



Information for adult social care providers

Covid-19 and Flu

Bulletin 132 –11 March 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Social Care Day of Remembrance and Reflection

A [Social Care Day of Remembrance and Reflection](#) will be held on 17 March, recognising the recent and ongoing challenges faced by the adult social care sector.

A range of organisations have collaborated to develop the day, and have created [Memorial](#) and [Thank You](#) walls to give the opportunity to remember people sadly lost during the pandemic. It also offers a time for reflection on the critical role that the adult social care sector plays to keep people safe and supported.

Ahead of that day, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all workers in the sector for your continuing efforts in supporting people in Leicestershire.

Revocation of VCOD: latest update

As we reported in [bulletin 131](#), regulations making COVID-19 vaccination a condition of deployment (VCOD) in health and social care will be revoked with effect from Tuesday 15 March.

A document has now been produced answering [frequently asked questions](#) on the revocation of VCOD which we recommend that you read.

The government is clear that those working in health and social care have a professional responsibility to be vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19, and so your efforts in continuing to promote vaccine confidence in your workforce and emphasise the importance of booster vaccinations is appreciated.

If you want to read more, here's where you can find further information:

- [Consultation on removing vaccination as a condition of deployment for health and social care staff](#)
- [Consultation response to revoking vaccination as a condition of deployment across all health and social care](#)

COVID-19 vaccination: guide to the spring booster

People aged 75 years and older, residents in care homes for older people, and those aged 12 years and over with a weakened immune system will be offered a spring booster of coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine. Further information on the roll-out will be available shortly; in the meantime please read this useful [guide to the spring booster for those aged 75 years and older residents in care homes](#).

Pop-up vaccination clinics

Further pop-up vaccination clinics have been confirmed for the next few days. Sometimes, opening times may change or clinics are stood down, so please check [the website](#) for the latest information.

Location	Address	Dates running (Friday – Sunday unless specified)	Time	Doses offered
Morrison's, Coalville	Whitwick Road, Coalville. LE67 3JN	11/03/2022	9am – 3pm	Friday: 16+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Booster
			3pm – 5pm	Friday: 12+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Booster
		12/03/2022 – 13/03/2022	9am – 5pm	Saturday and Sunday: 12+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Booster
Hinckley Leisure Centre	Argents Mead, Hinckley. LE10 1BZ	11/03/2022	12pm – 3pm	Friday: 16+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Booster
			3pm – 7pm	Friday: 12+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Booster
Oakwood Pharmacy	2A Main Steet, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough. LE12 8RZ	11/03/2022	9am – 3pm	Friday: 16+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Booster
			3pm – 6pm	Friday: 12+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Booster

Capacity tracker

Please continue to update the national capacity tracker regularly, and for all of the requested fields – as you know, the data which you submit provides critical information to a range of agencies, enables us to support you better, supplies intelligence for requests for additional support for the sector, and is a condition of receipt of national COVID-19 funding.

Funding may be withdrawn from providers not completing the tracker regularly.

Care homes should, in particular, remember to close outbreaks on the tracker after 14 days.

LLR adult social care winter worker retention package for CQC-registered providers

A significant proportion of providers have not yet submitted a claim for the NHS-funded LLR adult social care worker winter retention package for CQC-registered providers, so thousands of staff could miss out on the package. It is essential that those providers submit a template urgently so that payment can be made quickly.

In order to be paid, templates must be submitted in sufficient time such that payments can be made by 31 March - unfortunately claims made after that date cannot be paid.

If you have any queries, please contact dave.pruden@leics.gov.uk.

Last chance to order free PPE locally for non-COVID-19 or COVID purposes

As outlined in [bulletin 127](#), 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.

Free stock is available to providers and we encourage you to take advantage of this offer, which we are not limiting to COVID-19 purposes. All orders must be placed by the end of day on Monday 14 March 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
- Hand sanitiser
- Visors
- Waste sacks
- Non-sterile gowns
- Coveralls
- 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.

OTHER NEWS

Residential care fee review

As we mentioned in [bulletin 131](#), the deadline for submissions for the residential care fee review has been extended to Tuesday 15 March. We'd like to thank those care homes that have already submitted surveys and we strongly encourage all care homes to do so. Your information helps us to understand the cost of care in more detail and develop a better-informed sustainability plan. Please email completed surveys to contact@careanalytics.co.uk.

Connecting Together webinar

East Midlands Patient Safety Collaborative is hosting another 'Connecting Together' East Midlands care home webinar on Wednesday 6 April 2022, 13.00-14.45. The topic this quarter is 'How we care', focusing on personalised care and what matters to residents. The first winners of the East Midlands Care Home Awards will be announced and there will be speakers, including carer and campaigner [Tommy Whitelaw](#), who works to raise awareness of issues facing people and their carers.

Find out more and [reserve a place](#).

Lead, Connect and Care Festival 2022

The second Lead, Connect and Care Festival will be hosted by LLR's health and wellbeing team during World Wellbeing Week, Tuesday 21 - Saturday 25 June 2022. Professionals from health and social care, emergency services and the charity sector will come together to celebrate and explore the very best in leadership development, quality improvement and health and wellbeing.

Reflect on the [highlights from last year's festival](#) and look out for more information on Twitter [@LeadConnectCare](#).

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>