

Adult Social Care



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Welcome to the February newsletter from the Market management team. This month we are sharing some varied free training opportunities – read on for more information. Please share this newsletter with all staff.

Training

Safer recruitment

The Disclosure & Barring service has released guidance on how to recruit safely and fairly, covering all stages of the hiring process. For example, they highlight how to carry out an overseas check on an applicant and any necessary risk assessments. For the full document please see [here](#).

Healthy Smiles training

We had over 30 members of social care staff join the oral health training sessions run by Karen Gonzalez from Frimley Health in January. There was so much demand from providers for the training we have organised two additional training days! If you didn't attend the training but are interested in the Healthy Smiles training, please drop us an email via ASC.Commissioning@slough.gov.uk

Free safeguarding training

Our Safeguarding partnership team hold free training sessions. There are currently two training sessions available which may be of use to our providers: Exploitation training and Self-neglect and risky behaviour in adults. To book yourself onto a session please click [here](#). For any queries, please contact our training and development manager Janine.edwards@slough.gov.uk.

ASC-WDS – Rapid induction training

Rapid Induction Training from Skills for Care runs out in March. The training program helps new and returning workers gain the skills and knowledge to begin their role within days. It is fully funded for all organisations registered with the ASC-WDS. Dates for the training sessions are below. Email juanita@colemanttraining.co.uk to book your place.

- 1 and 2 February, 7 and 8 February, 14 and 15 February, 22 and 23 February, 27 and 28 February
- 1 and 2 March, 7 and 8 March, 14 and 15 March, 22 and 23 March, 27 and 28 March

ASC-WDS – Leading change, improving care training program

Leading Change, Improving Care Training Program will help managers, leaders and staff to manage this incredibly turbulent time in the adult social care sector. The course is reclaimable through the Workforce development fund. Sessions are on the below dates. Email juanita@colemantraining.co.uk to book your place.

- 13th February – (09.30 – 13.30)
- 6th March – (09.30 – 13.30)
- 20th March – (09.30 – 13.30)

Staff wellbeing

Coronavirus vaccination bus timetable

See below timetable for the next locations of the Covid-19 vaccination bus in Slough. The Covid-19 booster jabs are only available until 12th February.



<u>Day</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Vaccine</u>
<u>Monday 6 February</u>	<u>St Andrew Church, Cippenham, Washington Drive, Slough SL1 5RE</u>	<u>10am-4pm</u>	<u>Pfizer</u>
<u>Tuesday 7 February</u>	<u>Slough High Street, Wilko SL1 1BY</u>	<u>10am-4pm</u>	<u>Pfizer</u>
<u>Wednesday 8 February</u>	<u>Checkout Superstore 370-386 Farnham Road SL2 2LX</u>	<u>10am-4pm</u>	<u>Pfizer</u>
<u>Friday 10 February</u>	<u>Long Furlong Drive shops, Twist Way, Britwell SL2 2LX</u>	<u>10am-4pm</u>	<u>Pfizer</u>
<u>Saturday 11 February</u>	<u>Slough High Street Wilko SL1 1BY</u>	<u>10am-4pm</u>	<u>Pfizer</u>

Times / Days are subject to last minute changes
Booster doses only available until 12th February
Primary course (first and second) vaccinations offered
You do not need an address, GP or an NHS number.
Immigration status does not matter.

Capacity tracker

Providers are reminded to submit their monthly capacity tracker data. If you need any help, get in touch with the Contact Centre on 0191 6913729 or drop them an email via necsu.capacitytracker@nhs.net.

Safeguarding

Fire safety

A reminder that the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) deliver [free Adults at Risk Programme \(ARP\) training](#) to any agencies that work with vulnerable people in the community. They also conduct free Safe and Well visits to a resident's own home – for more information and to organise a visit please see the [RBFRS website](#).

Public Health

Covid 19 updates

- [Free personal protective equipment \(PPE\) scheme](#): Updated 10th January 2023 to reflect the extension of the free PPE scheme to the end of March 2024 or until DHSC's stocks are depleted (whichever is sooner)
- [National infection prevention control manual](#): Updated 6th February 2023
- [COVID-19 PPE guide for adult social care services and settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#): Updated 30 January 2023

Local resources

Warm spaces

As part of the cost-of-living crisis work, One Slough have pulled together a webpage which highlights all the free warm spaces in Slough. For more details follow the link - [Warm Spaces – OneSlough \(sloughhealth.org\)](#)

Cost of living resource pack

One Slough have also coordinated a newsletter on the cost-of-living crisis with local initiatives and organisations which can help support residents. Please see [link](#) for the full newsletter. Feel free to share this with service users if you think it may be of use.

Supporting reading in the community

Reading for pleasure has a positive impact on health and wellbeing, has been found to reduce stress, increase confidence and self-esteem and provides mental stimulation. The library service can offer resources and activities to encourage and support your service users to read more.

Slough Libraries offer:

- Access to ebooks, e-magazines and digital audio books
- Books in large print and talking books on CD
- [Reading Well](#) specialist book collections to support mental health
- Pictures to share books for people with dementia
- Advice, support and resources to set up reading groups
- Free sets of [Quick Reads](#) books (donated by the Reading Agency)
- Outreach visits to groups and settings to raise awareness of the library offer and showcase some of the resources
- Reading Friends shared reading activities – informal and friendly sessions of reading together that can be offered in the library, as outreach at settings, or online.

For further information on these resources and activities, contact Alison Beer, Principal Libraries Outreach Officer alison.beer@slough.gov.uk or via phone on 07710855868.

Other updates

Provider forum

The next Provider forum is Tuesday 14 February 14.00-16.00. Please contact ASC.Commissioning@slough.gov.uk if you have not yet received your invite.

Berkshire Care Association newsletter

Providers can sign up to the Berkshire Care Association newsletter which also hold information on the Care Leaders network meeting which you can join too. Contact admin@berkscare.co.uk for further details.

Free support during a power cut

There is a free Priority Services Register for people who may need extra support during a power cut. For further details:

- telephone 0800 294 3259

- text phone 0800316 5457
- visit [Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks priority services register webpage](#).

Contact us

We welcome your feedback and suggestions for future items to this newsletter – please get in touch via ASC.Commissioning@slough.gov.uk

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