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### Guidance and good practice

## **Spring 2025 COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign**

We are still seeing COVID-19 causing hospitalisations and severe illness, particularly among older people and those with weakened immune systems (immunosuppressed). It is important for those people at highest risk get their COVID-19 vaccination to help top up their immunity.

As of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, the Spring 2025 COVID-19 vaccinations will start for those who are eligible. The offer for a vaccination will continue until 17 June 2025.

Eligibility for a spring vaccination is as follows:

- All older care home residents
- Adults aged 75 years and over, (including those living in non-older adult care homes)
- All individuals who are immunosuppressed, (including those living in non-older adult care homes)

For all people living in a care home, consent will need to be obtained prior to them being vaccinated.

If you have any queries about the COVID-19 vaccination programme, please contact [healthprotection@leics.gov.uk](mailto:healthprotection@leics.gov.uk)

## **Leicestershire County Council updates**

### **Fee Uplift 2025/26**

Work is taking place to apply the Council's 2025/26 inflationary fee uplifts for the following services:

- Residential
- Home care
- Extra Care
- CLC day services
- Supported Living

All uplifts will take effect from 7/04/2025 and you should receive the uplift payments during May 2025.

### **Working Age Adults (WAA) High-cost placements**

We have commenced work on the desk-top review of high-cost WAA placements and will let providers know in the next few weeks when the information will be available on individual placements.

If you have any queries regarding the 2025/26 Fee Uplift, please email [feereview@leics.gov.uk](mailto:feereview@leics.gov.uk)

## **Learning and development**

### **Learning and Development Support Scheme**

The Learning and Development Support Scheme (LDSS) for the adult social care workforce, will continue in financial year 2025 to 2026. This means that the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) will continue to support adult social care employers to invest in learning and development for their staff, by providing a financial contribution towards the costs of training.

[Updated information](#), including guidance for employers and a list of courses and qualifications eligible for funding, has been published on [GOV.UK](#).

## **County council election nears**

With just five weeks to go before Leicestershire County Council's elections, people are being urged to make sure they use their vote. Residents who are not already registered to vote need to apply by midnight on Friday, 11 April on the [Government's website](#) (Link is external and opens in new window).

## **Commemoration, celebration and awareness raising**

### **Celebrating Social Care**

This April Skills for Care are once again [Celebrating Social Care](#), focusing on the amazing people who work in care. This is the fourth year running the campaign to raise the profile of social care and its important contribution to society, share positive stories and create a feeling of community, celebration and pride among the social care workforce.

To get involved download the resource pack from the [Skills for Care website](#) which includes selfie cards, social media images, email banners and blog templates.

## **Reminders**

### **Next edition**

The next edition of Provider News will be published during week commencing 14 April 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](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 \(LSCDG\)](#)