

# Adult Social Care Provider Webinar

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

# Welcome and Introductions

## Ian Crabtree

### Welcome and introductions

**Purpose of webinar:** key messages and updates, both national and local

### Reminders:

- Fortnightly webinar for providers on Fridays, 1-2/2.30 p.m. Potentially schedule in weekly, dependent on developments and the need to quickly share key messages.
- Provider portal: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/practitioners/health-and-social-care/care-service-provider-engagement/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-care-providers/>

# Today's Agenda

1-2.30pm

- National lockdown update (Ian Crabtree)
- Vaccination Update (Joanne Reed)
- Testing Update (Ian Crabtree)
- IPC Update (Ellen Smith)
- PPE update (Ellen Smith)
- Finance Updates (Ian Crabtree)
- Regular updates; national and local guidance, etc (Ellen Smith)

# National lockdown update

- It is anticipated that the Government will set out their roadmap out of lockdown on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

# National lockdown update - Shielding

- An extra 1.7 million people are expected to be added to the 2.3 million already on the list.
- Half of the group have not yet been vaccinated so will now be prioritised urgently by their local GPs
- This decision comes after a [new model](#) was developed that takes into account extra factors rather than solely health
- The calculation includes things such as ethnicity, deprivation (by postcode) and weight to work out a person's risk of becoming seriously ill if they were to catch Covid
- It also looks at age, underlying health issues and prescribed medications
- [Link here](#) – guidance updated on 16<sup>th</sup> February

# LRF Care Home Visiting Policy Statement

- In respect of the LRF Care Home Visiting Policy Statement, there's been considerable debate and discussions about window visits and whether we could allow them during an Outbreak.
- Consensus was that we are still in national lockdown and travel is not being encouraged.
- Fully appreciate that people are desperate to see loved ones, especially for homes that have been in prolonged Outbreak.
- Hopeful that Govt's roadmap out of lockdown being announced on Monday may give more flexibility for visiting in due course.
- Difficult situation and will support providers who have exceptional circumstances eg EOL.
- Therefore no changes have been made to the current policy - [link here](#)

# Vaccination Updates

Joanne Reed

# Vaccination Update

- government pleased to have achieved over 15 million vaccines nationally
- government satisfied that all people eligible under cohorts 1-4 have been offered a vaccine
- most older peoples homes in Lancs have now had 1<sup>st</sup> visit and uptake amongst residents very good
- good uptake amongst care home staff but still some pockets of lower uptake. LA and NHS colleagues doing targeted work to understand reasons for not having vaccine and offering support
- reasonable uptake for domiciliary care staff and we know there were some issues with some booking systems so keep trying or
- anyone eligible in groups 1-4 who wants a vaccine can now self refer through the national booking system. Here is the link

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>



# Vaccination Update

- particularly keen to encourage Personal Assistants who we have tried to contact via letters to Direct Payment recipients
- PLEASE continue to input information into NECS tracker for vaccines and LFTs or give us the information if we call you
- now moving onto priority groups 5 and 6. This now includes Clinically Vulnerable and the newly identified Covid CEV
- these groups include Carers. This is a large cohort of people and different types of carers will be contacted through different routes eg GP or a letter from NHS. It will be on a phased basis.
- some 'known' carers will be called forward via GP, others will be asked to use the National booking system. There will be a wider call out for 'unknown' carers with checks.

# Vaccination Update

- the SOP for carers will be published next week which will set out the exact criteria that we will need to work to and the processes to follow. Its complex
- government keen for carers and the people they care for to be picked up as part of groups 5 and 6 if not already done so
- these groups 5 and 6 will include anyone in supported living not already picked up and will also anyone in MH residential
- we expect anyone with LD&A and MH not in residential will be picked up as part of the GP clinically vulnerable lists
- please use our portal for updates and contact details for assistance or use your regular Contracts Team contact

