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Dear Care and Community Support Provider,

As always thank you to you and your teams for your continued efforts and support to our vulnerable residents.

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme for this year's Mental Health Awareness Week is 'nature' and raising awareness of the green spaces we have across the borough and the activities and services that are available to those seeking help or support with mental health concerns at any time. Many of these services in Sefton will be sharing advice, tips and resources on social media using the hashtag #SeftonInMind throughout the week.

Talking Matters Sefton, Sefton's talking therapies service, is launching its first online workshop this month, focusing on 'coping with low mood and depression' for those aged over 16. You can find out more by calling 0300 303 2708 or online at: www.mhm.org.uk/talking-matters-sefton For more information about please visit <https://mysefton.co.uk/2021/05/12/sefton-gets-back-to-nature-for-mental-health-awareness-week/>

A new 'one stop shop' online mental health platform has been launched this week to help children, young people, parents and professionals to make referrals into partnership mental health services in Liverpool and Sefton. Alder Hey's innovation team have worked closely with service users; children and young people & their families and mental health providers to develop the Sefton and Liverpool CAMHS platform that makes accessing the right mental health services much easier.

The new platform, available on the Liverpool CAMHS and Sefton CAMHS websites, allows just one referral form linking a wide range of mental health services across Liverpool and Sefton, who work in partnership together. To access the platform please visit: www.seftonliverpoolcamhs.com

Can we also remind you that there is the Mental Health at Work eLearning training course if you

would like to know more about how you can support yourself and your colleagues.

Please note this course is FREE to all Care Providers and Community Services in Sefton. Charges apply to organisations outside of Sefton.

Click on the following link to access the course:

https://seftonclc.melearning.university/course_centre/course_details/134

We would also like to remind you that the return date for the Infection Control / Rapid Test 2021 is the **14th May**. A template for April spend was sent out with the letter last week and the template is auto populated as the provider is chosen. This information is in the public domain i.e. Gov.uk website for Sefton allocation & CQC website for bed / user numbers.

The initial window for the Liverpool City Region Care Providers' Grant closes next Tuesday – the 18th May. Registered Care Homes (Adults) are eligible to apply for the grant and can apply via this link - <https://forms.sefton.gov.uk/lrcareprovgrant/>

The national booking service for health and social care workers has now reopened. Following JCVI guidance released on 7th May which stated that under 40s should be offered alternatives to AZ vaccine, the self-referral route in the National Booking Service for Health and social care workers was suspended to prevent any further under 40s from booking appointments which may result in the AZ vaccine being offered. The issue has now been resolved and the National Booking Service has been amended to allow people to book onto specific vaccine appointments.

Please continue to promote the vaccine with your staff and please encourage them to have their second dose to increase their protection. There is a short covid-19 video produced by Public Health England which you may wish to share with your teams.

<https://prod.cms.coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/covid-19-vaccine/resources/hope-pr-film/>

COVID-19 Testing

Local coronavirus testing **for people without symptoms** is being introduced in Sefton's Formby area in response to recent COVID-19 outbreaks, which showed cases of the variant first identified in India. Starting from Friday 14th May, mobile, drive-through test centres will be set up at Deansgate Lane Park in Formby (L37 3LF) and at Ainsdale Hope on Sandringham Road (PR8 2PJ), and there will be a walk-through test centre at Sefton Professional Development Centre (PDC) on Park Lane (L37 6EW).

The opening times are as follows:

- The Deansgate drive-through test centre will be open from 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday, The PDC on Park Lane will be open between 9.00am and 4.00pm seven days a week.
- The test centre at Ainsdale will be open from 9.00am until 4.00pm on Friday 14th May, but from Saturday 15th May will be open 9am to 8pm seven days a week.

Appointments are not needed for tests at any of these centres.

Sefton Council's Public Health team are also finalising locations for smaller, pop-up test sites in the community.

Sefton Council is moving its RAPID coronavirus testing centre for people with no symptoms from Bootle Leisure Centre to Bootle's Strand shopping centre. From 9am on Saturday 15th May, people without COVID-19 symptoms will be able to get a test, with a result in as little as 30 minutes, at the town centre location. The former H Samuel unit in the Strand, has been specially adapted for people to come along and take a RAPID test safely. It will be open seven days a week.

Information for Care Homes

The DHSC are organising a series of webinars on whole care home testing. There are changes to the registration of LFT and PCR registration for care homes due to the volume of testing undertaken in these settings. Important things to note:

- These changes to the system go live on 20th May.
- 119 – to contact if there are issues, as it is not part of local authority responsibility.
- LFT – results if they are positive/negative / void can be added.
- The spreadsheet is same as before
- No changes to staff or visitor testing – this must still be adhered to by all settings

Dates for the sessions are 17th & 19th May – it is advisable for all care homes to register and attend these sessions. Please note care homes must register in advance by clicking on this link: https://event.webcasts.com/viewer/portal.jsp?ei=1369434&tp_key=296e54cdc9

All care homes across the country are being required to change their ordering process from paper to electronic, to facilitate this Proxy access to residents' medical records is required. This is an NHS England project and many care homes have already changed to electronic ordering, the benefits are as follows:

- 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
- easier and faster access, as care home staff can order at any time of the day or night
- an improved, easy to access audit trail
- improved data security due to care home staff have their own username and password, which also saves time

- better communications and working relationships between all

Sefton Medicines management team are happy to support care homes with this and are contacting homes to discuss how this can be moved forward. In appreciation of the work undertaken to support this change there will be a financial incentive. We are just in the process of arranging this. Please note this will also be given to homes that have already changed to electronic ordering.

We just wanted to let you know that revised PPE guidance for care homes is expected soon. To accompany this, there will be a webinar as below:

[PHE COVID -19 webinar on implementing the HTWS in care homes PPE guidance Tickets, Tue 18 May 2021 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Please note there is also an opportunity to send questions in advance of this webinar (details on the EventBrite page)

There is an opportunity for care homes to take part in a national care home study exploring how we can prevent covid19 and treat it in care home residents. There would be a payment given to each care home as well as educational webinars to support the staff. There is more information in the attachment to this letter and if you are interested, please click on the weblink in the attached document to express an interest in the study so that one of their team members can contact you to explain in detail what this will involve. At that stage you can make a final decision as to whether you will go ahead or not.

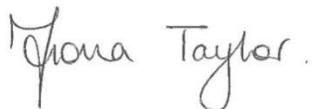
We are starting to prepare some information about how we have worked collaboratively with Care Homes during the past 12 months to share with the Better Care Fund and as part of the work we are doing on integration. We would like to include some quotes from care home managers on your experiences of the past year in relation to the support and engagement you have received from the health and social care system. If you would like to provide a quote, please email it to Jayne.vincent@sefton.gov.uk

From us, all the Health and Care partners and Councillor Paul Cummins, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, we would like to thank you and your staff once again for all your hard work and everything you are doing at this time.

Yours sincerely



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