

Adults' Health and Care

Provider newsletter

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World Immunisation week 24 - 30 April

World Immunisation week, led by the World Health Organisation, aims to highlight the collective action needed and to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease.

Immunisation is a global health and development success story, saving millions of lives every year. Vaccines reduce the risks of getting a disease by working with your body's natural defenses to build protection. Read [more information from the World Health Organisation](#) about why vaccines are so important.

Read [information from the NHS about vaccinations](#) that are available in the UK and when to have them.

A guide to the COVID-19 spring booster

People aged 75 years and older, residents in care homes for older people, and those aged 5 years and over with a weakened immune system will be offered a booster of coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine this spring.

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Capacity Tracker latest news and updates

See the [latest news](#) about changes to the National Capacity Tracker.

Energy Bills Discount Scheme for care homes

The Energy Bill Discount Scheme (EBDS) currently provides a discount on wholesale gas and electricity prices for all non-domestic consumers. This includes public sector organisations, voluntary sector organisations, such as charities, and businesses. The EBDS will run for 12 months from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

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HCA Energy

HCA Energy is Hampshire Care Association's new support resource for energy. They help care homes navigate the current energy climate and mitigate rising costs.

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Workshop on abuse and discrimination of care workers

In October last year Hampshire County Council invited providers to share their views about harassment, discrimination, bullying and abuse of care workers by those who use care and support services.

Based on the feedback received, we are holding a workshop which will focus on risk assessments and tools care providers can use, and how to support care workers who face abuse and discrimination. It will also be an opportunity to share with our peers what works well, building a shared understanding of how we deal with abuse and discrimination of care workers.

The event will take place on **3 May 2023, 9:30am – 13:00pm**, in the Mitchell Room at EII Court, **Winchester**, SO23 8UJ

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