

# Adults' Health and Care

## Provider newsletter

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### The NHS COVID App will close down on 27 April 2023

All the app features will be working until that date.

Over the past year, due to the success of the vaccination programme and increased immunity in the population, use of the app has declined and is therefore being closed down.

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### COVID-19 testing update April 2023

Read the [latest information](#) from Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS about testing for COVID-19.

### COVID-19 and flu vaccinations letter for care providers

[Read the letter](#) for Adult Social Care providers from the Department of Health and Social Care about COVID-19 and flu vaccinations.

### Social Care reform implementation plan

The government has published its [social care reform implementation plan](#). The document includes reference to a new National Workforce Pathway to be published in

autumn 2023. A consultation has been launched to feed into the development of the pathway.

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### Funded Nursing Care (FNC)

Care providers are asked to ensure a consistent approach to providing quotes to prospective clients.

Currently some provider care placement quotes include an FNC cost. As a Local Authority, we are unable to pay FNC in lieu of the Integrated Care Board.

All providers are requested to ensure quotes exclude any FNC rates/costs and only relate to the non-Registered Nursing needs of the individual.

**Please note:** whether the individual is self-funding or funded by the Local Authority, applications for FNC **must** be made to the ICB within 28 days to ensure the resident is not charged for any of the nursing care elements of the care they receive. The provider must make the application directly to the ICB.

If you need any help or support to apply for FNC you can contact your locality Integrated Care Board (ICB) by email, marking it as 'FNC Query' - you can find the email addresses for your local ICB on our [Provider Payment webpage](#). [Read more](#) information from the government.

### Launch of emergency alert system

A [new emergency alert system has launched](#), allowing the Government and emergency services to send alerts directly to mobile phones when there is risk to life.

Alerts include details of areas impacted and instructions on how to respond. A UK-wide test takes place at 3pm on Sunday 23 April.

Some groups, including care providers, care home residents and others living or working in specialised settings, may choose to opt out to protect those who are easily distressed or confused. However, the Government recommends everyone else participates to help keep individuals and communities safe.

Care providers can use this [toolkit](#) to share further details of the Emergency Alerts campaign.

Information is also [available in Easy Read](#).

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## Are you up-to-date on your free NHS Health Check?

If you are aged 40-74, taking up your NHS Health Check every five years can help to spot early signs of serious conditions. It helps find ways to lower this risk. The check includes a cholesterol check, blood pressure and assessment of your risk of diabetes.

As we get older, we have a higher risk of developing conditions such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, type 2 diabetes or dementia. If you do not already have a pre-existing condition, you should receive a letter from your GP inviting you to take up the free check.

However, if you think you might have missed out, you can call your GP practice to book your 30-minute appointment. Following the NHS Health Check, you'll be given advice to maintain or improve your health, which is good news for your future wellbeing and the NHS.

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## Reminder: 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 those in our profession.

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

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