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Care England News:

Assistance from councils to support care providers

Letter from James Bullion, President of ADASS, to Professor Martin Green, Chief Executive of Care England, in relation to the financial support offered by councils to adult social care providers - 25 March

Found at: [Care England](#)

Invitation to participate in 'Visit-id; a study of care home visiting arrangements during Covid-19'

Visit-id is a research study about care home visiting policies during COVID-19. It is being conducted by the Care Policy and Evaluation Centre (CPEC), London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), in collaboration with Care England.

We are looking for care home managers (or nominated senior staff members) to complete a short, 20-30 minute online qualitative survey and to supply their care home's visiting policy. You

can find out more about the study [here](#).

If you wish to take part, please send your contact details to jgecsei@careengland.org.uk and he will send more details of how to participate.

Care Agenda

In preparation for the May issue of Care Agenda we would like to give you the opportunity to contribute a short article on any of these three main themes:

- Digital developments
- Financial issues, fees
- Occupancy rates
- Mental Health
- Mental Capacity Act

It would also be interesting to hear the views of your residents on the above issues for our 'Resident's Corner' page.

The submission deadline for the May issue is 20th April, but there is some degree of flexibility. Care Agenda will be circulated electronically in the first week of May.

For more details, please email jgecsei@careengland.org.uk

New Policy:

Two visitors allowed in care homes to reunite with loved ones

Care home residents to be allowed a second regular visitor indoors, with tests required before entry and PPE provided.

Found at: [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

Twice weekly rapid testing to be available to everyone in England

Everyone in England will be able to access free, regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing from 9 April, the government has announced.

Found at: [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

Letter from Helen Whately on the Infection Control and Testing Fund

"The purpose of this fund is twofold. Firstly, it will continue to provide support for adult social care providers, including those with whom the local authority does not have a contract, to reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission within and between care settings through effective infection prevention and control practices; and increase uptake of staff vaccination. Secondly, it will allow for rapid testing of staff as well as re-enabling close contact visiting in care homes where possible."

"As before, I would like to reiterate here that where providers use this funding in line with the Grant Circular, the Department's unequivocal position is that this will not be clawed back. We

will only use these powers if a provider or local authority is clearly not following the rules.”

Found at: [Care England](#)

5 million people in the UK receive second dose of COVID-19 vaccine

More than 5 million people in the UK have received their second dose of a coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine.

Found at: [GOV.UK](#)

Chief Social Workers for Adults' annual report: 2020 to 2021

The joint Chief Social Workers for Adults in England, Mark Harvey and Fran Leddra, set out the progress made in improving education, training and practice in adult social work.

Found at: [GOV.UK](#)

Updated Policy:

Workforce Capacity Fund for adult social care

Information for local authorities and adult social care providers on the £120 million Workforce Capacity Fund during coronavirus (COVID-19).

6 April 2021: Changed the date for reporting point 3 to 17 May 2021.

Found at: [GOV.UK](#)

COVID-19 mental health and wellbeing recovery action plan

Our plan to prevent, mitigate and respond to the mental health impacts of the pandemic during 2021 to 2022.

1 April 2021: Easy read version added.

Found at: [GOV.UK](#)

Technical specifications for personal protective equipment (PPE)

The documents attached define the technical and regulatory standards for PPE.

1 April 2021: Added new attachment: 'Transparent face mask technical specification'.

Found at: [GOV.UK](#)

Wider Stakeholder News:

Remember to post your jobs on DWP 'Find a Job'

The latest phase of the Department of Health and Social Care's adult social care recruitment campaign - 'Care for others. Make a difference.' is live.

The campaign is currently reaching millions of people across TV, radio and digital channels and is inspiring those with the right attitude and values to consider a career in care.

The campaign advertising directs people to everydayisdifferent.com, where they can search for

social care vacancies through DWP Find a Job.

So far, the campaign is driving great success, with over 100,000 people visiting the campaign site and the majority going on to search for jobs in adult social care.

New research about the use of pulse oximetry in care homes in England

The National Institute of Health Research has commissioned researchers at the Birmingham, RAND and Cambridge Evaluation centre (BRACE), to help care homes learn from one another in using pulse oximetry with residents to manage COVID-19 and other health conditions, and to assess the impact of NHS support with this. This study is part of the national evaluation of oximetry in residential settings led by Prof. Jonathan Benger, Interim Chief Medical Officer at NHS Digital, and you can read his letter about the importance of this research [here](#).

Part of this study is a short online survey with care home managers. If you have not yet done so, please share your experiences by clicking on the following link and completing [the survey](#). The survey will remain open until 30th of April.

All answers will be anonymised. If you wish to find out more detail about this project, please contact [the study team at OximetryStudy@randeurope.org](mailto:the_study_team@OximetryStudy@randeurope.org)

How can we use technology effectively to deliver prevention?

If you want to have your say on the role of technology in [delivering prevention in an ageing world](#), respond to the International Longevity Centre UK consultation paper before 30 June.

Care Home Heroes 2021

Caring Times in association with Ontex have teamed up once again to reward those working in care homes who are always ready to go that extra mile. There are thousands of people working in care homes in the UK, some behind the scenes in the laundry, preparing meals in the kitchen and some caring for residents themselves. It is all about rewarding those individuals that have made a real impact on their particular place of work.

Found at: [Care Info](#)

Commissioning for wellbeing: Level 5 Certificate in commissioning for wellbeing

This qualification has been developed to support current and aspiring commissioners in achieving a rich, diverse and sustainable market of provision. It will also help ensure that personalised support and care is available where, how and when it is needed.

Found at: [Skills for Care](#)

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The Covid-19 vaccine is rolling out to care home workers

Care home workers can now get the free, MHRA approved vaccine. Don't forget two doses to be protected against Covid-19, so you can keep caring for other

COVID-19 vaccination programme

Documents relating to the new coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination programme.

Contents

- Guidance
- Training resources
- Consent forms and letters
- Leaflets and posters
- Programme documents

Please [click here](#) for more information.

COVID-19 vaccine emails

Care England has been directed to the following email addresses to log Vaccine queries and we encourage members to also utilise them: covidvaccineASC@dhsc.gov.uk and/or COVID-19_VaccineTeam@dhsc.gov.uk

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