# Important Information to support the COVID-19 vaccination of Social Care Workers

- A letter has been sent out from DHSC to providers (dated 10th February) providing detailed information about ensuring that their staff are accessing the vaccination
- This includes information about local authority contacts to confirm eligibility and support with arrangements and provides information about self referral via the national booking service
- A separate letter has been sent out to providers by LCC on behalf of the NHS (dated 11<sup>th</sup> February), regarding self referral for social care worker vaccination
- To ensure maximum uptake of vaccination and timely equitable access the vaccination national booking system will now be made available to eligible social care workers (see Annex A) to self refer
- For a limited period, until 28 February, eligible staff will be able to self-book a vaccination at a vaccination centre or community pharmacy led local vaccination service online at [www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination). Staff should try online booking first but if this is not possible, they can phone 119 free of charge, 7am to 11pm, 7 days a week.
- **The link to both letters will be uploaded onto the portal.**

# Annex A

Annex A: The government "Green Book" for immunisation against infectious disease includes the following definition for frontline social workers:

Occupational Group Example of roles in scope:

Direct care – these roles involve directly working with people who need care and support • Care worker • Personal Assistant • Rehabilitation, reablement, enablement worker • Shared lives Carer

Frontline suppliers with direct contact with clients:

• Team leader or supervisor • Specialist coordinator, such as Dementia or end of life care coordinator

Social care support – these roles provide direct support functions to clients:

• Housing support • Social care prescriber/Care Navigator • Welfare rights • Employment advisor  
Ancillary • Cook or Kitchen assistant • Housekeeping or domestic worker • Driver

Maintenance Regulated professionals – these roles require the worker to hold relevant qualifications and to be registered with a regulated body to practice:

• Social worker • Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHP) • Occupational Therapist • Nurse including nursing associate • Counsellor

# Annex A Con't

- The following are, however, not eligible within this priority group as defined by the JCVI:
  - Administrative staff who do not have any direct contact with clients.
  - Social care workers working with children who are not considered priority within the context of the JCVI priority cohorts 1-9 (children under 16 who do not have underlying health conditions leading to greater risk of disease or mortality and children who have no underlying health conditions).
  - Unpaid carers
  - Teachers and teaching assistants

# COVID-19 Vaccine Programme Communications Toolkit to Support Vaccine Uptake in Adult Social Care

- Please use these resources to encourage and reassure staff about having the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Additional information and resources can be also found via the DHSC Google Drive and Public Health England campaign resources centre.
- This toolkit will be uploaded to the portal.

# NRHO: Maximising Uptake of COVID Vaccination for Ethnic Minority People

- The infographic has been developed in conjunction with the NHS Race and Health Observatory and can be found here: <https://www.nhsconfed.org/-/media/Confederation/Files/Publications/Documents/RHO-vaccine-uptake-infographic.pdf>
- The aim of the infographic is to promote maximising uptake of the Covid-19 vaccine amongst ethnic minority people
- There is growing evidence that people from ethnic minority backgrounds are more likely to be hesitant to have the Covid-19 vaccine
- More need to be done to increase levels of confidence and trust in the vaccine to ensure the most vulnerable are protected.
- The infographic presents key recommendations to support this aim.

# Testing Updates

Ian Crabtree



# National Guidance - Care Home COVID-19 Testing Guidance (for testing of all staff and residents)

- [Care Home COVID 19 Testing Guidance](#) - national guidance was updated on 16<sup>th</sup> February
- Guidance was updated re: retesting of asymptomatic staff and residents
- “Those who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 should not test with either PCR or LFD for 90 days unless they become symptomatic. After 90 days, staff should continue testing with PCR or LFD tests.”

# Further testing updates from DHSC

- **Rapid response LFD testing for staff is being extended (from 22 February).** This should no longer automatically stop after 7 days. Instead care homes should continue with rapid response testing until 5 days have elapsed since the last positive test. Staff should only be tested on the days they due to attend work.
- **LFD testing for residents is being introduced (from 22 February).** This should be undertaken at the same time as the PCR testing in an outbreak - on day 1 and on an additional day between days 4 and 7. The usual principles of consent and best interest decisions apply to inform your decision whether this is appropriate for each resident.
- **PCR outbreak testing is moving from Pillar 1 to Pillar 2.** The policy for when to carry out the outbreak PCR remains the same. All staff and residents should be tested on day one and on an additional day between days 4 and 7.

