



Information

for adult social care providers

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Dear Colleague,

Please find below a number of updates which I hope you'll find useful.

Antibody testing for adult social care staff

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Groups have commissioned a service to offer COVID-19 antibody testing for social care staff. This offer is now available to your employees, [more information on how to access the test is available online](#).

LSCDG digital offer – Webinars and e-Learning

In light of the current COVID-19 situation, all LSCDG face-to-face training is cancelled. LSCDG are reviewing the situation on a regular basis, and where possible will utilise alternative digital methods of delivery, including pre-recorded and live webinars, and e-learning.

LSCDG would like to understand your experience of webinars and what online training you would like to see in the future. The survey will take you less than five minutes to complete. Please click on this link:

<https://surveys.leics.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=159774759144>

The survey will close on 18 September 2020. If you have any queries, please email lscdg@leics.gov.uk

For more information and to access the webinars visit the [LSCDG website](#) (under Webinars). LSCDG also offers e-learning on a range of topics. Please note that you will need an account on the hub to access the webinars - if you do not have an account please get in touch on lscdg@leics.gov.uk.

LSCDG Care Certificate Live Webinar

A live webinar is planned on 29 September 2020 (event time 1:30pm). Details to enrol will be confirmed, but please put the date in your diary. The topic will explore how support staff undergoing the Care Certificate. Please contact lscdg@leics.gov.uk if you have any questions.

Caring for friends and family as an unpaid carer

There is a range of national and local advice and information on organisations that can help support unpaid carers and their families:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/looking-after-friends-or-family-when-they-leave-hospital-leaflet>

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/looking-after-someone/coronavirus-guidance-for-unpaid-carers>

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/looking-after-someone>

Support for Carers provides independent information and support to carers in Leicestershire to download their leaflet or guide for carers visit:

<https://www.supportforcarers.org/resources/downloads>

Admissions to care homes - updated guidance

The [Admission and Care of Residents in a Care Home during COVID-19 guidance](#) was updated on 2 September 2020

Weekend testing in care homes

The Adult Social Care team at the DHSC has recently issued a letter on [weekend testing in care homes, and an ask for assistance with promoting its use](#).

Changes to shielding guidance

Please see this information from the DHSC on [changes to shielding guidance, and safe return to work for adult social care employees](#)

Updated reuse of medicines guidance issued

Please be aware of latest government update on the reuse of medicines: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): reuse of medicines in a care home or hospice](#)

As ever, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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