

# Kent Adult Social Care Provider Bulletin



Friday 5 November 2021

## Proxy access for care homes to order medication

NHS England is promoting a national rollout of proxy access across care homes. Proxy access is way for care homes to order medication for their residents by giving access to the EMIS patient records. This helps to streamline the process, makes ordering more efficient and saves time.

### Benefits include:

- fewer risks and issues associated with ordering, issuing, collecting, and dispensing repeat medications
- fewer errors and queries (e.g. missing items, what has been ordered/collected from pharmacy)
- improved clinical safety
- an improved, easy to access audit trail
- improved data security due to care home staff having their own username and password, which also saves time
- better communications and working relationships between all involved in the ordering process.

We are currently working with 36 care homes and 17 GP practices in Kent and Medway. Phase 3 starts on 10 November.

If you're interested in signing up and setting up proxy access within the care homes you manage, please contact [m.lisita@nhs.net](mailto:m.lisita@nhs.net) and NHS England will send you more detailed information about the implementation and how we will support you throughout the process.

## Boosters for health and social care workers

Frontline health and social care workers (HSCW) can now book their booster vaccinations through the National Booking Service (NBS). These staff can only be vaccinated when official proof of this status is presented, including those who are vaccinated through local booking services and walk-in clinics, as well as appointments made through the NBS.

Forms of identification that are accepted are either a workplace photo ID, a letter from their employer from the past three months, or a payslip from the past three months which shows their employer.

Health and social care workers are required to show this ID when they arrive for their appointment, and their status as a Health Care Worker or Social Care Worker should be recorded in the Point of Care system.

As outlined in the [Green Book](#) and [protocol for the administration of Pfizer vaccine](#), health and social care workers aged 16 -17 should receive the two-dose primary course of the Pfizer vaccine. Frontline health and social care workers aged 16 and

over who have direct contact with patients, clients or service users are eligible to receive a third dose booster vaccination as a health and social care worker.

## KiCA member provider forum - sharing concerns regarding the care pressures in Kent

**Wednesday 17 November 2021, 9am - 12.30pm, Ashford International Hotel**



This event is vital for Adult Social Care providers in the county to come and discuss the current challenges you are facing.

You will hear updates from KiCA about the work we have been doing and we will also be joined by Clare Maynard, Strategic Commissioner at Kent County Council.

This open forum is your opportunity to have your say!

To book your place, please email [louise.faulkner@kica.care](mailto:louise.faulkner@kica.care)

## Setting shared priorities: Adult Social Care research and practice in Kent

**Monday 29 November 2021, 1pm – 3pm**

Research in social care is very important as it can inform social work practice and improve outcomes for people. [The Kent Research Partnership](#) is one of six capacity building social care partnerships funded by the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Health Services and Delivery (HS&DR) programme in England.

Our four-year programme of work will develop sustainable Kent-based partnerships to support the delivery of high-quality social care research on the topics that matter most in our region. Demand for social care in Kent is high and this partnership will improve care quality by investing in and valuing the social care workforce and developing a culture of research and evidence-based practice and innovation.

Kent County Council Adult Social Care, the University of Kent and partners are leading a project that aims to help build capacity and develop a positive culture of research.

Who should attend:

- social care practitioners and managers
- people who use social care
- family/friends who are carers for someone
- commissioners and providers of care
- researchers with an interest in social care

Register for this event [here](#).

## Free annual National Care Association Membership for Kent Providers

Funded by Kent County Council's Infection Control Fund.

[nationalcareassociation.org.uk/members/kent-providers-membership-offer](https://nationalcareassociation.org.uk/members/kent-providers-membership-offer)



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We are delighted to be able to offer all care providers in Kent the prestigious associate membership to National Care Association free for one year.

This offer has been funded by KCC to enable all Kent providers to remain up-to-date with the latest infection prevention and control guidance and information to support your care service with through this difficult time.

To take up this offer please complete the application form on the link below and return to [info@nationalcareassociation.org.uk](mailto:info@nationalcareassociation.org.uk)

Associate membership includes:

- latest industry changes, guidance and news in your inbox in real time
- members only information communicated via email
- monthly round-up newsletter
- benefits from discounted deals from our sponsors and suppliers
- access to secure DBS service

Note: If you are a current National Care Association Member (on 13/10/2020) you are still eligible for this funding. You do not need to do anything! This 100% discount will be automatically applied to your next renewal!

More information can be found here: [Free annual NCA Membership for Kent Providers-736328](#)

## KiCA: free membership for all CQC registered Adult Social Care providers in Kent

The Kent Integrated Care Alliance (KiCA) is delighted to announce that due to funding received from Kent County Council, we are able to offer free KiCA membership from July 2021 - July 2022 for all CQC registered Adult Social Care providers in our county.



The sector has faced the most challenging times over the last 18 months and we will continue to support providers and be your voice for care in Kent. We represent all areas of the sector, residential, homecare, learning disabilities and mental health.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to join your local care association.

For further information, please visit [www.kica.care](http://www.kica.care) or to register your organisation as a KiCA member, please contact [louise.faulkner@kica.care](mailto:louise.faulkner@kica.care)

We look forward to working with you all again over the coming year.

## Free Support to Complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit

Kent County Council (KCC) in Partnership with Kent Integrated Care Alliance (KICA) are supporting social care providers across Kent and Medway to register on and complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT).

The DSPT is a free online self-assessment of your organisation's data and cyber security and is recognised as the official tool to evaluate your compliance with legal requirements, Data Security Standards and good practice. It is also required in order to access key services such as NHSmail, proxy ordering for medication and shared care records.



[Watch our introductory webinar online](#)

[Sign up to small-group virtual workshops and 1:1 sessions on our website](#) – free support to help you register and work through the toolkit.

Not sure where to start with this? Or got some questions? Please send us an email: [dspt@kent.gov.uk](mailto:dspt@kent.gov.uk)

**We'd love to hear from you!**

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