# Local Position re: retesting

[Clinical Advisory Group Position Statement on Testing](#) – on portal

## Lateral flow testing within 90 days of a positive test

- Currently, it is not known whether previous infection or vaccination prevents re-infection and consequent infectiousness. It is likely but not definite. It also not known how long immunity from a vaccine or infection will last.
- LFD tests identify antigen, rather than fragments of virus RNA like the PCR test. They are less prone to false positives than PCR tests, particularly when the prevalence of Covid-19 is high, as it is now. The LFD tests detect those with high viral loads who are likely to be infectious and should isolate to protect others.
- We appreciate the concern about the removal of people from the workforce who may test positive again during 90 days following a positive test. The numbers affected by this are likely to be very small.

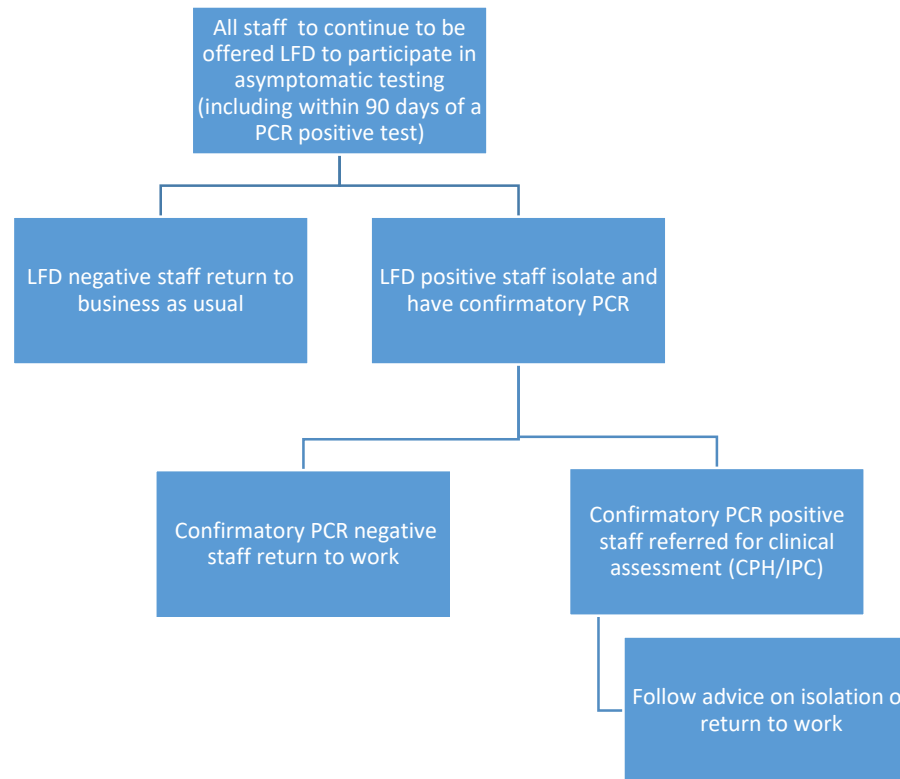
# Local Position re: retesting

- As such, the Clinical Advisory Group (CAG) do not see a reason to exclude those with previous positive LFD or PCR tests from ongoing LFD testing for 90 days.
- The CAG therefore recommend that people who test positive can re-enter the LFD programme at any time after their recovery from Covid-19.
- This position/advice will be kept under review weekly via the testing clinical advisory group.

