

Adults' Health and Care

Provider newsletter

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Reminder: It's time to get a seasonal booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine

You can have a seasonal booster dose (autumn booster) of the COVID-19 vaccine if you are living or working in a care home for older people or a frontline health and social care worker, and it's been at least 3 months since you had your previous dose.

If you have not had a 1st or 2nd dose of the COVID-19 vaccine yet, you should have them as soon as possible.

You can either [book a vaccination appointment online](#) or find a [walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#).

Read more about the seasonal booster from [the NHS](#) and [who is eligible](#) for the vaccine.

Reminder: It's time to get your flu vaccine

The flu vaccine is safe and effective. It's offered every year for free to social care staff to help protect people at risk of getting seriously ill from flu. The best time to get the flu vaccine is in the autumn or early winter before flu starts spreading. It's safe to have both the COVID-19 and flu jabs at the same time, if they are both offered at your appointment. However, to make sure you are protected as soon as possible, it is recommended that you get each vaccine as soon as you can, rather than wait to have them together. Read [further guidance about the flu vaccine](#) for social care workers. You can also [read more about the vaccine](#) from the NHS. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has [resources you can download](#) and use to encourage staff to get the flu vaccine.

Protect the most vulnerable from fire

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service (HIWFRS) offer free home fire safety visits (Safe and Well) to vulnerable members of the community at risk of fire. During a Safe and Well visit the Service will

- Identify any potential fire risks and give advice
- Ensure occupants have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors installed
- Put together a household escape plan (addressing any mobility issues)
- Give advice on falls prevention and smoking
- Issue fire retardant bedding, furniture throws and nightwear if needed.

HIWFERS needs your help to protect the most vulnerable from fire. We encourage all of you delivering health or social care support within the community to identify fire safety risk factors within the home environment.

If somebody you visit could benefit from a Safe and Well visit, you can [find out more or make a referral on their website](#). You may need to seek your client's permission before you make a referral.

See the [recent bulletin](#) from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service, which raises awareness of the 5C's and other ways to look after families and homes this winter.

Care Home Digital Maturity Survey

Hampshire Care Association are conducting a digital maturity survey of care homes across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The survey forms the first stage of a new digital social care support offer that is being locally developed and delivered to care homes, offering opportunities to access NHS England funding.

The data gathered from the survey will be used to understand what digital technology is used in care homes and to see what help and support can be offered to homes in the region. This support offer includes:

- Training on systems such as the Care and Health Information Exchange (CHIE)
- The opportunity to use GP Connect for the sharing of information between care home and GP systems
- Help with getting set up with NHSmail and proxy medication ordering
- 50% Match Funding and support for improved internet connections and Wi-Fi
- 50% Match Funding and support to deploy Digital Care Record systems to care homes
- 50% Match Funding to trial new useful systems such as falls preventions technologies

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Resources to help you complete the Data Security Protection Toolkit

Hampshire Care Association have put together a number of resources to help you complete the Data Security Protection Toolkit (DSPT).

The DSPT is an online self-assessment tool that allows organisations to measure their performance against the National Data Guardian's 10 data security standards.

[READ MORE](#)

Don't forget to have your say: Support for providers to tackle harassment, discrimination, bullying and abuse of care workers survey

Hampshire County Council is committed to advancing equality and inclusion in all that it does. All County Council staff, and staff delivering services commissioned by the council have the right to be treated with respect by those they work for or with. We would like to understand how we can support you better in tackling harassment, discrimination and bullying of care workers by people who use our services. We are asking care providers to take part in the survey so we can better understand the scale of the problem, the types of incidents taking place, your experience of support from Hampshire County Council and whether you would be willing to work with us to put in place additional measures to support tackling harassment, discrimination and bullying.

The survey has been extended until 16 November.

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Safeguarding Conference – Making Safeguarding Personal

As part of Safeguarding week, Impact are delivering a face to face Making Safeguarding Personal conference on 22 November. The last few years have been challenging for the social care sector, especially with the added strain of COVID-19. With safeguarding referrals on the rise, it's important to reflect on some of the complex key issues in safeguarding adults. [Find out more](#) about the conference and sign up.



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