

# Leicestershire Adult Social Care Provider News



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## **The future of adult social care**

### **Adults and Communities Strategy – have your say**

The Council's Adults and Communities Department is updating its Adults and Communities Strategy.

The strategy will set future goals, ambitions and vision for the department and could include how and what we commission in terms of services.

We are keen to hear from our care providers to help influence the new strategy.

We are updating our self-assessment to prepare for our CQC assurance and are seeking your views on how well we support care providers.

If you would like to be part of our engagement, please [complete the survey](#) which is open now until 27 September. The survey contains background information about the strategy and a summary of our self-assessment followed by questions.

## **Guidance and good practice**

### **International Infection Prevention Week 2024, 13-19 October 2024**

Infection prevention and control (IPC) is a practical, evidence-based approach to prevent people from being harmed by avoidable infections. International Infection Prevention Week aims to shine a light on infection prevention every year.

Infection prevention plays a crucial role in keeping the public safe and healthy — protecting us from surges in healthcare-associated infections and so many other infectious threats.

Further information can be found on the following links:

- [Infection prevention basics](#)
- [NHS England Infection Prevention and Control Manual](#)
- [IPC Resource for Adult Social Care](#)

### **Vaccination**

Vaccination remains a priority action for the NHS, to protect people from serious illness and to support NHS and adult social care resilience. Ensuring that eligible people receive high quality information about vaccination from people they trust, and providing a convenient offer in which people have confidence, are essential to protect our population.

COVID-19 vaccinations will be available for all residents in care homes for older adults, as well as frontline health and social care workers and staff working in care homes for older adults. Resident in long-stay residential care homes will also be eligible for flu vaccine, as will frontline workers in social care settings that do not have an employer-led occupational health scheme.

We continue to encourage care homes to collate consent forms before the visits in October. [Template forms and letters](#).

## **Leicestershire County Council updates**

### **Reporting unwitnessed falls where injury has occurred**

An unwitnessed fall in a 24-hour care setting where injury has occurred is a potential safeguarding enquiry.

Currently at Leicestershire, the process is to report unwitnessed falls where injury has occurred through the Incident form. We are in the process of changing this as soon as possible as these falls are potential safeguarding referrals. Until informed otherwise please continue to report unwitnessed falls where injury has occurred through the Incident form. We will notify you as soon as we change the online forms to move unwitnessed falls from the Incident form to the Safeguarding form.

## **Learning and development**

### **Adult Social Care Learning and Development Support Scheme (LDSS)**

The WDF administered by Skills for Care is being scaled down in 2024-25. The Department of Health and Social Care has launched a new fund, the Adult Social Care Learning and Development Support Scheme (LDSS) for 2024 to 2025, and the new fund will be administered by NHS-BSA.

Eligible adult social care employers in England can claim staff training costs from the LDSS. The LDSS is available for non-regulated care staff, including deputy and Care Quality Commission-registered managers and agency staff, within the adult social care workforce.

Information on the scheme which includes:

- guidance on eligibility and the process which includes completing an expression of interest to gain access to the online claims service
- frequently asked questions
- course list

can be found on the [DHSC web page](#)

## **Consultations and research**

### **Palliative and end of life care services provided in Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland**

To help us with our work to support the proposed 5 year, All Age Palliative and End of Life Care Strategy for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR), we would like to hear from as many of you as possible.

We have a short [questionnaire](#), which takes around 5 minutes to complete. The closing date for responses is Friday 11 October 2024.

## Events

### EMCARE annual care conference 2024

EMCARE are holding their Annual Care Conference on 3 October 2024 at the Holiday Inn Wigston, LE18 1JW.

A limited number of tickets are still available, on sale until 30 September. To book tickets, go to [EMCARE Annual Conference 2024 - Eventbrite](#). EMCARE members will receive a refund of the price of the tickets once they've attended the conference. Tickets are limited to 2 per organisation.

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to call 0116 482 6669 / 07979 004 942.

### Regional care alliance event

East Midlands Care Association Alliance Conference is happening on Tuesday 5 November 2024 9.00-16.00 at Pride Park Stadium, Derby DE24 8XL.

This free event brings the quality of a national conference to a local stage, focusing on the issues that matter to providers in the East Midlands.

On the day there will be

- Presentations from leading sector representatives
- Networking opportunities
- Exhibition of services and products
- Lunch, and refreshments throughout the day

To book your free ticket and further information go to [CMM Insight East Midlands Care Association Alliance Conference 2024](#)

### LLR winter wellbeing festival – 4 November 2024

We are excited to invite you to the free #moregooddays [LLR Winter Wellbeing Festival](#), Monday 4 November 2024, 9.00-13.00 at Loros Hospice, Groby Road, LE3 9QE. Onsite parking is available.

Free to the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care System (LLR ICS) workforce, the event will bring together colleagues from health and social care, emergency services, local authority and voluntary and community sector to celebrate and explore how we can support our health and wellbeing in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

We welcome you all to come along and learn with us – [register now](#).

Please share this information with your colleagues and networks. Feel free to contact [llr.academy@nhs.net](mailto:llr.academy@nhs.net). We look forward to seeing you there.

## Commemoration, celebration and awareness raising

### World Suicide Prevention Day – 10 September 2024

10 September marked World Suicide Prevention Day, a national campaign to raise awareness and take meaningful steps towards preventing suicide.

The Start a Conversation campaign supports people who may be struggling with their mental health or thoughts of suicide. We believe we can do this together by sharing reliable information, raising awareness, having more open conversations and breaking down the stigma. Mental health and suicide are everyone's business so [Start a Conversation](#) today.

### International Day of Older People - 1 October 2024

Join the UK Network of Age-friendly Communities in marking [International Day of Older People](#), this October. This year's UK theme is: 'The part we play': Celebrating the integral role of older people in our communities.

Each year on 1 October, people across the world mark United Nations International Day of Older People to raise awareness of opportunities and challenges faced by ageing populations, and to mobilise the wider community to address difficulties faced by older people.

We all have a part to play in making our communities and neighbourhoods better places to age, and in celebrating and enabling the contributions of older people.

On this International Day of Older People, we are celebrating older people and the vital part they play, and have the potential to play, in making our community a better place to be.

Communities and organisations are welcome to mark the day in a way that's right for them.

However you choose to mark International Day of Older People this year, your activities will be helping to change the narrative on ageing, and get more people talking about the changes needed, so that everyone can enjoy a good later life, now and in the future.

## Reminders

### Next edition

The next edition of Provider News will be published during week commencing 23 September 2024. 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](mailto:enquirylinequality&contracts@leics.gov.uk).

### Useful links

- [Current and past editions of Leicestershire County Council Provider News](#)
- [Leicestershire County Council adult social care provider conference calls](#)

- [LLR Providing Care – resources, advice, signposting](#)
- [Leicestershire and Leicester Inspired to Care – recruitment and retention support](#)
- [Leicestershire Social Care Development Group \(LSCDG\)](#)