



## Bulletin 144 – 26 May 2022

Dear Colleagues,

### **A big thank you for working over the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday weekend!**

With the approaching Platinum Jubilee extended bank holiday weekend, we would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of you who will be working and supporting Leicestershire residents over the long weekend. We hope you have the chance to enjoy some events and activities and take a break very soon.

For information about what's happening at the county council's libraries, museums and other venues, see the [What's On](#) section of Leicestershire County Council's website. You can use the [Platinum Jubilee interactive map](#) to find out about local community events, street parties, and other activities.

### **Changing focus of the provider bulletins**

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, the joint adult social care and public health provider bulletin has played a key role in keeping you updated on the latest developments in the response to the virus, and later also seasonal flu, whilst avoiding sending a huge number of individual emails.

As we now learn to live and work with COVID-19, we will be reshaping the bulletin to a more strategic focus, such as Integrated Care System (ICS) matters and the reform of adult social care. We will move to a lower frequency of bulletin, with fortnightly publication initially, and potentially a less frequent schedule later on. Important issues such as finances, developments in infection prevention and control, and national guidance will still feature where required.

We will seek advice and a steer from providers in the forthcoming regular [conference calls](#), and with representative bodies, to ensure that the bulletins continue to be useful to you.

The next bulletin will be issued during week commencing 6 June.

## Pop-up COVID-19 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 (Fri–Sun unless specified)</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Doses offered</i>
Loughborough Market	Based in the town centre (Market Place). If you are using a sat nav use postcode LE11 3EB.	26/05/2022	10am – 3pm	Thursday: 16+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 1 <sup>st</sup> booster doses. 2 <sup>nd</sup> booster with invite or proof of eligibility
		27/05/2022	3pm – 4pm	Thursday: 5+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 1 <sup>st</sup> booster doses. 2 <sup>nd</sup> booster with invite or proof of eligibility
			10am – 3pm	Friday: 16+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 1 <sup>st</sup> booster doses. 2 <sup>nd</sup> booster with invite or proof of eligibility
		3pm – 4pm	Friday: 5+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 1 <sup>st</sup> booster doses. 2 <sup>nd</sup> booster with invite or proof of eligibility	
28/05/2022	10am – 4pm	Saturday: 5+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 1 <sup>st</sup> booster doses. 2 <sup>nd</sup> booster with invite or proof of eligibility		
Aylestone Leisure Centre	2 Knighton Lane East, Leicester, LE2 6LU.	27/05/2022	9am – 3pm	Friday: 16+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 1 <sup>st</sup> booster doses. 2 <sup>nd</sup> booster with invite or proof of eligibility
		28/05/2022 – 29/05/2022	3pm – 5pm	Friday: 5+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 1 <sup>st</sup> booster doses. 2 <sup>nd</sup> booster with invite or proof of eligibility
			9am – 5pm	Saturday and Sunday: 5+, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 1 <sup>st</sup> booster doses. 2 <sup>nd</sup> booster with invite or proof of eligibility

## EVENTS AND WEBINARS

### Sign-up for new 'IPC Basics' webinars

The IPC team is offering free short webinars on infection prevention and control for staff in care homes and adult social care in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland. Upcoming webinars include:

*IPC Basics 1 – The Chain of Infection and Reducing Infection Transmission in Adult Social Care Settings*

- Wednesday 22 June 2022, 2pm - 3pm

- What causes infections, how they are transmitted and how we can reduce the risk of infection spreading in Adult Social Care settings.

#### *IPC Basics 2 – Clostridioides difficile and management in the Care Home Setting*

- Wednesday 20 July 2022, 2pm - 3pm
- Care of an individual who has been diagnosed with this diarrhoea-causing organism.

#### *IPC Basics 3 – Cleaning and Decontamination*

- Wednesday 17 August 2022, 2pm - 3pm
- How to reduce the risk of infection spreading focusing on cleaning and decontamination of the environment in care settings.

You need a Learning Hub account with the Leicestershire Social Care Development Group (LSCDG) to book. [Those who already have a Learning Hub account can log in here](#). Simply log in to your account and search LSCDG Infection Prevention and Control Basics [If you do not already have a Learning Hub account, you can set one up here by following these instructions](#).

### **Modern slavery – awareness information workshop for social care providers**

Tuesday 7 June, 1.30pm – 3pm. Webinar on Zoom

This workshop is for social care providers interested in understanding more about modern slavery in the UK today and helping to identify when someone might be a victim of modern slavery. The session will be led by [Hestia](#) and hosted by Skills for Care and the National Care Forum (NCF). Attendees will gain a wider knowledge of the dynamics at play in modern slavery situations, help in identifying red flags and how to signpost to the relevant services, and will also take away practical tools including Hestia's 'spot the signs' toolkit. [Find out more and book online](#).

