



Information for adult social care providers

Covid-19 and Flu

Bulletin 128 – 11 February 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Consultation launched on revoking vaccination as a condition of deployment

[A national consultation](#) launched on 9 February to seek views on the government's intention to revoke vaccination as condition of deployment (VCOD) requirements.

However, the importance of vaccination remains clear: vaccines save lives, and everyone working in health and social care is still strongly encouraged to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The consultation is set to close next week on Wednesday 16 February at 23.45. You can respond to the consultation [here](#).

Pop-up vaccination clinics

Further pop-up vaccination clinics have been confirmed for the next few days:

Venue	Address	Date and time	Doses offered
Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, Western Station	Aikman Avenue, New Parks, Leicester. LE3 9PW	11/02/2022 – 13/02/2022 9am – 4pm	Friday for those age 16+: 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd dose Booster Saturday and Sunday, for those age 12+: 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd dose Booster
Tesco South Wigston	Blaby Road, South Wigston, Leicester. LE18 4SE	11/02/2022 – 13/02/2022 9am – 4pm	Friday, for those age 16+: 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd dose Booster Saturday and Sunday, for those age 12+: 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd dose Booster

Venue	Address	Date and time	Doses offered
St Peter's Church	Woodshawe Rise, Braunstone, LE3 1RH	18/02/2022 – 9am – 4pm 19/02/2022 – 9am – 4pm 20/02/2022 – 12pm – 4pm	Friday for those age 16+: 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd dose, Booster Saturday and Sunday for those age 12+: 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd dose, Booster
Lidl, Coalville	48 Thornborough Rd, Coalville, LE67 3TH	18/02/2022 – 20/02/2022 9am – 4pm	Friday for those age 16+: 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd dose, Booster Saturday and Sunday for those age 12+, 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd dose, Booster

Vaccination clinic dates and locations are updated regularly. You can find all clinics [here](#) or visit the county's drive-through vaccination centre at County Hall, Glenfield, LE3 8RA, open Wednesday to Sunday, 1100 to 19.00.

Visiting in care homes

The new guidance on care home visiting has been published and is available [here](#).

COVID-19 testing in adult social care settings

Full staff testing guidance documents have now been published to provide detail on all staff undertaking a daily LFD test on each day they are working, before they begin work. Providers are asked to implement these changes by 16 February.

- [Overview of testing in adult social care](#)
- [Testing for adult care homes](#)
- [Testing for extra care and supported living settings](#)
- [Testing for home care staff](#)
- [Testing for personal assistants](#)
- [Testing for day centres](#)

Reminder to order free additional PPE

As outlined in [last week's bulletin](#), the government has confirmed that from 1 April 2022 the Local Resilience Forum will no longer be required to provide free PPE to services across Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland.

Stock is still available to providers – all orders must be placed by the end of day on Monday 28 February to allow orders to be processed. This offer will not affect your supply from the national portal.

Currently items in stock available to order include:

- Protective gloves
- Aprons
- Type IIR masks
- Hand sanitiser
- Visors
- Waste sacks
- Non-sterile gowns
- Coveralls
- Tissues
- FFP3 masks

Order now for collection by [filling in the online form](#) (green 'order PPE now' button towards the bottom of the web page) indicating the quantities of the equipment you would like to request on a one-off basis. Please ignore the month's supply note.

If you are unable to collect, please email us at A&Chub-emergency&bcplanning@leics.gov.uk, explaining why you cannot collect. Delivery will only be in exceptional circumstances.

Please contact LRF.PPESupport@leics.gov.uk with any queries.

Finance update

Infection control, testing and workforce funding

Initial payments have been made for the Workforce Recruitment and Retention Fund (WRF) and Infection Control and Testing Fund round 3 (ICTF3) following submission of expenditure reports for October and November. This month we will ask providers to request funding from ICTF3 discretionary fund, and to report direct expenditures from ICTF3 for December and January, and from the Omicron Fund for January only. Later in February we will request details of the workforce expenditures so that payments can be made from those funds.

February will be a busy month for reporting so please monitor these bulletins and if you have any questions email Dave Pruden at dave.pruden@leics.gov.uk.

