



Information

for adult social care providers

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 Leicestershire
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Dear Colleagues,

Please find information below on several COVID-19 related matters.

Drop in COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Loughborough

We emailed providers earlier this week to advise that drop-in vaccination clinics are currently running in Loughborough to make it more convenient for people, including adult social care workers, to receive their first COVID-19 vaccine dose.

Social care workers living or working in Loughborough are eligible to attend the walk-in clinics, which are available on:

- Thursday 10 June 2021 at Charnwood Borough Council's offices, Southfield Road, Loughborough, LE11 2TX - 8:30 to 12:30
- Thursday 17 June to Sunday 20 June 2021 in Fearon Hall Community Centre, Rectory Road, Loughborough, LE11 1PL - 12.00-21.00

There is no need for workers to book – they can just turn up. However, please check the website for further details, including the eligibility information at <https://www.leicestercityccg.nhs.uk/additional-covid-vaccination-clinics/>

The clinics will all be offering the Pfizer vaccine which means it is suitable for people of all eligible ages and those who are pregnant.

People who would prefer to book an appointment in advance can do so at the Hospital Hubs via <https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/leicesterc19v.php>

Vaccine confidence Healthy Conversations Toolkit videos

In March we announced the launch of the Healthy Conversations Toolkit, containing bespoke resources that have been developed to support your conversations with staff to improve vaccine confidence:

<https://www.healthyconversationskills.co.uk/vaccineconfidence>

Animated videos to complement the toolkit have been produced focusing on three areas:

- Fertility - <https://youtu.be/9-HCMLDF7WY>
- Vaccine confidence - <https://youtu.be/WKx4lgzZUYQ>
- Vaccine side effects - <https://youtu.be/ZE-5zjasK60>

Please use them with your teams.

If you would like support in using the toolkit please contact our Public Health team at melissa.maiden@leics.gov.uk

Important reminder about the 'await care' list for home care

Please note that the 'await care' list is for contracted home care agencies only and must not be shared with other agencies. We have been advised that a non-contracted home care agency has recently been sent the secure email containing the list by another agency. Because of the secure email format, access to the content was denied; if the content had been accessed it would have been a significant data breach.

Inspired to Care recruitment campaign - load your vacancies now!

Inspired to Care has been working with a professional marketing agency to create a recruitment advert to celebrate the social care workforce and inspire people to join our sector. At a time where we are seeing fewer active job seekers as people return to substantive roles in other sectors, this will be Inspired to Care's largest ever recruitment marketing campaign for adult social care in Leicestershire. As we prepare for the launch we are inviting members to upload all of your vacancies to our free vacancy board.

The campaign will launch on Wednesday 23 June and will be seen across various platforms including social media, TV streaming platforms, YouTube, sent out to our extensive national and local network, and publicised to local media.

The call to action for applicants will be to head over to the [Inspired to Care website's vacancy board](#) where they will be presented with live vacancies from our providers. We will see a huge increase in website traffic once our advert goes live, which will give a unique opportunity for an audience with thousands of local, high-quality candidates, looking for work.

Career progression is a key factor that candidates take into consideration when job searching. We want to use the Inspired to Care vacancy board to showcase the career pathways that your organisation has to offer. To do this, please upload all your vacancies to the website. This includes your entry level care / support professional roles but also your management and leadership vacancies, administrative positions, maintenance and domestic roles, HR and recruitment, and any other vacancy your service is actively recruiting for in Leicestershire.

To make your adverts stand out in the crowd, read the advice in the Inspired to Care Recruitment and Retention toolkit at <https://www.inspiretocare.co.uk/recruitment-and-retention-toolkit> and follow these top tips:

- Always put your benefits and unique selling points at the top of the advert to grab people's attention— now is a great time to explore how you can promote your unique selling points
- Include reviews from your staff and people that use your service; ask these people to write down why they love working for / being supported by your service and include these quotes in your advert
- Focus on the values you are looking for from your next recruits. Visit <https://www.inspiretocare.co.uk/values-based-recruitment> for further information about values to look for
- Provide links to your website and social media to give candidates an insight into your service and the roles. Why not create some 'day in the life' case studies? Here is an example: <https://www.inspiretocare.co.uk/diary-of-a-support-worker>

Here's how to upload your adverts:

1. Log in to the members area (<https://www.inspiretocare.co.uk/employer-members>) - if you need the password to get in, please send us an email at inspiretocare@leics.gov.uk)
2. Click on the 'post a job' button
3. Complete the vacancy form (don't copy and paste your standard job description – be creative and inspiring!)
4. Once you have submitted the advert it will be sent to us for approval and publishing
5. You can add as many vacancies as you wish but you do not need to put the same advert up multiple times for the same role in different locations, as you can select multiple locations that you are looking for staff in the vacancy form.

