



Information

for adult social care providers

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 Leicestershire
County Council

Bulletin 95 – 1 July 2021

Dear Colleagues,

Please find information below on a range of COVID-19 related matters.

We need your help by 11 July to shape vaccination support to care homes

In our last bulletin we reported that the Government will bring forward regulations to make COVID-19 vaccination a condition of deployment for any individual working in a CQC-regulated care home providing nursing or personal care in England, subject to exemptions.

To ensure that our offer to care homes in meeting this challenging requirement is tailored to those who need support to be vaccine confident, we need your help by completing this short survey:

<https://surveys.leics.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=162454847414>.

We have extended the closing date for the survey to Sunday 11 July. Thank you to those who have already shared their knowledge with us already by completing the survey.

Adults including social care workers remain eligible for their vaccine

Final figures are awaited on the number of adults who received a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine over the 3 days of the Big Vaccination Weekend in late June, and thank you for promoting it to your staff.

Adults in LLR including social care workers remain eligible for the vaccine, and there are still many ways to take up either dose 1, or in certain circumstances bring forward dose 2. Please see <https://www.leicestercityccg.nhs.uk/my-health/coronavirus-advice/coronavirus-vaccine/> for more information.

Healthy Conversations toolkit reminder

As you will be aware from previous bulletins, a resource has been developed locally to support you in conversations about vaccination with your staff. The Healthy Conversations Tool has been developed in conjunction with adult social care providers and gives a framework for conversations about vaccine confidence. It can be found here <https://www.healthyconversationskills.co.uk/vaccineconfidence>.

Alongside the resource, there is an introductory video, clips of the tool in action as well as a quiz to familiarise yourself ahead of your conversations. There are also links and information to help when having, or following up, on your conversations.

Good IPC in care homes

There have been no recent outbreaks of COVID-19 in care homes across Leicestershire, a great achievement which is down to your hard work and dedication.

We all need to continue to follow the current national guidance relating to preventing the spread of infection, including the requirement to continue to wear face masks. Remember that face masks cover both the nose and mouth, and staff should not twist the straps to shorten them as this can create gaps at the side that could let the virus in or out.

Hand hygiene remains important, and all staff should continue to perform this following the World Health Organisation '5 moments' of care advice – see [https://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/Your 5 Moments For Hand Hygiene Poster.pdf](https://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/Your_5_Moments_For_Hand_Hygiene_Poster.pdf) for a useful poster.

Social distancing measures should also continue to be in place, particularly when staff are on breaks and not wearing a face mask.

What happens with Capacity Tracker information?

Thank you for your ongoing reporting via the Capacity Tracker, which has been essential at a national and Leicestershire level in understanding the pandemic and adult social care providers' response to it.

The national Capacity Tracker team has been outlining how the tracker has helped during the pandemic as a 'single source of truth' for areas including PPE, vaccination roll-out, and IPC measures.

Take a look at or follow the Capacity Tracker on social media to find out more about how your valuable information is used:

- [Capacity Tracker - Facebook](#)
- [Capacity Tracker - Twitter](#)

LPT Care Home Training Team

The LPT care home training team offers the following bespoke training by NHS professionals:

- Contenance care
- Catheter care
- Pressure ulcer prevention
- Swallowing
- Falls awareness

Training is free to all care homes and be delivered face to face, or virtually through MS Teams. To access the service please contact:

- Phone: 07876 869828 / 07774 014599
- E-mail: lpt.carehometrainingteam@nhs.net

Infection Control and Testing Funding

Central government has announced around a further £250m nationally to extend adult social care COVID-19 support to infection control and testing.

The money will be a continuation of the Infection Control and Testing Fund, which was due to conclude at the end of June but will now last until the end of September.

Grant determination and further information is expected to be published in the next few days and we will keep you informed through a forthcoming bulletin.

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>