# Local Position re: retesting

- In addition to, and to complete the the CAG position statement, locally, the DPH have produced a briefing note re: Public Health Advice on Asymptomatic Testing of Care Sector Staff – this will be shared on the portal
- This reiterates the message re: the local position around testing of asymptomatic staff
- Explanatory flowchart (next slide)

# Local Position re: retesting



# ICS NHS Testing Group - Position Paper on Testing

- The paper provides guidance on the approved position of all NHS organisations in Lancashire and South Cumbria regarding admissions, discharge and testing arrangements/ protocols.
- It has been produced for NHS staff to ensure there is a consistent understanding and prioritised approach to the use of testing for staff and patients in hospital or other NHS settings, including primary care.
- In L&SC it has been agreed that in the case of care home residents who test positive within the first 5 days of admission, the care home and the Infection Prevention Team at the corresponding Local Authority **MUST** be notified (in real time).
- This will be uploaded to the portal.

# Day Services Testing

- Submit an application through the self-referral portal here: <https://request-onboarding.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/>
- These submissions are sent to LAs by the Test and Trace policy team.
- LAs confirm or reject that they are who they say they are
- If accepted, Test and Trace email the day-care centre to give them a Unique Organisation Number (UON) to be able to place orders
- DHSC have subsequently issued a [poster on testing in day centres](#).
- Staff who work with day centres can sign-up for a [webinar about testing eligibility](#). This is on Monday Feb 22 at 11am.



# 119

- Coronavirus Testing national help centre – reached by dialling 119
- Report any issues with deliveries, delayed results to this helpline
- Make sure you select the right option to get through to the care home team – choose option 1 when asked “If you are calling because you have an upcoming hospital procedure, or from an organisation who receives test kits directly from the national testing programme, press 1”
- If you have results delayed past 72 hours, please call 119 and let us know also at [contractmgmt.care@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:contractmgmt.care@lancashire.gov.uk)
- 119 may not be able to help if not over 5 days
- When speaking to 119, ask for operator name and when they will call you back.

# Supported Living Lateral Flow Testing

- Lancashire are looking at rolling out enhanced testing for all supported living services to build upon existing testing regime.
- Lateral flow tests would be provided to supported living staff to carry out regular remote workplace testing in their own homes.
- The testing regime would be in addition to current PCR testing.
- We would like to invite providers to share their interest and feedback in the enhanced testing, please email [contractmgmt.care@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:contractmgmt.care@lancashire.gov.uk)

# Personal Assistants and access to Testing

- DHSC have now introduced access to PCR testing for Personal Assistants (PAs) as of 17/02/2021
- This applies to all PAs in England who provide care and support to individuals in their own homes, where they come within 2m of the person they care for
- PAs will be able to order a month's supply of test PCR kits every 28 days, delivered to their home address, enabling them to conduct weekly coronavirus testing at home.
- Further guidance about how PAs can order tests, how to conduct testing and what the results mean will be covered in a series of webinars, due to start on Wednesday 17th February, and can be accessed at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-personal-assistants>

Webinars will take place on:

- 1pm on Friday 19th February
  - 4pm on Thursday 25th February
  - 4pm on Wednesday 3rd March
- LCC will write to all Personal Assistants via service users in receipt of a Direct Payment to provide the above information
  - LCC will pause ongoing works regarding the distribution of SMART testing across the PA network to support the national testing programme, and allow a review of the ongoing need for access LFD testing

# PCR Barcodes not Matching

- There are reports of barcodes in PCR kits for care homes not matching. This may result in wrong or delayed notifications.
- The box should have a UN3373 label and an identical barcode to the vial and biohazard bag. If they don't, please advise then to call 119.

# IPC updates

**Ellen Smith**

# Reminder re: Staff Isolation

- If a staff member tests positive then they need to isolate for 10 days from either the date of their test if asymptomatic or from the onset date of symptoms.
- If a staff member is identified by test and trace as a contact of someone who has tested positive, then the date of their last contact with the positive individual is classed as 'day 0', they must then isolate for ten days after that.

# Shift Covid Champion/Coordinator

- Do you have one in your care home?
- What role could they assist you with daily?
- Reminders to socially distance?
- Checking PPE compliance and donning and doffing?
- Assisting with LFD Tests? Visitors (when permitted)?
- Ensure cleaning is audited?
- Auditing high touch areas?
- Taking IPC Calls?

