

## **CQC: The world of social care is changing, so are we – Published 07 January**

The CQC has invited formal consultation until 4 March 2021 on its proposed draft strategy. For more information, [click here](#). You can also refer to our [expert insights page](#) where one of our contributors has broken down the strategy.

## **CQC: Change to notification forms – Updated 13 January**

The CQC is updating its statutory notification forms to make them easier to use. The Death of a Service User Form has been updated so far, ensure that you check the CQC website before submitting any forms. For more information, [click here](#).

## **Landmark Reform of Mental Health Laws – Press release 13 January**

The government has set out a white paper proposing reforms of the Mental Health Act. Major reform of the Mental Health Act will empower individuals to have more control over their treatment. For more information, [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Health and wellbeing of the adult social care workforce – Updated 14 January**

The guidance has been updated to reflect the new national lockdown. For more information, [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: More than a third of over 80s vaccinated against COVID-19 – Press release 14 January**

The government has announced that over a third of England's over 80s have had at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information, [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Vaccinating Frontline Social Care Workers – Published 14 January**

The new Standard Operating Procedure and guidance on vaccinating frontline social care workers has been released by the NHS. For more information, [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Adult Social Care Rapid Testing Fund – Updated 15 January**

This document sets out the measures the Rapid Testing Fund will support. For more information, [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Coronavirus Getting Tested – Updated 15 January**

The guidance on asymptomatic testing and other recently introduced testing has been updated. For more information, [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Types and Uses of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Tests – Updated 16 January**

The guidance has been updated on types and uses of coronavirus tests, including asymptomatic testing. For more information, [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Social Care to Receive £269 Million to Boost Staff Levels and Testing – Press release 17 January**

The government have announced funding to protect support staff and residents in care homes and those receiving support in their own homes. For more information, [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: COVID-19 Vaccines Rolled Out to People Over 70 years and Over from Today – Press Release 18 January**

People aged 70 and over, as well as those classed as clinically extremely vulnerable, will be invited to receive their vaccinations today. For more information, [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Supported Living Services During Coronavirus – Updated 18 January**

The guidance has been updated to reflect that if you have close contact with someone who has COVID-19, you must self-isolate for 10 days. For people in supported living arrangements the 10-day period should increase to 14 days based on a risk assessment of the setting if it is considered high risk. For more information, [click here](#).

## **UKHCA – Information About the COVID-19 Vaccine for England – Updated 18 January**

This document from the Department of Health and Social Care provides a range of information about the COVID-19 vaccinations. Please note information may quickly go out of date. For more information, [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme: Claiming financial support – Updated 19 January**

The guidance has been updated to include reference that you can make a claim, where eligible, up to 28 days after the first day of your self-isolation period. For more information, [click here](#).

## **Cold Weather Alert Issued by PHE – Updated 19 January**

Public Health England have issued a cold weather alert from Thursday 21 January to Monday 25 January for certain areas of the UK. For more information, [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 Vaccinations and Community Based Social Care Workers – Published 20 January**

The minister for social care has published a letter to local authority chief executives and directors of adult social care providers outlining plans for getting the COVID-19 vaccine to social care workers based in the community. For more information, [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Designated Settings for People with COVID-19 Leaving Hospital – Published 20 January**

The CQC has published information on designated settings and is working alongside the Department of Health and Social Care to ensure quality care and support is provided in these. For more information, [click here](#).

## Policy Updates

**Please note, a new Service User Contract will be available on the system from the beginning of February. This contract features 24 new customisations and will require your system details to be updated to ensure you remain compliant on the system.**

All coronavirus policies and Resource Centre documents continue to be reviewed and updated in light of Government updates.