

COVID-19: Overview of adult social care guidance on coronavirus (COVID-19) – Updated 22 January

This guidance has been updated in relation to residents who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 should not be included in testing for 90 days after their initial onset of symptoms or their positive test result. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Supported living services during coronavirus – Updated 22 January

A new document titled 'Working with people in supported living this winter' has been added. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Coronavirus - providing homecare – Updated 22 January

A new document titled 'Working with people in their own homes this winter' has been added. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Coronavirus - support for care homes – Updated 22 January

A new document titled 'Your care home during winter' has been added. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Get a test for coronavirus if you do not have symptoms - Published 22 January

A new document on finding out how to get tested when you do not have symptoms has been published. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Coronavirus – getting tested - Updated 25 January

A new link has been added in relation to 'care home testing guidance for LFD self-testing at home'. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Designated setting for people discharged to care homes - Updated 25 January

The guidance has been updated to remove the reference to '*As a last resort, one option could be for COVID-19 positive individuals to be temporarily discharged under existing arrangements, to a non-designated care home, with sufficient IPC arrangements, that is willing to receive the individual*'. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: University of Nottingham - PROTECT trial - Published January 2021

This PROTECT trial has been set up to identify treatments that can protect care home residents from developing COVID-19. The study is being set up and the website evolving, for more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: PPE portal – how to order COVID-19 personal protective equipment – Updated 26 January

Updates made to the guidance including in relation to order limits. For more information [click here.](#)

Liberty Protection Safeguards Factsheet – Updated 26 January

A new document has been added titled 'Liberty Protection Safeguards: settings and Responsible Bodies'. For more information [click here.](#)

CQC – Proposal for more flexible and responsive regulations – Published 26 January

The CQC are proposing some specific changes following the pandemic to allow them to assess and rate services more flexibly, for full details of the proposals [click here.](#)

Social care blog by Clenton Farquharson: Overcoming vaccine hesitancy in our diverse communities

According to a recent polling study, 72 percent of black people in the UK are hesitant about taking the COVID-19 jab. Clenton's [blog](#) makes a case for making time for community engagement to build trust.

Policy Updates

- All coronavirus policies and Resource Centre documents continue to be reviewed and updated in light of government updates
- A new COVID-19 Vaccine Factsheet for social care has been produced and can be found in the Resource Centre
- A guidance document on staff refusal of the vaccine is available in the resource centre
- We have added a Complaints Audit document to the Resource Centre to support your quality assurance processes