**Improving your hydration:**
**Top tips for older people**

- Aim for 6-8 drinks each day (a minimum of 1.5 litres). Include a range of drinks, e.g. coffee, fruit juice and smoothies – all non-alcoholic fluids count.

- Drink your favourite drinks little and often - every sip counts.

- Have fluid available to drink at all times, including when you are travelling.

- Having water bottles / jugs to hand can act as a visual reminder for you to drink.

- Have a full glass of fluid with your medications.

- Make sure water is fresh and looks inviting, e.g. adding slices of lemon or ice cubes.

- Use the start or end of favourite TV programmes as triggers / reminders for a drink. Electronic or digital alarms / reminders may also help.

- Including more fluid-rich foods e.g. soups, tinned fruit in juice and adding sauces to meals, can help increase your fluid intake.

Please continue to follow any specific advice from your medical team on how much you should be drinking.

For more information, please visit: wessexahsn.org.uk/hydration-at-home