

Kent Adult Social Care Provider Bulletin



Friday 10 September 2021

Free annual National Care Association Membership for Kent Providers

Funded by Kent County Council's Infection Control Fund.



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

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

This funding also includes the launch of the Kent Care Hub, on 5 November, which will lay the foundations for an alliance between National Care Association, Kent County Council and KiCA to provide local and national guidance and training on infection control. Further information will be announced shortly.

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](#)

Supporting providers who have potential leavers due to compulsory vaccinations



A letter from commissioning.

To all managers

We are aware of the potential impact the compulsory vaccination requirement may have on some care homes in the county.

KCC would therefore like to highlight support available to providers to assist in filling any type of vacancy created by workers who leave, and by offering support to potential leavers, if required, to ensure valued and experienced workers remain within our local care sector.

Support for providers

The Innovation Delivery Team at KCC is currently setting up a Princes Trust program to run from 20 October - 18 November for the care sector, which will highlight vacancies to 18-30yr olds looking for care work. Prior to interviews on 18 November, each candidate will receive a three-week programme learning about the care certificate theory, employability skills and their unique strengths and values.

To include your vacancies in this program please email kentregisteredmanager@kent.gov.uk and you will receive a vacancy form to complete.

Support for leavers

For care workers who unfortunately may decide to leave their current role, the Innovation Delivery Team can offer support in signposting them to other local care work opportunities so they can continue to work within the sector.

For care workers who require this support, please advise them to email kentregisteredmanager@kent.gov.uk with a contact number and someone will call them to offer advice.

We do hope that your workers decide to take up the vaccination and continue working within your service, but for those who do not, we aim for this support to be helpful to you both.

KCC Commissioning Team.

Infection Prevention and Control – Community of Practice

Do you ever...

Want to ask a question on IPC to an expert?

Have questions or want to share your views about the latest guidance?

Want to find out how other managers manage Covid/testing/vaccine?

Want a safe space to share your questions/concerns?

Join the Southeast IPC Community of Practice for managers working in social care for IPC related advice and support.

- Join one of the large WhatsApp groups for peer support (Care home group or Home Care/Supported living group)
- Regular webinars with expert advice and good practice shared
- Regular emails with useful resources

Contact Pia Rathje-Burton (Skills for Care) Pia.Rathje-Burton@skillsforcare.org.uk

Out of Hours Clinical Home Visiting Services – complete the survey by 24 September

NHS Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group would like to hear from staff working in care homes of their experiences in using Out of Hours Clinical Home Visiting Services on behalf on their residents.

Please note that this survey will close on **Friday 24th September 2021**.

Take part now: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/57TLIS/>

All care home workers to be vaccinated

Please note that the government has now released the following timeline for the COVID-19 vaccination programme including the deadlines for receiving the vaccine before regulations come into force.

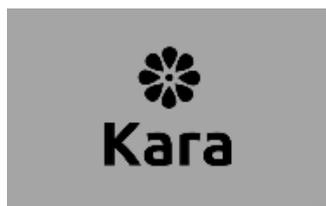
The 16-week grace period starts on 22 July and the last date for care home workers to get their first dose in time for regulations on 11 November, is **Thursday 16 September 2021**.



Updated guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-admission-and-care-of-people-in-care-homes/coronavirus-covid-19-admission-and-care-of-people-in-care-homes>

KARA Celebration Event



Tuesday 14 September 2021, 9-11am.

We are hosting an online event to share how far the KARA Project has come, success stories, lessons learned and plans for the future.

Book your free place: [Sign up here](#).

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 or to register your organisation as a KiCA member, please contact louise.faulkner@kica.care

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

Share your views on Kent and Medway wheelchair, technology enabled care and community equipment services – take part in our surveys

Kent County Council, NHS Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group and Medway Council would like to hear from people living in Kent and Medway about their experience of using wheelchair, technology enabled care and community equipment services in Kent and Medway.

This feedback will give us an understanding of people's experiences and can help improve the service in future. Our aim is to bring together NHS, local authority and other partners so we can work better together to meet people's needs, increase independence and improve people's quality of life.

Wheelchair Service Survey

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/wheelchair/>

Community Equipment Service Survey

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/communityequip/>

Technology Enabled Care Service Survey (TECS)

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/techcare/>

Easy read versions of these surveys are also available upon request.



Please note that this survey will close on 15 September 2021. If you would prefer to give feedback over the telephone, please email your request to: kmccg.engage@nhs.net

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