Residential care fee review

There will be a review of residential care fees, driven by the Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Policy, set out by the DHSC. One of the main aims of the national social care reforms announced in September 2021 is to reduce the gap between fees paid by local authorities and those paid by self-funders. It requires councils to do three things by September 2022:

1. Complete a cost of care exercise to determine a sustainable fee rate
2. Develop sustainability plan to demonstrate the pace at which the council can move towards a sustainable fee rate
3. Produce a spend report explaining how money will be allocated to achieve a more sustainable local market

This is the context in which we will develop the fee increases for residential care and home care for 2022-2025. A cost of care questionnaire has been sent to care homes for return on Monday 28 February, a first step to determining the residential cost of care in Leicestershire. We are aware of the cost pressures which providers are facing, and plan on announcing the April 2022 increase in March 2022.

Home Care for Leicestershire

The Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Policy set out by the DHSC also applies to the home care sector. We intend to update the extensive cost of care analysis performed in connection with the procurement of Home Care for Leicestershire to develop the sustainability plan for the home care market.

Other news

LLR Mental Health & Wellbeing Hub outreach team

The Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub (LLR MHW Hub) has a new outreach team to help care sector staff access mental health and wellbeing support.

The new outreach team led by Salim Khalifa and Leona Knott can offer staff the opportunity to access free in-person or digital outreach sessions, which include:

- LLR Hub health and wellbeing initiatives.
- Direct referrals into talking therapy services.
- Access to the online tool SilverCloud for self-help guides or assisted support with a member of our team around anxiety, stress, sleep.
- In-person and digital outreach where staff can speak to a worker.
- Videos and programmes on resilience and mindfulness.

How can staff access information or get support?

Staff can visit the website www.llrstaffwellbeing.org or call 0116 254 4388

Outreach clinics

Onsite health and wellbeing clinics are convenient and the preferred option for staff. The outreach team can provide a dedicated space for staff to talk. They can work with staff to navigate what services are best for their need, provide information and direct referrals into free talking therapy services.

To book outreach sessions, or if would like more information, please contact:



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NHS Mail – shared mailboxes

Following a review, NHSx/NHSD has decided to relax the limit of 10 accounts per shared NHS Mail box.

Care providers will need to complete an email template which is sent to the NAS helpdesk at careadmin@nhs.net.

The email template will ask you to:

- Justify more than 10 accounts, citing one of a list of justifications which will be provided
- Confirm that the DSPT has been met
- Confirm that all existing individual accounts linked to the shared mailbox are being actively used

NAS will process the request and if approved in principle will ask the provider to provide a spreadsheet detailing the individuals requiring individual accounts and their contact details

Further information will follow when it is available.

Workforce Development Fund deadlines

Here is a reminder of key dates to ensure you claim your Workforce Development Fund funding for this financial year 2021-2022.

25 February 2022	Last date to submit partnership forms to join the LSCDG partnership to claims WDF	Partnership Form
31 March 2022	To update the eligibility criteria for the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS).	ASC-WDS
31 May 2022	Last submission date LSCDG will submit final claims to Skills for Care (SfC). Don't forget you can also claim funding £50 for any completed Skills for Care digital learning modules.	List of Qualifications

Please do not miss out on this fantastic opportunity to access funding - please share this information with others.

If you have any questions then get in touch with Melanie on 0116 305 4530 or email lscdg@leics.gov.uk

Need support with the adult social care workforce data set? Email lscdg@leics.gov.uk

'We are social care nurses' newsletter

Skills for Care has published the first edition of '[We Are Social Care Nurses](#)', a new regular bulletin sharing blogs, interviews and news from people working in social care nursing and other experts in the field.

The bulletin will feature regular messages from Deborah Sturdy, Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care, sharing her thoughts on the issues that matter most to social care nurses. The newsletter is all about sharing and celebrating the exceptional work they do and helping their voices to be heard.

The first edition is available to download using the link above, but if you'd like to receive future bulletins, please subscribe by completing [this form](#) on the Skills for Care website.

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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>