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Guidance and good practice

National Patient Safety Alert: Patient hoists and slings (all types): risk of death and serious harm from falls

Fatal and serious harm continues to occur when patients fall from hoists or slings during transfers and repositioning. A review of recent incidents with a fatal outcome and wider surveillance data shows an average of two deaths per year since 2015.

Further information is available at [National Patient Safety Alert](#) (GOV.UK).

Leicestershire County Council updates

Residential Hospital Discharges

We are seeing a slow response to requests for placements for people when being discharged from hospital. It is more beneficial for people to be discharged as soon as they are medically fit to reduce the time they are staying in hospital.

To support this it is important we are able to reach a decision maker within your organisation as soon as possible. Please can requests from the brokerage team be prioritised for a response to enable them to progress requests for placements as soon as possible.

Learning and development

LSCDG welcomes new Learning & Development Advisors

We are delighted to welcome three new Learning & Development Advisors to the Leicestershire Social Care Development Group (LSCDG). Joining our team from the beginning of September, they will play a key role in supporting adult social care providers across Leicester and Leicestershire through high-quality training and development opportunities. The new advisors come to us with a wealth of experience, knowledge and skills, and a passion for workforce development. LSCDG is committed to strengthening the care workforce and raising standards across the sector through its wide range of learning and development initiatives.

Over the coming months, our new advisors will be working closely with providers. To find out more about the support, training programmes and resources available through LSCDG, please visit the LSCDG website: lscdg.org.

Events

Nutrition & Health: Supporting People with Learning Disabilities

Join us for a free training day for learning disability care staff exploring nutrition, physical activity and health on Thursday 19th November 2026.

Hosted by Leicestershire County Council in partnership with Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust.

The day will include expert presentations, interactive workshops, case study discussions and networking opportunities with local health and social care services.

This event is for staff in the below settings who support people with a learning disability:

- Care home staff
- Nursing home staff
- Supported living staff
- Domiciliary care staff
- Short breaks and respite service staff

More information and booking details can be found at [Nutrition and Health: Supporting People with Learning Disabilities](#) (Eventbrite).

Please note: this event is intended for learning disability care providers within Leicestershire County only.

Next edition

The next edition of Provider News will be published during week commencing 26th October 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](#)