



Information

for adult social care providers

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Dear Colleague,

This bulletin focuses on an essential new Infection Prevention Control (IPC) training support offer for all Domiciliary Care and Supported Living Providers, and an update on financial support in August and September for adult social care providers' additional Covid-19 costs.

New Infection Prevention Control (IPC) training

A new and vital training support offer is now in place for all Domiciliary Care and Supported Living providers.

It has been developed collaboratively with partners across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland councils, including Public Health, as well as the CCGs and the Leicestershire Homecare Alliance, in response to the Leicester conurbation lockdown.

The [Infection Control presentation](#) covers the essentials of IPC detailed below:

- Standards of infection prevention and control
- Principles of hand hygiene (including a useful video)
- Use of PPE including sessional use
- Problems with using PPE
- Cleaning and decontamination
- Disposal of waste
- Handling hygiene

The presentation is intended as a refresher with the addition of essential information pertaining to Covid-19 which staff can view from smart phones, tablets and PCs.

Alternatively, you could use this presentation as part of your training schedule, staff meetings and supervisions.

Given the current lockdown within Leicester and parts of Leicestershire, we strongly encourage you to [view the new resource](#) and share with your staff as a matter of urgency.

We intend to develop this resource and would welcome providers' feedback via our dedicated provider communication line enquirylinequality&contracts@leics.gov.uk, in respect of content, delivery methodology and how your staff responded to it.

Leicestershire County Council support in August and September for adult social care providers' additional Covid-19 costs

You will recall that Leicestershire County Council commissioned an organisation to examine the impact of Covid-19 on home care, residential care, and Supported Living providers' costs. The work, which examined real provider additional costs within home care, residential care and supported living, found that the majority of extra expenditure has related to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The analysis guided us in determining further financial support to you from Leicestershire County Council for May, June and July.

Based on information about current usage and costs of PPE we are keeping the approach the same for August and September, and we are notifying you of this now so that you have some certainty of the support available to your organisation. Payment dates will be advised in a future bulletin.

These payments are different from the £6.7m Leicestershire Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund (ICF), for which information can be found in previous bulletins, and in specific communications sent to your organisation, where relevant.

We'd like to remind you of the repayment from September of the 'forward payment' made to you in April – please see [bulletin 14](#) for further information. We will be writing during week commencing 27 July with further details and to outline repayment options for you to choose from.

We will shortly be explaining how providers' exceptional costs incurred over and above the amounts paid by the authority, will be considered.

Home care additional costs

The August and September payments will be calculated by applying £1.30 per hour to commissioned hours for the relevant 4-week care periods.

Residential care additional costs

There will be a payment of £25 per service user, per week in Working Age Adults and Older Adults residential settings for August and September. The calculation will be based on the commissioned packages for the relevant 4-week care period.

Supported Living additional costs

There will be a payment of £25 per service user, per week for the relevant August and September 4-week care periods.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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