



**Daily update  
(9 February 2026, 2.15pm)**

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**eEES Update – AfC Reduced Working Week hours from 1 April 2026**



Following the Core Brief Notification issued on 2 December 2025 regarding the reduction in AfC full-time hours from 37 to 36 hours per week, managers are asked to note the following.

The eESS National Team will carry out a bulk upload to update eESS records for affected staff, effective from 1 April 2026. To ensure this process is completed successfully, managers are requested to **refrain from making any other eESS changes dated on or after 1 April 2026** until the bulk upload has been completed.

This will help prevent the creation of future-dated records, which may otherwise block the automatic application of the revised working hours.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Random Acts of Kindness Day is coming Tuesday 17 February!**

Building on the success of World Kindness Day last November, we invite staff to keep kindness in mind on Tuesday 17 February for Random Acts of Kindness Day.

Random Acts of Kindness Day is dedicated to promoting kindness and encouraging individuals to perform small, unexpected acts of kindness.

This day is part of a larger celebration known as Random Acts of Kindness Week, which runs from 15 - 21 February 2026. The idea is to inspire people to spread positivity in their communities and workplaces through thoughtful gestures.

**make  
kindness  
the norm.**

randomactsofkindness.org

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOUNDATION®

This links into our [Civility Saves Lives](#) initiative, encouraging us all to contribute to a culture of kindness and compassion.

You can find ideas and resources for the day, and more information on Civility Saves Lives, [on Staffnet](#).

## Care Home Collaborative – February newsletter

The February edition of the Care Home Collaborative newsletter is out now.

In this issue we feature:



- Care Home Celebrations
- Diabetes Podcasts
- Peer Support Webinars for Care Home Staff
- Register Interest for March 2026 MSU
- Digital Mindset for Care Home Leaders
- Falls Development Day - March 2026
- Resources and Learning Opportunities.

And much more!

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