# Any queries?

Please email:

[infectionprevention@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:infectionprevention@lancashire.gov.uk)

(Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm)



# Finance Updates

## DHSC Adult Social Care:

- Rapid Testing Fund
- Workforce Capacity Fund
- Infection Control Fund

**Ian Crabtree**

# Rapid Testing Fund Update

- DHSC Rapid Testing Grant for Providers - £4.1M for Lancashire
- Money has to be used / committed by 31 March 2021 ...otherwise we will have to return it
- Letters went out 3 weeks ago offering the care home sector a share of the 80% (£3.3M) of this grant mandated to go to Care homes
- Based on a formula of £253 per bed
- Number of care homes taking up testing option has gone up to according to Tracker
- But 44% of care homes still not responded to accept Grant Conditions to allow us to release the money
- Further reminder emails sent to those providers earlier this week
- Any money unallocated according to the original formula by 5<sup>th</sup> March we will aim to reallocate to those providers who have accepted the Grant Conditions

# Testing Grant - Responses

|                              |  | LFT                  |            |
|------------------------------|--|----------------------|------------|
|                              |  | RESIDENTIAL          |            |
| <b>TOTAL ALLOCATED GRANT</b> |  | <b>£3,302,395.20</b> |            |
| <b>RELEASED FOR PAYMENT</b>  |  | <b>£1,926,777.84</b> |            |
| <b>Remaining Grant</b>       |  | <b>£1,375,617.36</b> |            |
| <b>Accepted Conditons</b>    |  | <b>243</b>           | <b>56%</b> |
| <b>Rejected Conditions</b>   |  | <b>3</b>             | <b>1%</b>  |
| <b>No return</b>             |  | <b>190</b>           | <b>44%</b> |
|                              |  | <b>436</b>           |            |

# Rapid Testing Fund Update

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- Further 20% of funding (discretionary element) to be allocated as follows:
  - £50K to be reserved for use of Public Health-funded services (eg Refuges, homelessness services) details still be worked on by;
  - £50K to be held in reserve as contingency for groups (eg Pas) in case of new initiatives;
  - Options still being explored for spending remaining share of the 20% (about £700K + anything unspent in other categories)
  - But default option will be to further distribute to those care homes who are already in receipt of a share of the 80% Grant and signed up to Grant Conditions and clear evidence of compliance.

# LCC email re: Workforce Capacity Fund (17<sup>th</sup> Feb) - recap

- As a CQC registered provider ,you will be aware of the DHSC's Workforce Capacity Fund.
- The details of this fund are published on-line and the national conditions and the County Council's allocation for The Adult Social Care Workforce Capacity Fund Ring-fenced Grant ('the Grant documents') can be found at:
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/workforce-capacity-fund-for-adult-social-care>

# Workforce Capacity Fund

- Delay in sending the letters out because the Lancashire Grant had been sent to another council by mistake!
- Letters went out by email to individual providers from LCC on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb re: their allocation of the Workforce Capacity Fund and the associated processes
- A further email was sent on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, as there was an error in the original correspondence re: the figures in the calculations table, however, the share of the funding detailed for each individual provider was accurate; apologies for any confusion
- Please return your agreement to the Grant Conditions asap so we can send the money to you!

# Workforce Grant

| WORKFORCE GRANT              |                      |            |            |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
|                              | ALL                  |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL ALLOCATED GRANT</b> | <b>£2,670,375.00</b> |            |            |
|                              |                      |            |            |
| <b>RELEASED FOR PAYMENT</b>  | <b>£475,230.00</b>   |            |            |
| <b>Remaining Grant</b>       | <b>£2,195,145.00</b> |            |            |
|                              |                      |            |            |
| <b>Accepted Conditions</b>   |                      | <b>101</b> | <b>19%</b> |
| <b>Rejected Conditions</b>   |                      | <b>0</b>   | <b>0%</b>  |
| <b>No return</b>             |                      | <b>431</b> | <b>81%</b> |
|                              |                      | <b>532</b> |            |

