



Bulletin 134 – 17 March 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Social Care Day of Remembrance and Reflection – Thursday 17 March

Today marks the first [Social Care Day of Remembrance and Reflection](#) on the vital role in keeping people safe that the adult social care sector plays.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic care staff have been critical in providing ongoing care and support to the most vulnerable people in our communities.

We have made [this video](#) to express our thanks to all of Leicestershire's care workers whose outstanding efforts, exceptional hard work, dedication, and care will never be forgotten.

Visiting arrangements in care homes

The guidance on visiting arrangements in care homes was updated on 15 March to reflect the end of mandatory COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of deployment (VCOD).

You can find the updated guidance [here](#).

Professional visitors to care homes

Since November 2021, care homes were required to ensure that professional visitors, such as NHS staff, are double vaccinated and have had a lateral flow test within the last 72 hours to prove they are virus-free. From 15 March, there is no need for professional visitors to be double vaccinated, but the testing requirement remains.

LPT's preferred method of recording lateral flow device results has been and continues to be through text messaging. Most other care home visitors have been providing evidence submitted through the COVID app.

There is now an agreement that care homes will accept a photo if the date is either physically written on the device, or the photo is date-stamped.

Not all mobile phones can produce a date stamp, and different models have different settings to arrange this. So, LPT staff who visit care homes are recommended to clearly mark each day's lateral flow device with the date.

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
Wigston Fire Station	Bulls Head Street Wigston, Leicester. LE18 1PB	18/03/2022 – 20/03/2022	9am – 5pm	Friday: 16+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 1st booster dose Saturday and Sunday: 12+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 1st booster dose
Hinckley Leisure Centre	Argents Mead, Hinckley. LE10 1BZ	17/03/2022 – 18/03/2022	12pm – 3pm	Thursday and Friday: 16+, 1st, 2nd, 3 rd or 1st booster dose
			3pm – 7pm	Thursday and Friday: 12+, 1st, 2nd, 3 rd or 1st booster dose

National COVID Inquiry

The national COVID Inquiry is now established and is consulting on its terms of reference which are published on the Inquiry [website](#), alongside terms of reference for the public consultation and a letter to the public from the Chair.

There is an [online survey](#) available for organisations and the public to participate in. For those that cannot use the website, there is a freepost address.

A series of roundtable discussions with key organisations and representative groups will be held by invitation across the UK.

OTHER NEWS

Care home deterioration tool survey

A second care home deterioration survey is now live, following the publication of the first survey in August 2021. A notification for the survey can be found on the [Capacity Tracker homepage](#) when logged on.

By completing the survey, care homes will be helping the NHS National Patient Safety Improvement Team, including Patient Safety Collaboratives through the Academic Health Science Network, to understand more about what happens when residents experience an episode of acute physical deterioration. It will help the team to understand which tools are used and how deteriorating residents are identified, and managed, across care homes in England.

The survey also aims to capture information about any dementia tools currently in use. While this is not currently part of the NHS National Patient Safety Team's support offer, the information provided will help shape any future support offered by national NHS teams.

[Learn more about the deterioration work the team does, the tools which can be used, and how to get in touch.](#)

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>