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LCC Adult Social Care - Policy Statement on Day Services
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This sets out a revision to the statement issued on Friday 08th January where LCC advised day services that due to the risk posed by the new strain of Covid they should either close or severely limit their service offer.

Firstly it is worth noting again that DHSC issued a briefing note on 1st February 2021 which recognised the importance of day care centres as an essential service for both the individuals who use them, and as a form of respite for their carers. The county council completely supports that stance.

Secondly, since the 8th January 2021 LCC statement on Day Services a number of national measures have now been announced which will provide additional assurance which by way of a reminder are summarised below.

- 1st February 2021 DHSC national roll out of weekly PCR testing to help support all staff to keep themselves and those they provide care and support for as safe as possible
- Current guidance developed with the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) on [delivering safe adult day care](#).
- Providers of Day Services in Lancashire are able to implement enhanced testing by way of asymptomatic lateral flow weekly testing as part of the SMART testing programme.
- Roll out of the Covid Vaccination programme and providers of day care have encouraged to support as many staff in their service as possible to take this up.
- Some people with learning disabilities were vaccinated in the top 4 priority groups and now roll out for rest of population as a national priority

Following a review of the current Lancashire position with our Director of Public Health it has been decided that day services can re-open from the 8th March 2021

The above measures, along with continued adherence to all national guidance, PPE and IPC measures will support your plans to ensure day services can re-open services from 8th March 2021 and increase service levels around the assessed needs of individuals and families.

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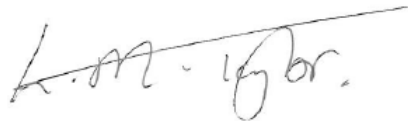
All plans to resume and increase services, are to be on a risk based approach, taking into consideration the number of individuals whom have been previously been advised to shield and those added to the new shielding lists on 16th February 2021.

It is recognised that day care centres as an essential service for both the individuals who use them and are a form of respite for their carers, providers can now plan accordingly around the needs of service users, families and staff to operate whilst keeping as safe as possible.

This position will be reviewed in the week beginning 26th April 2021.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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