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Learning and development

Topic Workshops

Leicestershire County Council are running a programme of workshops. The workshops will be available for providers of all services, including Residential and Nursing, Homecare, Supported Living, Extra Care and Community Life Choices.

The workshops will be interactive with activities and an opportunity to work together and learn from each other. Providers will also be able to participate and co-produce the workshops and identify areas they wish to focus on and shape in the future sessions.

The next workshop is:

Promoting Person Centred Care and Dignity

Room 140, County Hall, Glenfield LE3 8RL

10.00am – 12.30pm (arrival from 9.30am)

Thursday 10th September 2026

Please use the [link](#) to book onto the workshop

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Connect to Work

Connect to Work is a government-funded employment programme delivered by Leicester City Council, in partnership with Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council. It helps individuals to overcome barriers to employment and move closer to finding meaningful, sustainable work.

Funded by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), it also provides support for those in work but at risk of losing their job, helping them to retain their employment.

How you can get involved:

- Refer residents who are looking for work and need extra support
- Work with us to help local employers and the council fill vacancies through the scheme

The referral process is now open and can be found here:

[Leicester Employment Hub | Connect to Work](#)

Please contact the Connect to Work team for more information:

connecttowork@leics.gov.uk

Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland - Mental Capacity Act Workshop

Colleagues at Leicester City Council are holding a workshop focusing on the Mental Capacity Act:

Location: The Tea Rooms, Town Hall, Town Hall Square, Leicester, LE1 9BG

Date: Thursday 12th November 2026

Time: 10:00am – 12:30pm, please arrive at 09:45am

RSVP by 10th November 2026

[Booking Link for MCA Session](#)

Care England – Virtual Events

Care England are holding a number of events for support providers; more details can be found [here](#).

The next event, taking place on Friday 21st August 2026 is a free, nine-week online improvement programme designed to help care home providers strengthen dementia care through practical, achievable actions that can be implemented immediately.

More information can be found [here](#).

Oral Nutritional Supplement (ONS) Replacement in Care Homes Scheme Free Training Available

The ONS replacement in care homes scheme was launched 1st September 2025. Care homes are strongly advised to follow this and detailed information can be found [here](#).

Free Improving Community Adult Nutrition (I-CAN) training is available to all care homes across the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland area, more information and upcoming dates can be found [here](#).

Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) – Employer Link Service

The Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) offer a range of learning sessions for independent health and social care (IHSC) employers, please find more information [here](#).

Health and wellbeing

Supporting People with Learning Disabilities to Stay Protected Through Vaccination

People with a learning disability can be at greater risk of serious illness from infections such as flu, COVID-19 and other vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccination is one of the most effective ways to help people stay healthy, maintain their independence and avoid unnecessary hospital admissions.

Supported living providers and day service providers play a vital role in helping people understand the benefits of vaccination, access appointments and receive any reasonable adjustments they may need. Further information can be found [here](#).

Gastric Outbreaks Within Social Care Settings

Colleagues in the Infection Prevention and Control Service have advised that there have been a number of diarrhoea and vomiting outbreaks. The outbreaks have not been managed correctly e.g. poor initial assessment of symptoms, continuing to administer laxatives and a lack of understanding/use of the Bristol Stool Chart etc.

A new webinar recording regarding the management of gastrointestinal (GI) outbreaks which is available via the link [GI Outbreaks in ASC Settings](#)

If you have any questions, contact us on infection@leics.gov.uk

Consultations and research

Standards for Student Nurse Placements in Social Care Learning Environments

The University of Salford is inviting adult social care professionals in England and Wales to take part in a national study, funded by the General Nursing Council Trust (GNCT), to help shape the future of nursing and nursing associate student placements in social care. As part of this work, draft Standards for Nursing Student Placements in Social Care Learning Environments have been developed using the CARES framework. Registered Nurses, Nursing Associates, Registered Managers and those working in or supporting adult social care through practice, education or policy are invited to complete a [short questionnaire](#).

Events

Provider Teleconferences - All Service Areas

All dates of provider teleconferences and updated links can be found [here](#).

Please do not use any previous links you may have saved and join the calls using the links on the above webpage.

Training Session for Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Organisations

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire (VAL) are holding an online training session on Wednesday 30th September 2026 for VCSE organisations interested in learning about tenders, frameworks and public procurement. More information and booking details can be found [here](#).

Community Safety Workshop

The upcoming "Your Voice. Your Safety. Your Community" workshop in Coalville focuses on LGBTQ+ experiences of safety, support, and inclusion across Leicestershire. The workshop is planned for Friday 9th October 2026 in Coalville.

Funded by the NIHR Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) Leicestershire, the workshop is a chance to share your experiences, ideas and what you think needs to change, helping make sure the research reflects a broad range of LGBTQ+ voices from across the county.

If you're interested, you can register [here](#), registration is open until 25th September 2026. Places are limited to 30 participants. Participants must be aged 16 and over and live in Leicestershire (excluding Leicester City).

EMCARE (East Midlands Care Association) Annual Care Conference 2026

EMCARE's Annual Care Conference is the main local event for CQC registered care providers (*members of EMCARE & non-members*), in Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland (LLR) bringing together 200 plus attendees.

Location: Holiday Inn Leicester – Wigston by IHG, 299 Leicester Road, Wigston, Leicester, LE18 1JW
Date: Thursday 05th November 2026
Time: 08:30am – 04:30pm

Please find more information and booking details [here](#), please note early bird tickets are available until Friday 4th September 2026, subject to availability.

Next edition

The next edition of Provider News will be published during week commencing 21st September 2026. 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 ascengage@leics.gov.uk

Useful links

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