Please review your current adverts on the website and email us to remove old adverts. The newer the advert, the higher it appears on the page – so remember to refresh them every couple of weeks!

Infection Control and Testing Fund (ICTF)

Reporting

All providers are now asked to report ICTF expenditure for May 2021 - please use this link to the online form to report, by Monday 21 June, all eligible expenditure for the period 1 May to 31 May 2021:

<https://surveys.leics.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=162029249296>

For care homes there are two pages to complete, one for infection control and one for rapid testing. For community providers there is an infection control page only to

complete. Community providers will be supported with rapid testing costs via the ICTF discretionary fund and will report those costs separately. For more information about the fund including the grant conditions, see the DHSC information at this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-social-care-infection-control-and-testing-fund/annex-c-grant-conditions>

By accepting payment from the ICTF, your organisation accepts the grant conditions, including the requirement to complete the final return in July. Failure to meet those conditions may result in payment being withheld or payments made having to be refunded.

Discretionary Fund – applications

Community providers and care homes registered in Leicestershire can now make grant applications for support from the discretionary element of Leicestershire's ICTF via this link: <https://surveys.leics.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=160795259818>

The funding can be used to support care providers to take additional steps to tackle the risk and costs of COVID-19 infection control and rapid testing, and is allocated at the local authority's discretion.

- For infection control, discretionary funding support includes providing support on the infection prevention and control measures to a broader range of care settings, such as community and day support services, and also supporting providers who face increased costs as a consequence of their individual circumstances or due to effects of the pandemic, and other activity that boosts the resilience and supply of staff in their organisation to support effective infection control.
- For rapid testing, discretionary funding must be used to support the delivery of lateral flow testing. In particular, this funding is being provided to support the rollout of lateral flow testing in extra care and supported living, but can be accessed by other providers too.
- Care homes and community providers that receive direct funding from ICTF can request support from the discretionary funds in relation to infection control and rapid testing costs not covered by the main measures.

Providers and care homes can submit one application for infection control and one for rapid testing – i.e. a maximum of two applications. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 16 June 2021.

Once your application has been submitted it will be reviewed and you will receive a response by 23 June 2021, and payments will be made at the end of the ICTF funding period.

Payment will only be made to providers and care homes that are regularly updating the tracker, submitting monthly returns, and meeting all the conditions of the ICTF grant. The grant conditions are set out on the DHSC website and can be seen at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-social-care-infection-control-and-testing-fund/annex-c-grant-conditions>

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Pruden at dave.pruden@leics.gov.uk

EU Settlement Scheme – final reminder

Bulletin 60 (December 2020) included the EU Settlement Scheme - to continue living and/or working in the UK, people must apply by 30 June 2021 to be considered for settled status. Further information is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>. Please remind workers, residents and other people supported of this important deadline.

Data Security Prevention Toolkit (DSPT)

It is a compulsory requirement to complete the DSPT if you have an NHS Mail account, if you have access to any NHS digital records or if you contract with the NHS. During the COVID-19 outbreak, the NHS temporarily waived this requirement. However, this waiver will come to an end on 30 June 2021.

EMCARE has been awarded a grant as part of the national Better Security, Better Care programme to deliver a free programme to support all local care providers registered with CQC across LLR, and can help you complete the DSPT.

The programme is holding two interactive workshops via Zoom, which you are invited to attend:

- Wednesday 16 June 2021, 12.30pm–14.30
- Thursday 17 June 2021, 10.00-12.00

For further information or if you wish to attend a workshop please contact Baz Kanabar, Project Delivery Officer, dspt@emcare.org.uk, 07369 200247. Numbers for the workshops are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Yours sincerely,

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The archive of all previous COVID-19 provider bulletins released since March 2020 can be found at <https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/working-with-you-during-coronavirus>