

COVID-19: Guidance on Care Home Visiting - Updated 4th March

The guidance has been updated in preparation for 8th March when lockdown easing measures will be in place and to support safe visiting. For more information, [click here.](#)

Mental Capacity (Amendment) Act 2019: Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) - Updated 4th March

This document has been updated with a summary of the LPS National Steering Group meetings held in February 2021. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Visiting Arrangements in Care Homes - Updated 5th March

A one-page overview document has been added to support the new guidance. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Testing for Homecare Workers - Updated 5th March

The guidance has been updated to include that directly employed or self-employed personal assistants are eligible for regular testing where they come within two metres of adults over the age of 18. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Lateral Flow Testing in Adult Social Care Settings - Published 5th March

This guidance sets out how adult social care services can carry out rapid lateral flow testing on site. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Free Rapid Tests for all Businesses for Regular Workplace Testing - Press Release 6th March

All businesses in the UK are now able to sign up to the Government's free COVID-19 workplace testing programme. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: NHS Test and Trace: What to do if you are Contacted - Updated 8th March

This guidance has been updated to reflect the COVID-19 response – Spring 2021 roadmap, with changes starting on 8th March. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Arrangements for Visiting out of the Care Home - Updated 8th March

This guidance has been updated to reflect the COVID-19 response – Spring 2021 roadmap. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: What to do After the Vaccine - Published 8th March

NHS England has produced a series of animated videos aimed at people who have received their COVID-19 vaccine to ensure they continue to follow the necessary rules. For more information, [click here.](#)

Homecare Insight: People with Learning Disabilities and Autism more likely to Accept Lower Quality Care, CQC finds - Published 8th March

This article highlights how lower quality of care, due to coronavirus, has been seen for people with a learning disability or autism and that they are less likely to provide negative feedback. For more information, [click here.](#)

Homecare Insight: Senior Care Workers Added to the Shortage Occupation List in Government U-turn - Published 8th March

This article highlights that senior care workers have now been added to the shortage occupation list and this will support those workers to be eligible to work in the UK. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Providing Unpaid Care - Updated 8th March

This document has been updated to include guidance for young carers. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Visiting Arrangements in Care Homes - Updated 9th March

This document has been updated to highlight that being on the Shielded Patient List does not stop residents having visitors. For more information, [click here.](#)

CQC: New agreement between CQC and the Equality and Human Rights Commission - Published 9th March

A new memorandum of understanding agreement has been published on how CQC will work with the Equality and Human Rights Commission to safeguard the wellbeing and rights of people receiving health and social care. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: New Analysis of Lateral Flow Tests show Specificity of at least 99.9% - Press Release 10th March

A new analysis has reinforced that lateral flow tests are accurate and reliable, with low false positive rates. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Testing for Homecare Workers - Updated 10th March

A guide to registering test kits for homecare workers has been added. For more information [click here](#)

COVID-19: Lateral Flow Testing in Adult Social Care Settings - Updated 11th March

An attachment has been added on testing for professionals visiting care homes. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Guidance for People Receiving Direct Payments - Updated 11th March

An easy read has been added to support with direct payments and personal health budgets. For more information, [click here.](#)

Policy Updates

- All coronavirus policies and Resource Centre documents continue to be reviewed and updated in light of these Government updates
- A new 'Visiting Outside of a Care Home' guidance document has been added to the Resource Centre to support services who are looking into outward visits