



Information for adult social care providers

Covid-19 and Flu

Bulletin 135 – 24 March 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Revocation of VCOD regulations: latest update

As we reported in [bulletin 132](#), regulations revoking vaccination as a condition of deployment (VCOD) in health and social care came into force on Tuesday 15 March 2022. The [revocation of VCOD frequently asked questions document](#) has been updated, and we recommend reading it.

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.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Dates running (Friday – Sunday unless specified)</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Doses offered</i>
Loughborough University	Shirley Pearce Square, Epinal Way, Loughborough, LE11 3TU	25/03/2022 26/03/2022 - 27/03/2022	10am – 3pm 3pm – 6pm 10am – 6pm	Friday: 16+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1 st booster dose Friday: 12+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1 st booster dose Saturday/ Sunday: 12+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1 st booster dose
Hinckley Leisure Centre	Argents Mead, Hinckley, LE10 1BZ	25/03/2022	3.15pm – 7.15pm	Friday: 12+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1 st booster dose
University of Leicester	Opposite the David Wilson Library, University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH	26/03/2022 27/03/2022	8am – 4pm 10am – 4pm	Saturday: 12+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1 st booster dose Sunday: 12+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1 st booster dose
High Cross Shopping Centre	5 Shires Lane, Leicester, LE1 4AN	26/03/2022 27/03/2022	10am – 6pm 11am – 5pm	Saturday: 12+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1 st booster dose Sunday: 12+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1 st booster dose

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

In [bulletin 132](#), we reported that a significant number of eligible providers had not submitted a claim for the NHS-funded LLR winter retention package for CQC-registered providers, which meant that thousands of staff may have missed out. We are pleased to report that most providers within scope have now submitted their templates to make a claim.

However, for those eligible providers that have not yet submitted a template, there is a third and final opportunity to do so. There will be a final payment run in April for providers that submit a correct template by Thursday 31 March 2022.

There will be no payments if a template is not submitted at all, or if it is submitted after Thursday 31 March 2022, and due to the conditions and timeframes, unfortunately no flexibility can be offered.

If you have any questions, please email finopscovidpayments@leics.gov.uk, clearly marking the email subject with the provider's name followed by 'ASC Worker Retention Package'.

Amendment: closing outbreaks on the Capacity Tracker

In [bulletin 132](#), we reported that care homes should close outbreaks on the capacity tracker after 14 days. In fact, this was incorrect and outbreaks are closed on the system automatically. Our apologies for any confusion caused.

OTHER NEWS

'Keeping the Best and Growing your Workforce' home care provider event

East Midlands ADASS and Skills for Care are running an in-person event on 26 April 2022 to support home care providers with finding and keeping the best members of staff.

The event is exclusive to **services providing support to those living in their own homes**, as recruitment and retention of staff in this part of the adult social care workforce presents unique challenges. It is targeted at those involved in attracting and keeping the workforce.

The event will include the opportunity to:

- hear from speakers on digital marketing, effective adverts, and low staff turnover
- successful onboarding and retention strategies
- network with other home care providers
- hear about local initiatives and examples of what has worked well
- feed back on barriers to effective recruitment and retention.

[Find out more and book.](#)

Implementing the cap on care costs: consultation underway

On 7 September 2021, the Prime Minister announced that, from October 2023, the government will introduce a new £86,000 cap on the amount anyone in England will need to spend on their personal care over their lifetime.

A national consultation is now underway to gather views on the statutory guidance that outlines how a cap on care costs would operate in practice, and to inform how government can assist local authorities in preparing for its implementation.

[Contribute to the consultation.](#)

New ProvidingCare.net website

On the new [ProvidingCare.net website](#) you can find up-to-date information on local and national guidance, training opportunities and much more.

Watch this [video for an introduction to the website](#), designed to support care providers and carers in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, by providing access to a wide range of useful and practical information and resources.

Care Home Special Interest event hosted by the Infection Prevention Society (IPS)

The Infection Prevention Society's care home special interest group (SIG) are having a face-to-face meeting on Wednesday 8 June 2022 at Clay Cross in Derbyshire.

There will be networking opportunities with other health and social care colleagues interested in preventing infections and improving the quality of care in care homes, learning opportunities with several presentations and talks, and healthcare representatives with information stands.

The meeting is free of charge to IPS members who are part of the care home SIG. Non IPS members who work in care homes, or those who provide support to care home staff can attend for a small charge of £22.15. Lunch will be provided.

[Find out more and book.](#)

Be Well Midlands – join the conversation

Next month, all 11 Integrated Care Systems across the Midlands are joining forces to understand and improve the wellbeing of people working in health and social care across the region.

The 250,000+ people working across the region to support more than 10 million people with their health and social care needs are stretched and having to navigate significant challenges: you may be feeling tired and frustrated, and may not be able to prioritise your own wellbeing.

Be Well Midlands is the online destination for people working in health and social care to talk about wellbeing.

We all need to prioritise our own health so that we can take care of others effectively and compassionately. You can make a real impact by taking part. All you need to do is [register at Be Well Midlands](#) and you'll be sent unique login in an email when the Big Conversation begins on Tuesday 29 March.

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>