# Workforce Grant Payment Arrangements

- We will make payments to your usual payment account which is used for the purposes of business with the County Council.
- In order to avoid any delay in you receiving the funding, please confirm your agreement to the conditions of the scheme by returning Schedule 2.
- Remember, the period of activity leading to the expense to which the Grant relates is **16 January 2021 and 31 March 2021**.
- Alongside the other Grant Conditions, it is a requirement of this funding that you complete the Tracker (at least weekly and commits to do so until 31 March 2021) and **our current expectations are that this will be completed daily**.
- It also remains our firm advice to you continue to complete the Lancashire Tracker (in response to phone calls or directly on-line) and the County Council will then take responsibility for uploading those details onto NECS, (the national tracker run by the NHS / CQC).
- Following the creation of this fund, the County Council will ask you about your use of the Workforce Capacity Fund and your participation in the scheme during the Tracker calls.



# Compliance with Conditions and Reporting Arrangements

- The Grant Conditions require the County Council to provide assurances and evidence to Government that you have spent any Grant money as intended. In turn it is a condition of the allocation of funding that your organisation accounts for the use of all the grant received from the County Council.
- Any grant that is unused or used for a different purpose than set out in the Grant Conditions must be returned to the County Council and in turn returned to government.

# Reporting Dates

- For ease, the reporting date requirements for this fund match those of the Infection Control Fund. The County Council will amend the *Infection Control e-form* in order for you to comply with your reporting requirements for this fund.
- As a reminder, the relevant dates are:
  - 5 March 2021, with information on January and February activity and spending of this grant
  - 15 May 2021, with information all subsequent activity and spending of this grant
- We ask that you complete the updated e-form at least one week prior to these dates in order for the County Council to comply with its requirements under the scheme.

# Reporting Dates

- For your assurance, the County Council believes that this funding complies with the new subsidy regime which has replaced the State Aid regime following the UK's departure from the European Union.
- At Schedule 2 of this letter you are asked to confirm that you understand and accept the grant conditions.
- **We require you to complete and return Schedule 2 to [carehomefinance@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:carehomefinance@lancashire.gov.uk). The County Council will aim to make payment to you within 5 – 7 days of receipt of your return.**
- This will enable the County Council to assure Government that the funding is being used appropriately.
- Please also include your organisation's preferred email address for any future communication regards the administration of the grant.

# LCC email re: Workforce Capacity Fund (18<sup>th</sup> Feb) - correction to email of 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

confirm that your share of the funding amount detailed within the original letter is correct.

It was the figures in the table which were incorrect, the correct figures and the ones that the calculations have been based on, are in the table below.

| <b>SECTOR</b>                | <b>£ Per Person Employed</b> | <b>SECTOR FUNDING</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| NURSING                      | <b>£180.00</b>               | £1,251,180.00         |
| RESIDENTIAL                  | <b>£95.00</b>                | £716,965.00           |
| SUPPORTED LIVING             | <b>£80.00</b>                | £259,520.00           |
| COMMUNITY                    | <b>£75.00</b>                | £439,800.00           |
| <b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTED</b>     |                              | <b>£2,645,620.00</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL LANCASHIRE FUND</b> |                              | <b>£2,759,076.00</b>  |

Apologies for the confusion that this has caused.

If you returned you schedule 2 earlier today accepting the grant conditions then you do not need to send it again, these have been received and processed.

We will not be reissuing the letters

# Infection Control Grant

- Please continue to submit your monthly returns to the contract management team:  
[contractmgmt.care@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:contractmgmt.care@lancashire.gov.uk)
- Local authorities are required to provide monthly returns to the DHSC to report on monthly spend.

