

COVID-19 Guidance: What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak– Updated 21 August

As the new school term approaches the government have issued guidance for parents and carers on what they need to know in anticipation for the autumn term. [Click here](#) for more information.

COVID-19: Overview of adult social care guidance on coronavirus – Released 25 August

The government now have all information and guidance related to coronavirus for adult social care in one place. [Click here](#) to access this new resource.

COVID-19: New payment for people self-isolating – Released 27 August

A payment scheme to support people on low incomes who need to self-isolate but cannot work from home has been introduced by the government. [Click here](#) for more information.

Funding following hospital discharge from 1st September

The government have announced funding to support 6 weeks of follow-on care after a person is discharged from hospital. The additional support will include domiciliary care, community nursing services or care home costs depending on the needs of the person. This funding will run until the 31st March 2021.

To support this process providers should:

- Identify their capacity to support hospital discharges and liaise with their local adult social care lead
- Ensure that they have sufficient PPE stocks
- Ensure that regular COVID-19 testing is taking place
- Ensure that a care plan assessment is undertaken with each new service user during the initial 6-week period
- Work with multidisciplinary teams to ensure the correct packages of support are in place and equipment is available where required
- Where reablement or rehabilitation services are being provided, these should be monitored, and the effectiveness of that service shared

Full government guidance on the funding can be found [here](#).

Policy Updates

- The Admission and Discharge Policy and Procedure has been updated, in light of the new discharge funding, and now includes reference to this and the steps providers should follow