender

Leicester City Council invites tenders for the provision of home care service in Leicester City. The proposed contract will be for an initial period of 5 years to commence on 7 October 2024, with an option to extend.

An online tender information session will be conducted via Microsoft Teams on 29 November 2023, 11:00-12.30. Further information on how to register for the session is contained within the ITT documentation. To access the full tender documentation, please use the [Due North e-tendering portal](#).

If not already registered, you will need to register with the EastMids Tenders e-tendering portal to be able to access the documentation.

The closing date for the tender submissions via the EastMidsTenders portal is 14:00 hours on 19 December 2023. Tenderers must have fully uploaded and submitted by the deadline of 14:00 hours on 19 December 2023. Only on-time submissions via the e-tendering portal will be accepted.

Health and wellbeing

Movember

[Movember](#) is a national campaign that focuses on men's mental health, suicide prevention, and prostate and testicular cancer.

A growing number of men – around 10.8 million globally – are facing life with a prostate cancer diagnosis. Globally, testicular cancer is the most common cancer among young men. And across the world, one man dies by suicide every minute of every day, with males accounting for 69% of all suicides.

There are resources available to help you [Start a Conversation](#).

System health and wellbeing offers

LLR health and social care system wellbeing and support offers can be viewed on the [LLR Health and Wellbeing Partnership website](#).

Consultations and research

Monitoring infections in care homes pilot

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has announced a pilot scheme to monitor infections in care homes in England. The new pilot builds on the success of the Vivaldi study during the pandemic, with a wider remit to study other infections. More information can be found on the [UKHSA website](#).

Next edition

The next edition of Provider News will be published during week commencing 4 December 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