# Infection Control Grant Round 2

|                              | ICF 2                |            |                     |            |                   |            |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|                              | RESIDENTIAL          |            | COMMUNITY           |            | PH                |            |
| <b>TOTAL ALLOCATED GRANT</b> | <b>10,700,731.26</b> |            | <b>4,075,707.87</b> |            | <b>367,952.85</b> |            |
| <b>RELEASED FOR PAYMENT</b>  | <b>10,161,761.22</b> |            | <b>3,588,800.40</b> |            | <b>351,487.38</b> |            |
| <b>Remaining Grant</b>       | <b>538,970.04</b>    |            | <b>486,907.47</b>   |            | <b>16,465.47</b>  |            |
| <b>Accepted Conditons</b>    | <b>398</b>           | <b>93%</b> | <b>183</b>          | <b>81%</b> | <b>33</b>         | <b>92%</b> |
| <b>Rejected Conditions</b>   | <b>6</b>             | <b>1%</b>  | <b>18</b>           | <b>8%</b>  | <b>2</b>          | <b>6%</b>  |
| <b>No return</b>             | <b>26</b>            | <b>6%</b>  | <b>24</b>           | <b>11%</b> | <b>1</b>          | <b>3%</b>  |
|                              | <b>430</b>           |            | <b>225</b>          |            | <b>36</b>         |            |

# PPE update

**Ellen Smith**

# LCC PPE Team Update

- As of the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, we will only be supplying **GVS NON VALVED FFP<sub>3</sub> MASKS.**
- Cardinal Valved Masks are no longer being supplied and this is now our preferred option.
- It will mean that Parties that are currently being supplied Cardinal, will no doubt have to have their staff re-fitted for the GVS mask.
- They will have to source their own FFT as we are unable to provide this service currently.



# DHSC - PPE update for unpaid carers

- Free PPE is being made available to unpaid carers who do not live with the people they care for
- SAGE recommends PPE to be worn by extra-resident unpaid carers
- Distribution routes are in the process of being set up to support delivery to unpaid carers
- More than half of local authorities, including Lancashire County Council, have already signed up to assist with provision

# PPE Updates

- **THE DHSC has extended the distribution of free PPE through the PPE until the end of June 2021.**
- Eligible health and social care providers can continue to order PPE through the portal to meet the increased need arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The latest guidance on the PPE Portal, including weekly order limits for different types and sizes of provider, can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ppe-portal-how-to-order-covid-19-personal-protective-equipment>
- Registered providers can call the customer service team on 0800 876 6802 if they have any questions about using the PPE Portal. The team is available from 7am to 7pm, 7 days a week, to help resolve queries.

# National and Local Updates

**Ellen Smith**

**All new and updated national  
adult social care guidance  
available on the Portal under:  
Government, NHS and NW  
ADASS advice and guidance**

# COVID-19 Online Resources

- [Care Quality Commission info for providers](#)
- [Social Care Institute for Excellence](#)
- [Health Education England coronavirus programme](#)
- [ADASS Best Practice Tips on Mental Health](#)

# New National Guidance - Vaccination (1)

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for personal assistants](#) - How personal assistants working in adult social care in England can access weekly COVID-19 testing. *Published 16<sup>th</sup> February*
- [COVID-19 vaccination: easy-read resources](#) -these resources are aimed at people who have, or care for someone with a learning disability. NHS England Learning Disability and Autism Programme have also produced an [information about vaccines video](#) for people with a learning disability and their carers. A set of [short social media clips](#) of the video are available to download from the Health Publications website. *Published on 13<sup>th</sup> February*

# New National Guidance - Vaccination (2)

- [COVID-19 vaccination uptake plan](#) – this plan sets out the government’s approach to making sure everyone has the opportunity to get vaccinated, the information they need to make an informed decision, and that no one is left behind. The plan emphasises the importance of partnership working and national approaches to enable and support local experts and tackle the barriers that some communities face in taking up the offer of a vaccine. *Published on 13<sup>th</sup> February*

