

# Regulated Care Sector ICS Workstream

## Programme Briefing and Key Messages

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Regulated Care Sector ICS Workstream Programme briefing which aims to keep stakeholders informed and up to date about the work of this group and other items relevant to this sector. Please visit our website for further information <http://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/regulated-care-sector>

### **Capacity Tracker (formerly known as Care Home Live Bed State Portal)**

After the 17<sup>th</sup> of September no care homes will be routinely called for their bed vacancy information. All bed vacancies will be sourced for patients/clients through the Tracker.

As time is running out it is vital that all care homes sign up as soon as possible. If homes are already using the tracker it is important to remember to update your bed vacancy profile to help health and social care managers know the latest bed vacancy information. This needs to be completed on a minimum 7 daily basis or as the vacancy arises. It will help colleagues find beds quickly for patients/clients and fill vacancies quicker based on the information available on the Tracker.

To register go to <https://carehomes.necsu.nhs.uk> If you want to know more you can contact your local lead or the NECS helpdesk: 0300 555 0340

### **Workforce – new recruitment**

We welcome a new project manager onto the Regulated Care workstream to help drive through progress on the Workforce element of the workstream, secured through Local Workforce Action Board/Health Education England funding. The focus for the bid centres on the following key elements:

- Stabilise the current Workforce
- Accelerate Workforce development
- Develop sector to be a modern employer of choice

### **Web based Quality assurance tool**

Through the work of the Quality of Care workstream, it was identified that there was a pressing need for a joint health and social care quality assurance system. This will support the work of both Local Authority and CCG quality and safeguarding services in jointly commissioning & assuring high quality care.

Procurement of a web-based quality system is currently progressing and a tool will be rolled out to care homes shortly.

Once implemented in care homes, the next focus is on how we work with our care at home providers to implement a similar tool.

### **NHS mail**

[NHSmail](#) (a secure, centrally-funded platform) is now available to all Social Care Providers. When your organisation has reached the appropriate level of compliance with the [Data Security and Protection Toolkit](#), you will be able to join NHSmail for free. Please also note that [Data Security and Awareness e-learning training](#) is available at no cost to all care providers.



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### ***Join the conversation on the future of adult social care***

The Local Government Association has launched a [nationwide consultation](#) on how to pay for adult social care and streamline the quality of services across the country.

Adult social care and support matters to everyone in the country. Councils play a vital role in delivering adult social care to their residents, providing personal and practical support to help people live the lives they want to lead. However, for decades successive governments have struggled to find a sustainable solution to meet the growing demand for these services. To support the Government's green paper on the issue when it is published in the autumn, council leaders are kick-starting a public debate now on how to pay for adult social care.

Visit [www.futureofadultsocialcare.co.uk](http://www.futureofadultsocialcare.co.uk) to read the green paper and submit your responses, and use [#FutureofASC](#) to engage across social media.

### ***Sleep-in workers not entitled to minimum wage when asleep, decides Court of appeal***

The Court of Appeal has overturned much of the existing case law in deciding that the minimum wage does not have to be paid for sleeping hours. It has held that care workers who sleep-in, are not entitled to the national minimum wage (or national living wage) for the time during which they are asleep. This applies to those employees who may be woken if required to undertake some specific activity, but otherwise are expected to sleep for all/most of the night.

#### **Question and Queries**

This briefing is for use within your own organisation and across your local system, for discussion and information. Please feel free to include it on meeting agendas and circulation lists as you see fit.

If you have any questions or queries please contact [e.williams18@nhs.net](mailto:e.williams18@nhs.net) and we will endeavour to respond as soon as is practicable.

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