

# 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 <https://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 and all bed vacancies will be sourced for patients/clients through the Tracker. If you haven't already done so, please sign up today through the Tracker.

Are you already using the Tracker? If so, take this opportunity to get your profile up to date with your latest care bed vacancies and help fill these quickly and allow health and social care colleagues to find the most appropriate bed for their patient/client.

To register go to <https://carehomes.necsu.nhs.uk> or if you're having problems logging on to the system you can contact local the NECS helpdesk on: 0300 555 0340

#### **Flu vaccinations**

NHS England have announced that vaccinations for 2018/19 are now available for people working in care homes and care in the home. Health and social care staff need to be aged 18 and over, employed by a registered residential care/nursing home or registered domiciliary care provider who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable people at increased risk from exposure to influenza, meaning those people in a clinical risk group or aged 65 years and over.



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#### **Workforce Subgroup**

The Apprenticeship levy has been reviewed as part of the ICS Apprenticeships strategy. The ICS Workforce workstream is progressing regarding development of a health and social care integrated approach to apprenticeships, which would set out some tiered approaches:

- Continue with the current approach for recruitment of apprentices for each organisation
- Collaboration – which could be between health organisations, Local Authorities and combined health & local authorities
- Focus the transfer of 10% levy to support the Regulated Care sector

#### **Quality of Care Subgroup**

Safeguarding Adult Review learning briefings were reviewed in the Quality of Care Subgroup and resulted in a request to partners to exercise professional curiosity when visiting vulnerable people.



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A single complaints statement has been developed by Healthwatch with the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman and supported by representatives right across the sector, this provides a one-stop shop for the public and social care professionals to understand and have clarity on how to make and respond to complaints and concerns.

<https://www.lgo.org.uk/adult-social-care/adult-social-care-resources>

## **Finance, Markets, Contracts & Procurement Subgroup**

The Finance, Markets, Contracts & Procurement Subgroup continue to work on a creating a consistent service specification for care, which has now been joined up with the drafting of a joint NHS England service specification. It will be a journey moving forward with the aim of getting to one overall joint service specification for care at home and one for both residential and nursing care homes.

## **Frailty Framework of Core Capabilities**

NHS England and Health Education England have launched the Frailty Framework of Core Capabilities. Development of the framework was facilitated by Skills for Health, working in partnership with key stakeholders, including: Health Education England, NHS England, Age UK, British Geriatric Society, Royal College of GPs, and housing, local government and voluntary sector organisations.

[Click here to download the free framework](#)

The framework is particularly aimed at service commissioners in organisations and those with some level of responsibility for development of the workforce (e.g. commissioning, planning or delivering education, training and learning).

## **Digital Infrastructure and support bid**

A key priority for ICS digital strategy delivery is that the care sector needs to be supplied throughout with basic connectivity to allow care homes and providers of care in the home to connect to NHS systems. Digital funding is available and proposals are being put forward which will allow for scoping of current technical capacity and for support to those providers who need it.

The ICS Digital workstream are looking to set up a regulated care specific 'bid writing group' comprising of a multi-professional group completing draft bid documents to strengthen the bid.

If you are interested in becoming part of the digital Regulated care specific 'bid writing group' please register your interest with Liz Williams – [e.williams18@nhs.net](mailto:e.williams18@nhs.net)

## **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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A number of education sessions are being offered to support providers getting through the DSPT Toolkit and obtaining an NHS mail account.

This is a full day session, delivered at Walshaw House, Regent Street, Nelson, BB9 8AS, free of charge. It is the same session run over the following dates:

26<sup>th</sup> September (very limited places left)

17<sup>th</sup> October

29<sup>th</sup> October

21<sup>st</sup> November

Places MUST be booked in advance through our programme office on the following email

[elccg.plcarehomeeducation@nhs.net](mailto:elccg.plcarehomeeducation@nhs.net)

### **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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