

# SPOTLIGHT

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## Welcome

Spotlight 12 - keeping you in touch with the latest Adult Learning news across the region and nationally.

We look forward to receiving your feedback and any information that you would like to be included in future newsletters.

### In this issue:

- ESFA updates
- SKILLS Team news
- 2021-22 Mini Competitions
- Learner Voice
- Latest SCC updates

*Please circulate our newsletter to everyone working on projects for the Adult Learning Service, and to anyone that you feel may be interested in learning more about what we do!*



**LEARN SUFFOLK**

*The Adult Learning Service*

▶ Don't forget to visit our newly launched website: [Learnsuffolk.org](https://learnsuffolk.org)

## SERVICE NEWS

- **New system for providers to order test kits became available from Thursday 25 March:** Guidance for the processes to order kits and what's involved in implementing the asymptomatic



testing is also now available to view on DFE [document sharing platform](#).

- ▶ **You will need to confirm that you have the correct delivery address (no PO boxes allowed) before ordering.** This needs to be an office with a staff member in attendance to receive kits.

**Each Provider can now request tests to come direct to them following this process:**

Go to : "Order C-19 tests for your organisation" site: enter your UKPRN and Post Code and you can view your unique ordering code to complete the process below.

**How do I order test kits?**

**1** User accesses GOV.UK and enters UON

**2** User checks address of organisation

**3** User selects type of testing: Lateral Flow

**4** User enters number of staff and students

**5** User enters contact details of individual in organisation responsible for receiving the delivery

**6** User receives order confirmation on screen and via email

- ▶ Please take time to watch this [webinar that took place on 23 March](#), giving information about home testing.

- **The approach to AEB reconciliation for 2020-21 has been announced:** Read more here: [lower-reconciliation-threshold-for-esfa-grant-funded-providers](#) and the latest national response from providers here: [Threshold rate for college AEB under-delivery lowered to 90% \(feweek.co.uk\)](#)
- **ESFA Update - FE Workforce Data Collection:** The data submission will be **mandatory** from 2021-22: [FE Data Collection](#)



- **SKILLS Team Update:**

From 1st March Adrian Orr became the Assistant Director responsible for Education, Skills and Learning and Michael Gray was appointed as the new Head of Skills.

Judith Mobbs, Assistant Director for Skills and Inclusion, leaves Suffolk County Council at the end of March and we thank Judith for her leadership, experience and guidance over the years, she will be greatly missed!



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## CONTRACT CATCH-UP

*Catch up on meetings, data, events and updates*

- **Return to Face to Face Delivery (2020-21):** Please keep in touch and update us on your plans for delivery after Easter.
- **2021-22 Mini Competitions:** If you have not applied to be an approved supplier on the DPS please apply as soon as possible to receive the invitations to tender, which are due to be published in late April/May: [Suffolk Sourcing - E-Tendering & Contract Management portal - Project Manage - Tender \(in-tendhost.co.uk\)](#)
- **Service Network Meeting 26th May 10.00am-12.00pm:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> of our Network Meetings this year will again be held on-line, via Teams.



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## LEARNER VOICE

*We were delighted to hear from learners about their experiences and want to share some recent feedback:*

“I wanted to change and needed to change and GLT enabled that. GLT courses are helpful on so many levels to so many different people. Some just want to sit around the fire all day but for them, that’s huge, it’s all they can do and GLT respect that. I’ve had my days like that. Some want to be quiet and observe. There is no judgement at GLT, and that helps people feel comfortable. For me, the bonds and friendships I have with participants at GLT will last a lifetime”  
*Trust*



*other*

*Learner JE, Green Light*



“I am writing to say big THANK YOU for your effort in teaching us and for all support you gave me during whole year. Our classes with you as a teacher were really enjoyable. I am very grateful that with your help I have achieved my goal and got promoted. I wouldn't be able to do if didn't build my confidence in using English.”

*Learner S, Realise Futures*

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“I really like the fact the course is longer as I feel less pressurised. I never thought I was the sort of person who would do an online course but I find it makes me feel safe to be in my own environment while interacting with other people. I have learnt so much about myself during lockdown and this course has given me a way to express this in a safe way.” Learner C, Realise Futures

## **Suffolk** LATEST UPDATES County Council

- **Community testing centres:** These sites offer Lateral Flow **COVID-19 Testing for people who cannot work from home and do not** have symptoms of Covid-19. The test process takes about 15 minutes with the result provided via text within an hour. People are advised to get tested at least twice a week. At the moment, those who work from home should not leave home to get tested, unless they have symptoms.



Regular testing has a very significant role in helping Suffolk live with and manage Covid-19. One in three people who have Covid-19 have no symptoms at all, so regular testing is vital in breaking this invisible chain of infection.

For further details and to book a test, visit the [COVID-19 asymptomatic testing webpage](#). There is also a YouTube video presented by Stuart on community testing. This can be found on the [SCC YouTube channel](#).

- **Latest SCC Guidance on Coronavirus (Covid-19):** Visit our website on how to check central government and NHS advice, plus answers to common questions about COVID-19. [The Suffolk County Council COVID-19 website contains some frequently asked questions and is updated regularly](#)
- **Suffolk County Council launches a new website to support sustainable travel:** The Way To Go Suffolk website provides information and advice on walking and cycling, public transport, car sharing and electric vehicles and features up to date information on how people can travel



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more sustainably across the county: [The Way To Go Suffolk](#)

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