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Leicestershire County Council updates

Help Shape the Future of Dementia Care in Leicestershire

Leicestershire County Council and Leicester City Council are recommissioning a Dementia Support Service—and this is your chance to influence what that should look like. We want to create a service that truly transforms lives for those living with dementia and their carers, and your expertise can help make that happen.

Why Get Involved?

We're inviting providers to take part in soft market testing to help shape a Dementia Support Service. This is your opportunity to share your ideas, express your interest, and help define what an outstanding dementia support model should include. Your insights will guide the principles of our specification and ensure the service meets real needs based on living/lived experience.

What You Need to Know

We are carrying out soft market testing to carry out an evidence and needs led model, that supports people living with dementia and their carers. Please refer to the [LLR Dementia Strategy](#) which sets out Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland's ambition to support people to live well with dementia.

Key Dates

Expression of Interest deadline: 12 noon, 1st December 2025

Tender launch: 3rd April 2026

Contract start: 1st October 2026

Ready to Make an Impact?

Please log in and register your expression of interest by 1st December 2025 by following the link: [SCE0045 Dementia Support Service Soft Market Test](#)

Together, let's design a service that delivers compassion, innovation, a needs and evidence led approach, for people living with dementia and their carers.

Health and wellbeing

Mouth Cancer Action Month

This November, the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board is teaming up with the East Midlands Cancer Alliance Oracle Cancer Trust and the Cancer Community Connectors in Leicester to shine a spotlight on mouth cancer.

Our campaign aims to raise awareness of the symptoms and highlight the increased risks linked to shisha smoking and chewing paan/betel nut - especially within South Asian, Middle Eastern and Black communities where cases of Mouth Cancer are higher.

Other risk factors include cigarette smoking, HPV (Human Papillomavirus) infection, heavy alcohol use and having an unhealthy diet and being overweight/obese.

Mouth cancer claims one life every three hours in the UK. Over 10,000 people are diagnosed each year, but early detection can save lives. If caught early, 85 out of 100 people survive.

It's important to check your mouth regularly and be aware of the signs of mouth cancer. If you notice any of the following symptoms lasting three weeks or more, speak to your GP:

- Difficulty chewing or swallowing
- Numbness or pain in the face, neck or mouth
- Persistent bad breath
- Rough or sore patches in the mouth
- Ongoing earache
- Unexplained weight loss

You can do a self-check in under two minutes. Watch the video below and make it part of your routine.

To find out more, visit: <https://eastmidlandscanceralliance.nhs.uk/patient/campaign-resource-hub/mouth-cancer/mouth-cancer-action-month>

Consultations and research

New Carers' Strategy for adult carers in Leicestershire

Leicestershire County Council is developing a new Carers' Strategy for Leicestershire's adult carers to set out how the council will work with partners to support unpaid carers needs. The new strategy will be launched in early 2026.

The county council is asking unpaid carers to help them shape the support available, by joining one of two online meetings being held to discuss how to develop the new carers' strategy. Meetings will be held on Tuesday 2 December, between 10am – 11:30am and Thursday 8 January 2026, between 10am – 11:30am. Please email carers@leics.gov.uk with the date you would like to attend.

If you are unable to attend either meeting, you can still make your voice heard by completing the council's Leicestershire [New Carers Strategy - carers engagement](#)

[survey](#). Tell the county council what is important to you as a carer and how you would like to be supported to continue caring before 11 January 2026.

Reminders

Next edition

The next edition of Provider News will be published during week commencing 8 December 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 Provider News](#)
- [Provider conference calls](#)