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## Updates for this week



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### **Christmas/ New Year Essential Information – December 2024**

*Information provided by ASC*

Dear Providers. Please see attached “Christmas/ New Year Contact Information – December 2024” for essential contact information over the festive period.

Please also see attached “Winter Resilience Help Sheet” for support on housing/fuel support.

Thanks for your support.

### **Increased Norovirus risk in care homes in England, Winter 2024/2025**

*Information provided by ASC*

On the 5<sup>th</sup> December we sent a provider briefing to let you know that UKHSA had issued a briefing note advising there is an increased level of norovirus. As you will be aware Norovirus outbreaks often occur in closed settings such as nurseries, schools, care homes and hospitals, where they cause considerable disruption and contribute to NHS winter pressures every year.

Please see attached Increased Norovirus Risk Letter and the Stop Norovirus spreading poster for more information. We have also attached the local guides shared in the provider briefing.

### **Adult Social Care (ASC) International Recruitment Provider Workshops**

*Information provided by ASC*

Please see the resources available for care providers around international recruitment. There is a link below and PDF flyers also attached.

Legal workshops for providers

These will be offered on a monthly basis, with the first workshop next week – some space available – see attached “De Novo FREE provider support workshops” poster.

Provider Legal webinars – first webinar next week- space available- please see “SCA Webinar Flyer” attached

Driving Lessons- this offer is now available- [International Worker Driving Lesson Offer, Suffolk Care Association](#)

- Individual Grants- are now open for applications – see attached “International Recruitment Fund Flyer” poster attached

# We would like to wish our Providers a Merry Christmas!



## **Suffolk Marketplace E-Brokerage**

*Information provided by Suffolk Marketplace Admin Team*

Dear Providers. e-brokerage for Locality Home Care has now been live for nearly 3 weeks! Your feedback is invaluable to us, whether it's good or bad we'd love to hear your thoughts. If you have any feedback to share, please email [marketplaceadmin@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:marketplaceadmin@suffolk.gov.uk)

## **Delegated Healthcare Activities**

*Information provided by Skills for Care*

The Skills for Care Guiding Principles for Delegated Healthcare Activities have been revised and here is the link to the new document - [Delegated healthcare activities](#)

There are also two learning exchange sessions due in January to help explore these further - [Register here](#):

- Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 10:3am-12pm the session will focus on care planning and accountability
- Tuesday 25 March 2025 at 10:3am-12pm the session will focus on variations to system approaches to delegating healthcare activities and building cross system relationships.

## **Free Expect ReSPECT training for care home staff in West Suffolk and North East Essex**

*Information provided by SNEE*

Thank you for your recent interest in attending our free training offered to Care Homes in North East Essex and West Suffolk on the ReSPECT (Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment) process, aimed at improving conversations with residents – either upon admission or those who have yet to have this important conversation.

Please see attached "ReSPECT Care Home Training" Flyer for further information of the training session offered at St Nicholas Hospice IP33 2QY Garden Room Monday, 3rd February 09:30 to 4:30pm.

If your care home is interested, please nominate one lead to attend from your team to complete the training by emailing [cparsons@sthelena.org.uk](mailto:cparsons@sthelena.org.uk)

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