

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.

Learning and development

Learning and Development Support Scheme

The Department of Health and Social Care has recently published a new guidance document on the funding available for learning and development for the adult social care workforce. This new fund is called the Learning and Development Support Scheme and the guidance is available on GOV.UK here: [LDSS](#)

The Learning and Development Support Scheme is administered via a new digital online claims service that allows adult social care employers to claim funding for certain training courses and qualifications on behalf of eligible care staff. Funding is available for eligible courses and qualifications that have been both paid for and started between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 (inclusive).

LSCDG have arranged a session with DHSC colleagues - who will explain how this new funding will work.

Please join us on 7th October 2024, 11:00am to 12noon on MS Teams, click on the website link on the day [LSCDG - LDSS Event](#) to access the link.

Health and wellbeing

NHS England has set out their Winter priorities for 2024.

They have highlighted the winter vaccination programme is to play a key role in supporting people to stay well. They emphasise the importance of employers making every effort to maximise uptake of vaccinations in patient-facing staff, for their own health and wellbeing but also to contribute to the resilience of services, and to protect the safety of patients they are caring for.

COVID-19

COVID-19 vaccines are being offered to all those aged 65 or over, all those living in a care home for older adults and those in a clinical risk group. The aim is to prevent severe disease arising from COVID-19.

All front-line health and social care staff as well as staff working in a care home for older adults are also eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Autumn 2024.

Flu

Vaccination teams will make contact with care homes to arrange visits for residents. The eligibility criteria for flu vaccination remains unchanged this year, and are listed in the [2024 Flu letter](#).

The flu and COVID-19 vaccination campaign will commence on **Thursday 3 October 2024**.

RSV

The vaccination programme to protect against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is now underway, and is offered to adults who turn 75 on or after 1st September 2024, as well as those already aged 75 to 49. Individuals remain eligible until the day before their 80th birthday.

We are grateful for your continued support in enabling eligible individuals to receive their vaccinations. Further details can be found in the [DHSC letter dated 27 September 2024](#).

Amber weather warning issued for Leicestershire

With 12 flood alerts currently across Leicestershire, we are encouraging residents sign up for flood warning on the government's website <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Much of the advice on dealing with wet weather is common sense but we are reminding people to drive carefully on the roads and to not drive through flood water. Any road closures that are put in place are for your safety.

For further advice, and to report blocked drains and gullies, you can visit [Leicestershire County Council's website](#).

We will be issuing messages on social media frequently, reiterating a variety of advice that can be shared by retweeting/reposting or adapting the content to distribute the messaging through your channels.

Useful channels to follow for the latest updates on weather and stay safe in the storms alongside the council's own channels include:

X (Twitter)

Met Office East Midlands - @metofficeEMids

Environment Agency Midlands - @EnvAgencyMids

Leicestershire Police - @leicspolice

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service - @LeicsFireRescue

Facebook

Met Office - /metoffice

Environment Agency - /environmentagency

Leicestershire Police - /leicspolice

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service - /LeicsFireRescue

It is also worth following local/district councils and local flood wardens for more localised updates and further information.

Reminders

Next edition

The next edition of Provider News will be published during week commencing 14 October 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.

Useful links

- [Current and past editions of Provider News](#)
- [Provider conference calls](#)