

Adults' Health and Care

Provider newsletter

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Autumn vaccinations and resources for providers

People at greatest risk of serious illness from COVID-19, including care home residents, over 65s and frontline health and social care workers, are eligible for an autumn vaccine booster. Read [everything you need to know](#) from the Government.

The autumn vaccination programme has been bought forward by the Government. This is a precautionary measure taken to protect those most vulnerable from illness during winter following the identification of COVID-19 variant BA.2.86. [Read the letter](#) from the Department of Health and Social Care for further information.

To encourage uptake of the vaccinations on offer this winter, see the [resources pack](#) from the Department of Health and Social Care.

Tell the Government what's needed to make social care a better place to work

The Government has launched the first major national survey of all care workers in care roles in adult social care in England, including personal assistants.

The national survey of care workers, conducted by Skills for Care, Ipsos and the University of Kent on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care, is gathering information about working conditions, organisational characteristics, and workplace culture, to understand how work-related quality of life and wellbeing is affected.

The survey will take around 20 minutes to complete and responses are collected anonymously.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

Transforming nursing and specialist care – County Council to launch public consultation in September

Hampshire County Council's Cabinet will be opening a public consultation on 4 September on proposals to transform and expand the future of nursing and specialist care accommodation directly provided by Hampshire County Council for the county's growing older population.

[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROPOSALS](#)

Gas and Chimney fire safety checks

[Chimney Fire safety Week 4 – 10 September](#) is an important reminder to get chimneys swept in time for Autumn and Winter. It's also just as vital to get gas central heating appliances checked annually by a [gas safe registered engineer](#).

When you visit somebody's home, you can help by sharing the safety tips below and [making a referral for a Safe and Well \(home fire safety\)](#) visit if you have concerns. You may need to seek the individual's permission before sharing their details:

- Ensure [the chimney is swept before use](#) if it hasn't been used for some time
- Ensure a fireguard is in front of the fire at all times
- Spark guards can prevent a serious property fire
- Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house
- Never use petrol or paraffin to light a fire
- Wood burning stoves should be placed on a fire-resistant base and not directly onto a hardwood floor or carpeted surface
- Ensure the right type of wood or coal is used
- The chimney or flue should be cleaned at the end of each heating season and at least once during the heating season
- Remove ash and burnt fuel once it has cooled
- Keep vents and chimneys clear at all times
- Ensure there is a working carbon monoxide alarm and working smoke detectors in the home and test these regularly.

More information about [Chimney safety](#) can be found on the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service website.

Research into Trauma Informed Care attitudes amongst professionals working with individuals with a learning disability

The University of Kent is inviting people who work with individuals who have a learning disability and exhibit behaviours that challenge to take part in a research study.

The study aims to help provide an understanding into whether Trauma Informed Care principles are being implemented by professionals and what further steps in terms of training, can be made and implemented to contribute benefits to individuals receiving care.

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