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**COVID-19: ACCESSING MEDICINES FROM YOUR LOCAL PHARMACIES**

As the UK responds to the COVID-19 pandemic, community pharmacies in the Thames Valley are working tirelessly to ensure that everyone gets the medicines they need, when they need them.

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Given the new government advice, it is important that these vulnerable patients are still able to access their prescription medicines. If you are considered a vulnerable patient, and have been asked to stay at home for the next 12 weeks, but need to collect your prescription medicines, the Thames Valley Local Pharmaceutical Committee and Government advise you to do the following:

- In the first instance, vulnerable patients are asked to have their medicines collected by a family member, friend or neighbour.
- If no-one is able to help you collect your prescription, vulnerable patients will be able to ask for support from a national volunteer network which is being mobilised in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Volunteers in this network will be ID-checked, and if you need someone to collect your prescription medicines, they may be able to help.

## Update from Thames Valley Pharmacy

**We asked for feedback from you about issues surrounding getting prescriptions and medications, please see below for a letter from Thames Valley Pharmacy.**

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## **West Berkshire Adult Social Care Are Recruiting Front Line Care Workers**

**Click on the links to see the full details of the roles available:**

**Day and Night Dementia/Care Practitioners**  
**Reablement Assistants**



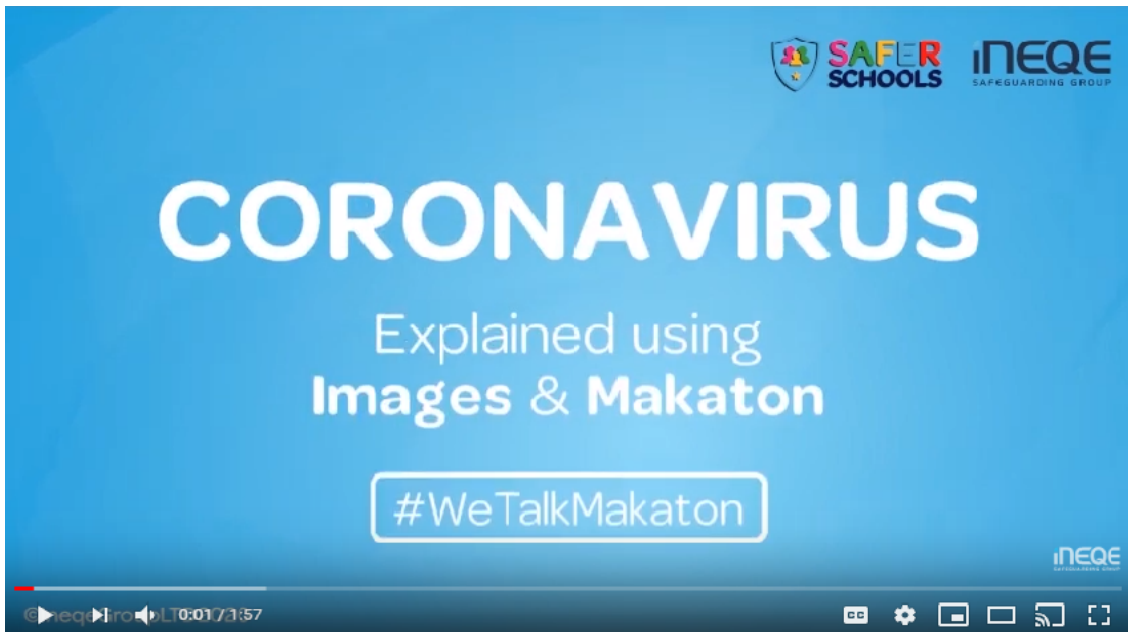
### **We are recruiting**

Do you want to work in a role that makes a difference during this difficult time?

Our Adult Social Care team are looking for **front line care workers** to start asap.

If you have the skills and experience, contact us on: **07795 305 332** for a telephone interview.

Begin a career with a supportive employer that offers training and promotional opportunities.



The Ineqe Safeguarding group have created a resource that could be used to explain Coronavirus to children with special needs. So here it is using images and Makaton. Click on the image to watch the video.

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