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# Adults' Health and Care

## Provider newsletter

**1 August 2024**

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### **New Director of Hampshire County Council's Adults' Health and Care**

After nine years at Hampshire County Council, Graham Allen is retiring in August this year. Overseeing the delivery of adult social care, and more recently public health, at one of the largest local authorities in England is no mean feat. It is a role that requires stamina, expertise and above all, compassion.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication, particularly over the past four years. These have been extremely challenging times for the care sector, and your resilience and commitment has shone throughout. It has been a pleasure to work with you, and I will remember my time working at Hampshire County Council fondly.



Jess Hutchinson will be taking the leadership baton from Graham in late summer this year. Jess has been the Principal Social Worker at Hampshire County Council, and has already had a long and successful career in the Adults' Health and Care Directorate.



I am looking forward to working with you, our care providers, in Hampshire. The work you carry out is so valuable to our residents and your hard work and dedication to helping people live safely and well is something I am so proud to champion.

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### **Thank you letter for health and care staff**

[Read the letter](#) from Simon Bryant, Director of Public Health in Hampshire, Graham Allen, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Adults' Health and Care at Hampshire County Council and Nicola Lucey, Chief Nursing Officer NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board.

The letter highlights the challenges staff have faced over the past couple of years, and is a thank you for all your hard work during the past winter. The letter also contains a link to a vaccination survey which has been designed to understand more about the uptake of the flu and COVID-19 jabs. The deadline for completion of the survey is **Friday 16 August**. Please do encourage staff to read the letter and complete the survey.

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

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## **Applying for health and social care jobs in the UK from abroad**

Read the guidance from GOV.UK for prospective international applicants for health and social care jobs in the UK.

[READ THE GUIDANCE](#)

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## **Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) Annual Report**

The Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) report provides an overview of the work that the HSAB team and all our multiagency partners have been progressing over the last year in line with Adults' Health and Care's strategic priorities.

[READ THE REPORT](#)

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## **Fire triggers warning about lithium-ion battery safety**

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service (HIWFRS) has issued a renewed warning about the safe charging and storing of e-scooters and other items using lithium-ion batteries [following a recent fire in Gosport](#).

The main danger occurs when e-bikes and e-scooters are left on charge unattended or overnight in homes or communal areas such as hallways and stairwells where they can block emergency escape routes.

Many mobility scooters are powered by lithium batteries so it's vital that members of the community are aware of the risks. You can help by sharing our advice and [making a referral for a Safe and Well \(home fire safety\)](#) visit if you have concerns. You may need the individuals permission before making a referral:

- Never leave a charger plugged in overnight/unattended.
- Always charge mobility scooters clear of exits and escape routes.
- Always use the correct charger and unplug when the charge is complete.
- Only choose products from a reputable retailer.
- Avoid storing, using or charging batteries at very high/low temperatures.
- Don't overload sockets.
- Ensure batteries are checked regularly for any damage.
- If a battery is not holding charge, gets hot, or makes hissing noises, unplug immediately.
- Install working smoke alarms on every level of your home
- If there are signs of fire such as the battery smoking or flames, raise the alarm immediately, get out, stay out and call 999.

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### July's Care Home Framework newsletter

Read the latest [Care Home Framework newsletter](#). This month's edition covers the new change in need form, top tips, contractual reminders and more.

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## Message from Hampshire Care Association (HCA) - Offer to Membership 2024/25

During the last three years, which have been incredibly hard for all care providers following the COVID-19 pandemic, Hampshire Care Association has continued to bring providers together and represent your interests locally and nationally. We have been able to forge new and maintain connections with local authorities and ICS's and work more closely with national provider groups.

Looking forward, we expect an environment which is more challenging than ever, with continuing COVID-19 risks, exceptional workforce difficulties and the most major sector reform in a generation. We realise how important support networks will be and believe it will be critical that the sector makes our voices heard.

We are ambitious, and despite these challenges we will be looking to:

- Enable every provider in Hampshire, Portsmouth, and Southampton to understand the local market and to thrive in it by delivering the highest possible standards of care.
- Support everyone working in the care sector, especially our registered managers, to do their best work and act as an advocate for the sector and the people we care for, share best practice and encourage others to consider a career in care, while looking after their own wellbeing.
- Make the voices of every provider, our staff and service users, heard where it matters, including in places of power and in the media.

Free membership was offered from 2022 for as long as our reserves allowed, however we are now in the position of asking you all to pay a small, subsidised amount for your membership.

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