

Briefing for Elected Representatives

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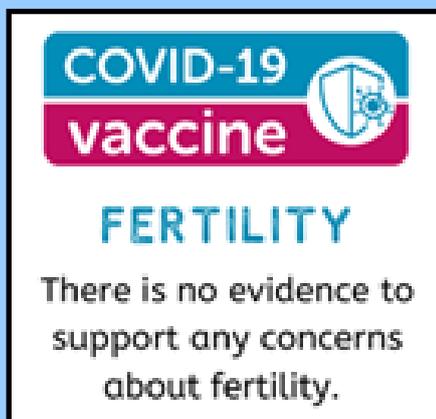
Trust Staff Still Eligible To Book Covid-19 Vaccine

It's not too late! Any of your Constituents who are Trust staff can use the Regional System to book their Covid-19 vaccination. Details on how to do this are available internally.

It's a quick and easy to use system, they just need to provide a mobile number or email address, photo ID and proof of age e.g. Driving Licence or Passport – and these must be brought to their appointment, plus their HSC number, if they know it.



Covid-19 Fertility Info Unwrapped



There are unfortunately some bogus claims about vaccines circulating on social media.

One of the unsubstantiated claims your Constituents may have heard doing the rounds concerns Covid-19 vaccines and fertility. There is no evidence to support any concerns about fertility.

This is not just the view of Governments and regulatory and expert advisory bodies. The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Royal College of Midwives recently issued [statements](#) relating to this misinformation.

Read the Department of Health's latest [myth buster](#) on Covid-19 vaccines and fertility.

Or [watch](#) as Dr Caroline Bryson, a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist in South Eastern Trust outlines the guidance on pregnant women and the Covid-19 vaccine.

Covid-19 Vaccine Programme Extended

REGIONAL VACCINATION CENTRES

- ✓ Carers aged 60-64
- ✓ Anyone aged 65 to 69
- ✓ Anyone aged 70 plus who wants to receive their vaccination in a regional centre
- ✓ Anyone who has received a "shielding" letter because they are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable.

Book online or via telephone for vaccination centres

GP PRACTICES

- ✓ 70 plus age group
- ✓ People aged 18 and over who may be vulnerable to the virus and their carers
- ✓ GPs and district nurses will continue to work together to prioritise vaccination for anyone aged 65 and over who are housebound.

You do not need to contact your GP practice – wait for them to contact you.

Great news!

The Covid-19 vaccination programme has been extended and many of your Constituents will be able to avail of the vaccine at a Regional Vaccination Centre or at their GP Practice.

Read more [here](#).

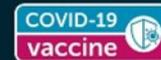
65-69 Year Olds Can Book Their Covid-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 VACCINE



Aged 65-69?

Book your Covid-19 vaccination online or via telephone today.



Do you have Constituents aged 65-69?

They can book their vaccine today either [online](#) or by Tel: 0300 200 7813

More information [here](#).

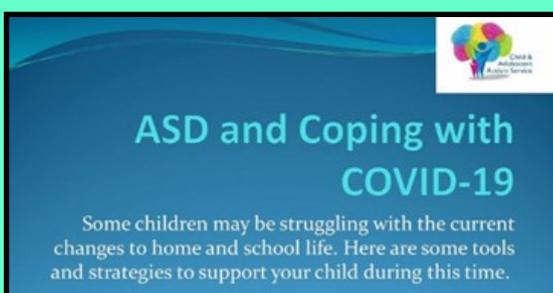
ASD and Coping With Covid-19

Some of your Constituents' children may be struggling with the current changes and uncertainty around schooling.

Why not check out some of our tools and strategies to support children during this time?

We've included some links on home-schooling and strategies to help children on their return to school.

Click [here](#) for all the info.



Supporting Working Parents During Covid-19



We have developed a new support resource for working parents and carers.

The resource provides staff with useful information and advice on how working parents can support themselves and their children during the continuing Covid-19 pandemic.

Our staff, many of whom will be your Constituents, can access this on the Trust's intranet.

The Importance of Vaccines

Professor of Molecular Virology, Ultan Power, is a Research Fellow at the Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine at Queen's University.

[Watch](#) him explain how vaccines work, how they are tested and how they have such a positive impact on public health.



Professor Louise Dubras, Foundation Dean at the Ulster University School of Medicine, talks about the concerns some people have about vaccines and [explains](#) why vaccines are so important in helping communities fight against serious illness.

Community Learning Disability Zoom Sessions

Our Community Learning Disability Team are holding virtual engagement [sessions](#), and everyone is invited!

This is a great opportunity for your Constituents to hear about what has been happening in the Service, hear about plans for the next 6-12 months and to ask questions and share thoughts and ideas.

Simply pick a time that best suits, [register](#) and receive a Zoom link to participate.

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The Community Learning Disability team warmly invite you to a virtual engagement session

This is an opportunity to:

- Hear what has been happening in the service
- Hear about plans for the next 6-12 months
- Ask questions and share your thoughts and ideas

We are holding sessions on:

- Wednesday 24th February at 2pm
- Thursday 25th February at 2pm
- Friday 26th February at 11am
- Monday 1st March at 11am
- Tuesday 2nd March at 7pm
- Thursday 4th March 7pm

Pick the time that suits you best and register to attend. Once you register, log on details will be emailed to you

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To register and receive a Zoom link please email: sara.vicente@belfasttrust.hscni.net

Useful Info & Contacts

This pandemic has been a tough time for everyone. It has impacted on every single person, and we all deal with difficult situations in very different ways. The main thing to remember is that we are not alone and we are all very much in this together. If you have Constituents who are struggling, or those who just want some help and advice, then perhaps this handy sheet of [info and contacts](#) will be beneficial.

If you would like to speak to a member of the Public Liaison Team please:-

Tel: (028) 9504 5888 or Email: publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net

Wash your hands regularly



Keep your distance



Wear a face covering



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