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Lincolnshire Resilience Forum – Recovery Cell Comms Distribution

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Headline Updates

NHS Test and Trace Business Compliance

The Lincolnshire Resilience Forum would like to share the following Key Messages with businesses regarding Test and Trace Compliance. It is essential that businesses follow this guidance as closely as possible. The LRF would also like to impress upon businesses that it is the responsibility of the organisation to keep staff and visitors safe during this time. Active participation is helping to reduce the spread of Covid-19 and to keep businesses open and trading safely:

- Establishments offering hospitality, tourism, close contact services, public and civic services, and Places of Worship should collect details and maintain records of staff, customers and visitors. This includes indoor, outdoor and mobile venues.
- Customers' names, phone numbers and date/time of visit should be recorded and kept for 21 days;
- If someone visiting the organisation tests positive for coronavirus, NHS Test and Trace teams will work with the business to understand what actions need to be taken. This does not necessarily mean that the business will need to close.

Full details can be found [here](#).

Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme

Businesses can claim back up to 2 weeks of SSP from the Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme for a member of staff if:

- The employee's sick pay has already been paid;
- The eligible employee is claiming sick pay due to COVID-19;
- The business has a PAYE payroll scheme and it was started on or before 28 February 2020;
- The business had fewer than 250 employees on 28 February 2020 across all PAYE payrolls.

Full details can be found [here](#).

Business and Economy Updates

Green Homes Improvement Scheme

The government is urging tradespeople across England to step forward and sign up to be able to offer services through the government's new Green Homes Grants scheme. Over 1,000 businesses across the country have already applied so far.

The £2 billion Green Homes Grant Scheme will see the government fund up to two-thirds of the cost of home improvements up to £10,000 to make over 600,000 homes across the country more energy efficient, supporting over 100,000 jobs in green construction, cutting carbon emissions and helping people save money on their energy bills.

Further details [here](#)

National Academy for Social Prescribing granted £5 million

The National Academy for Social Prescribing (NASP) has been awarded £5 million in funding to support people to stay connected and maintain their health and wellbeing following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Social prescribing is a core part of the NHS approach to delivering targeted Personalised Care and is currently being expanded across England and the National Academy for Social Prescribing is a new independent organisation, launched in October 2019, to promote social prescribing and create a 'social revolution in wellbeing'.

This approach to healthcare will help tackle loneliness, improve wellbeing and recovery from COVID-19. The funding will support local community partnerships, encourage innovation and improve the evidence base for further work of this kind. Projects include football to support mental health, art for dementia, improving green spaces and singing to counter-balance the effects of COVID-19.

NASP will work with partners such as: the Arts Council England, Natural England, Money and Pensions Service, NHS Charities Together, Sport England and NHS England.

Full details can be found [here](#).

Self-Employment Support Scheme: Second Payments Now Available

Millions of self-employed people will be able to claim a second payment of up to £6,570 from today. Over 2.7 million people have benefitted from the scheme so far, receiving £7.8 billion.

Those eligible will now be able to receive a second and final grant worth 70% of their average monthly trading profits, with the money set to land in their bank accounts within six working days of making a claim.

Anyone whose self-employed business has been adversely affected by coronavirus since 14 July is eligible for the scheme. HMRC will contact all potentially eligible customers to advise them that they can claim for a second and final SEISS grant.

The eligibility criteria remains the same as for the first grant, with people needing to have had trading profits of no more than £50,000, making up at least half of their total income.

Full details can be found [here](#)

Education & Skills

Exam appeals: The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP writes to all headteachers and college principals

Minister of State for School Standards Nick Gibb writes to all headteachers and college principals about A and AS level and GCSE results. The letter also includes information about the appeals process in England.

The letter can be found [here](#)

Government campaign launches to get children 'back to school safely'

Today (Monday 17 August) the government launches its #backtoschoolsafely campaign to reassure parents and students that schools and colleges are ready for their return in September.

Schools have received Public Health England endorsed guidance on protective measures they should implement to be as safe as possible and reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus.

Measures such as staggered break times, increased hygiene and handwashing, and children remaining in consistent groups will all contribute to minimising risks, while allowing schools to get back to doing what they do best – teaching.

Full details can be found [here](#)

North Lincolnshire Council - Virtual Apprenticeship Event

North Lincolnshire Council is set to host a virtual apprenticeship for both individuals looking to become an apprentice and businesses looking to employ one.

In England between 2018/2019 there were 742,400 people participating in an apprenticeship, with 393,400 apprenticeship starts and 185,100 apprenticeship achievements.

The event is on **Wednesday 19 August 2020 from 9am to 4.30pm**. Attendees will be able to access webinars covering a range of information in relation to apprenticeships and put forward questions.

Two separate webinars have been organised. The first, from **11.30am to 12.30pm**, is aimed at individuals interested in applying to be an apprentice and what this entails.

The second, from **2pm to 2.30pm**, is aimed at businesses that are considering employing an apprentice and wish to know more about the process involved from a business perspective.

To register, please send a name and contact details to apprenticeshipsupport@northlincs.gov.uk.

For updates, [follow us on the North Lincolnshire Council Facebook page](#) and on [Twitter @NorthLincsCNews](#).

Fixed Key Messaging

- Last payments for the Local Authority Grant Schemes will be made on 28th August 2020. If you are eligible for support and yet to claim, contact your Local Authority [here](#).
- Visit [Business Lincolnshire](#) or call 01522 782189 for continued support to your business
- View the Government Covid-secure guidance by sector [here](#)
- Click [here](#) if you can provide Covid-19 testing capacity.
- Feed business impacts into [Business Intelligence](#)

The Lincolnshire Resilience Forum has created a Recovery Comms Cell made up of county and district councils, NHS, and LEP/ Business Lincolnshire leads to ensure consistency of key messaging. This is not intended as a comprehensive list but to update on new and key messages relevant to economic recovery. Follow and tag @ [twitter LRF](#) [twitter LEP](#) [twitter Business Lincolnshire](#)