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Guidance and good practice

Harrogate Community IPC Team - Cleaning Schedule for Care Homes

The Harrogate Community IPC Team have produced an IPC Cleaning schedule and record templates for Care Homes based on the *National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness 2021*, NHS England. It comprises three sections covering background information, the IPC cleaning schedule template and the IPC cleaning record template. Both templates have been designed to be adapted for local use. This resource provides templates to support care home to develop cleaning schedules and records in accordance with CQC registration requirements.

For further information visit: [Infection Prevention Control - Resources](#) where a short introductory video is available to view.

What is Adult Safeguarding – online information session

The next “What is Adult Safeguarding?” online information session for people who live in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland will be held on Thursday 23 January 2025, 10am -11am. This is a free event organised jointly by the Leicester and Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Boards.

You can [book your free place online](#) or for more details email lsab-events@leicester.gov.uk or call 0116 454 6270.

More information and resources are available on the safeguarding board websites.

<https://lrsb.org.uk>

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/lsab>

Leicestershire County Council updates

Home Care for Leicestershire Framework – Extension

The home care for Leicestershire framework will be extended until July 2026. The current extension will expire in October 2025 and before this date in approximately July 2025 framework providers will be issued with a formal extension letter that they will be asked to sign.

The new home care framework will be implemented from July 2026. The Tender will be published on ProContract in August 2025.

Positive Behaviour Support Network (PBS)

The next face to face meeting of the Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Provider Network has been arranged - please see details below.

- Date – Wednesday 12th February 2025
- Time – 14:00-16:00
- Venue - County Hall, Glenfield, LE3 8RA

The guest speaker at the meeting will be Joanne Prosser (Speech and Language Therapist / PBS Lead – Leicestershire Partnership Trust).

The network is for care home and supported living providers initially.

If you would like to attend the meeting or be included within the PBS Network please email the team at PositiveBehaviourSupportTeam@leics.gov.uk by Friday 7th February.

Learning and development

Eastmidscare webinar – creating bridges, supporting international recruits and their managers

[Book a place](#) on the webinar to hear about plans to develop a comprehensive Integration Toolkit. The toolkit will be designed to enable care providers, both managers and their workforce, to effectively support and manage new recruits who have been recruited internationally.

During the webinar there will be an opportunity for questions and feedback.

Date: Friday 24th January, 2pm – 3 pm

Procurement Act - short provider webinar on 24 January

A short (one-hour) [webinar on the Procurement Act](#) is available from the Cabinet Office on 24 January.

Public procurement is changing. On 24 February 2025, the rules that shape how public bodies buy goods and services will change.

The Procurement Act 2023 will introduce measures to improve and streamline the way procurement is done and benefit prospective suppliers of all sizes, particularly small businesses, start-ups and social enterprises.

As your business supplies or wishes to supply services to Leicestershire County Council, you need to know about the changes. The webinar will focus on what the key changes are, how a central digital platform will work (featuring a live demonstration), and will be an opportunity for you to ask questions on your own preparations for go-live.

Webinar – What is good support for trans people with a learning disability and/or autistic people, 19th February 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Based on their work developing the Brighton and Hove Autism Strategy and lived experience, the Trans Social Work Practitioner Network are running a webinar to share some practical advice for trans inclusive practice with people with a learning disability and/or autistic people on Wednesday 19th February 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm, [Book a free place](#) online.

Health and wellbeing

Supporting Our LLR Workforce to Stay Well Through Winter – Guidance for Leaders

As we navigate through the busy winter period, it is important to ensure that we continue prioritising our workforce's health and wellbeing. Supporting the health and wellbeing of our workforce is always essential. When we take care of our people, they are better equipped to deliver the high-quality care our patients and service users need.

The LLR Academy have put together a document which highlights key wellbeing initiatives and interventions available to help support our teams through the winter season.

[Supporting Our Workforce to Stay Well Through Winter – Guidance for Leaders](#)

[Wellbeing Resources available to download](#)

Consultations and research

Adult Social Care Survey

All local authorities are required to undertake an annual survey of people who use adult social care services, and this will be carried out in Leicestershire over the next few weeks. People who may potentially receive a questionnaire are those aged 18 or over and who receive services such as home care, community life choices, or have a direct payment. It also includes people in permanent residential or nursing care. Around 2,000 people have been randomly sampled from the Council's records and will be sent a questionnaire on 22nd January 2025.

The questions are set nationally and completion is voluntary, although a reminder is sent three weeks after the original questionnaire where individuals haven't responded, which is required by the national guidance.

Findings from the survey are the source for eight indicators in the national adult social care outcomes framework (ASCOF), and cover topics such as people's quality of life, social contact, finding information and feeling safe.

You can see an example of the report and the questionnaire on the NHS Digital publication page: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/social-care-user-surveys>

Reminders

Next edition

The next edition of Provider News will be published during week commencing 27 January 2025. 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 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 \(LSCDG\)](#)