




Sandwell News




Every booster makes a difference



 All adults are now eligible to book a Covid-19 booster dose. The booster helps give you longer-term protection against getting seriously ill from Covid-19.

 [Book online](#) or go to a [walk-in vaccination site](#).

 If you haven't had your first or second Covid-19 vaccination yet, you can come along to any of our [vaccine centres](#), [pop-up clinics](#) or pharmacies which are doing vaccinations.

Last chance to apply for primary school place

The closing date for applications for reception or children starting junior school is tomorrow (15 January 2022).

NEED TO APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022?

The closing date for applications
for reception or children starting
a new junior school is

15 January 2022

Apply online now! It's easy and secure

Go to: www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Update on PCR testing

[PCR testing rules have changed:](#)


● people without symptoms who receive positive lateral flow results for Covid-19 will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

● people with symptoms should continue to isolate and book a PCR test as before.

This is a temporary measure while Covid-19 rates remain high across the UK.

If you wish to apply for an NHS Test and Trace Support Payment following a positive lateral flow test, you are required to register the results by scanning the QR code and then book a PCR Test.

You will need to await your results from NHS Test and Trace and then make an application for Support Payment. Please note, we cannot consider a claim until the process above has been followed.

 HM Government

From 11th January in England,
**people who receive a positive
lateral flow test for COVID-19 won't
be required to take a confirmatory
PCR test.**

They should continue
to self-isolate.



Nominate a Birmingham 2022 Batonbearer

Do you know someone who makes a difference in their community?

★ We need 2,022 Batonbearers to take on the special experience of carrying the Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton through England this summer.

👉 [If you know someone inspiring who goes above and beyond for others, nominate them now.](#)



Staying dry for January? We can help

Whether you're staying on the wagon for January or you just want to improve your drinking habits, downloading [our Lower My Drinking app](#) can help.

The app gives you expert advice and tools to help reduce your drinking to the recommended limit. It's basically like a guide in helping you manage your drinking.

[You can also find help on our Healthy Sandwell alcohol webpage.](#)



LOWER MY DRINKING
Get Healthier, Feel Better

**HEALTHY
SANDWELL**

Start your New Year with a **fresh, sober mind!**

The Lower My Drinking app is free to download on Google Play or the app store for anyone who lives or works in Sandwell.

#DryJanuary

Interested in mental health?

[Check out the launch of the Better Mental Health Programme](#) on Monday 17 January, 1pm to 3pm.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
LAUNCH WEBINAR OF:

THE BETTER MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME

JANUARY 17, 2022
1PM- 3PM

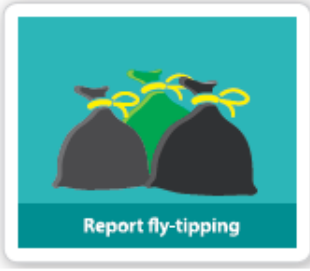
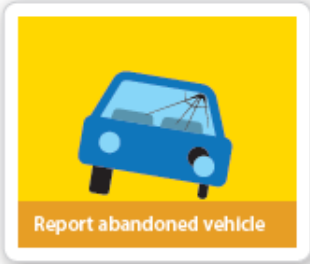
- LOOKING AT THE MENTAL HEALTH APPROACH IN SANDWELL
- SHOWCASING 10 BETTER MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY PROJECTS
- Q&A AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES



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