### **NHSmail for care providers - drop-in session**

The NHSmail team are offering care providers a drop-in session every Wednesday from 11am until noon to support with NHSmail queries. There will be no agenda or slides but an open session to give care providers the opportunity to ask questions on NHSmail. Registration is not required however this session is for care providers only and not those in supportive roles for NHSmail. [Join Link](#)

### **Adult social care digital skills framework and training database**

The first draft of the [Digital Skills Framework](#) along with [a Digital Skills Training Database](#) has been published and is live on the [Digital Social Care website](#). Details, including specific skills and capabilities for each theme, will be added as NHS Transformation Directorate and Digital Social Care test them further.

### **Midlands Nominated Individual network meeting – Wednesday 15 June 2022**

Skills for Care are holding their first face to face meeting of the Midlands Nominated Individual network in over two years. It will be a chance to network with colleagues as well as to hear speakers from CQC and DBS; West Midlands ADASS are also attending to provide an update on latest information regarding changes to the Mental Capacity Act and LPS. [Find out more and book here.](#)

### **Working together in the Midlands to support the Digitising Social Care programme (DiSC) webinar**

Monday 13 June, 2.30pm – 4pm. Webinar on MS Teams

ADASS is hosting a webinar for ICSs and care providers to support the implementation of the NHS Transformation Directorate's Digitising Social Care (DiSC) Programme. The webinar will raise awareness of the DiSC programme, understand what it means for the Midlands and consider the most effective ways of working together. To find out more email ADASS West Midlands at [info@wm-adass.org.uk](mailto:info@wm-adass.org.uk)

## **FINANCE UPDATE**

### **Infection Control and Testing Fund – Round 3 (ICTF3)**

We continue to process payments to providers. 'Direct' payments in relation to infection control and vaccination reported expenditure for October 2021 to March 2022 have been processed. The final testing payment in relation to February and March 2022 is in progress and will be made to providers by Tuesday 31 May.

There are further payments to make in June. First, those providers that missed the deadline for the reporting expenditure for October/November or December/January, but subsequently reported that expenditure in the final reports will receive a payment in respect of those claims. However, those that had already reported expenditure for all those periods will not receive a further payment. Second, if there are sufficient funds that remain, and overspend payment will be made.

Where there is an outstanding issue or invoices in relation to previous infection control and testing funds, payments will be withheld until the current payments in progress have been made. At that point, we will seek to resolve any outstanding issues and make any associated payments that are due.

### **Workforce Recruitment and Retention Fund 1 and 2 (WRF)**

All WRF payments have now been processed and should arrive in provider bank accounts in early June. The fund has been fully utilised.

### **Winter Worker Retention Package**

We have received a number of enquiries from staff who are concerned that they are either not getting the right payment, or not getting a payment at all. We advise them

that they should speak to their employer as the decision-maker on participation in the scheme, and as the scheme administrator.

Please ensure that payments are administered correctly and in a timely way, and that all staff are advised of the details of the scheme. Please explain to staff that have not qualified for a payment, the reason why they have not qualified.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Our frontline: support for social care workers**

Loneliness, the theme of Mental Health Awareness Week 2022, provides us with a reminder of a common trigger to poor mental health and emotional wellbeing. One in four adults feel lonely - some or all the time. There's no single cause and there's no one solution. We have pulled together some free resources to help you understand the impact of loneliness and improve mental wellbeing at work. You can read them online or download them.

In this [article](#) Mental Health Social Work Lead, Jason Brandon, explains how adult social workers should be alert to signs of loneliness and poor mental health, not just in those they support, but in colleagues and other health and care professionals too.

Read about the [signs of loneliness and poor mental health](#) that can be helpful to you and your colleagues.

This [mental health toolkit from Mental Health At Work](#) is for social care workers and is full of resources to help support positive mental health in the workplace.

[View loneliness help and resources on the Mental Health Foundation website.](#)

The Government recently announced that the Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) suicide prevention grant fund has been awarded to 113 charities. [Read about the charities that were awarded a share of the grant fund.](#)

### **Help shape ambitious plans to make Leicestershire a net zero carbon county**

If you would like to help shape the county council's ambitious plans to make Leicestershire a net zero carbon county by 2045, please get involved in this consultation. The proposals to make the county cleaner, greener and healthier are now being consulted on and you can learn more about the net zero ambitions at [the council's net zero web page](#).

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>