# New National Guidance - Vaccination (2)

- [COVID-19 vaccination: British Sign Language resources](#) - British Sign Language (BSL) videos on COVID-19 vaccination and [leaflets](#) on which these videos are based on, are available to download. Paper copies are also available to order. *Published on 9<sup>th</sup> February*
- [Surge testing for new coronavirus \(COVID-19\) variants](#) – describes how 'surge testing' and genomic sequencing is being used in locations in England where COVID-19 variants have been identified. *Published on 10<sup>th</sup> February*



# New National Guidance - Health and Social Care

- [The future of health and care](#) – sets out the government's white paper on the future of health and care. It outlines proposals designed to support the health and care system to work together to provide high-quality health and care, so that people live longer, healthier, active and more independent lives. Many of the proposals build on the NHS's recommendations in its [Long Term Plan](#). *Published on 11<sup>th</sup> February*

# New National Guidance

- [Short-term paid work in adult social care](#) – this new guidance explains how people can register their interest in taking up short-term paid work in adult social care. *Published on 9<sup>th</sup> February*
- [How to stop the spread of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) – this guidance is for everyone to help reduce the risk of catching coronavirus (COVID-19) and passing it on to others. *Published on 2<sup>nd</sup> February*

# Updated National Guidance

- [National lockdown: Stay at Home](#) – has been updated to provide clarity on attendance at support groups and includes an additional link to Public Health England guidance on how to stop the spread of coronavirus. *Updated on 15<sup>th</sup> February*
- [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#) - an illustration has been added demonstrating a worked example for household self-isolation alongside updated translations and easy-read guidance. *Updated on 15<sup>th</sup> February*

# Updated National Guidance

- [Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person](#) - sexual contacts have been removed from 'what is meant by a contact' section. *Updated on 12<sup>th</sup> February*
- [Domestic abuse: get help during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#) – has been updated with Men's Advice Helpline details. *Updated on 12<sup>th</sup> February*

# Updated National Guidance

- [COVID-19: the green book, chapter 14a](#) – has been updated to include information on the Moderna mRNA vaccine, further changes to the advice on managing allergic history and allergies after dose 1 and updated information and clarification of advice on pregnancy. *Updated on 12<sup>th</sup> February*
- [COVID-19 vaccination: care home and healthcare settings posters](#) – an updated priority group poster has been added. *Updated on 11<sup>th</sup> February*

# Updated National Guidance

- [Workforce Capacity Fund for adult social care](#) – the 'Workforce Capacity Fund for adult social care' document has been updated. The 'Purpose' section now makes it clearer how local authorities can use the fund. *Updated on 12<sup>th</sup> February*
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): emergency funding for local government in 2020 to 2021 and additional support in 2021 to 2022](#) – the policy paper 'COVID-19 funding for local government in 2021 to 2022' has been added. *Updated on 10<sup>th</sup> February*

# Updated National Guidance

- [COVID-19: guidance for care of the deceased](#) – has been updated to reflect current legislation and links have been added to guidance on working safely during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Updated on 4<sup>th</sup> February*
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): providing home care](#) – guidance has been added on vaccinations and the NHS capacity tracker. The definition of 'home care' has also been amended. *Updated on 2<sup>nd</sup> February*

# Updated National Guidance – Testing (1)

- [Care Home COVID 19 Testing Guidance](#) - updated on 16<sup>th</sup> February (please refer to earlier slides on testing)
- [How tests and testing kits for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) work](#) – the section on lateral flow testing has been updated and a new section added on reporting issues with testing kits, in the 'For patients, the public and professional users' document. Updated on 15<sup>th</sup> February
- [Testing for coronavirus before hospital](#) - supporting guidance for testing before hospital treatment has been added. Updated on 11<sup>th</sup> February
- [Types and uses of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests](#) - the time taken for LFD test results to arrive (from 2 hours to 30 minutes) has been updated and a link added to find out if your area offers rapid asymptomatic LFD testing. Updated on 11<sup>th</sup> February



# Updated National Guidance - Testing (2)

- [Get a test for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) if you do not have symptoms](#) – a link has been added to find out if your area offers rapid asymptomatic LFD testing. *Updated on 11<sup>th</sup> February*
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): getting tested](#) - details have been added on getting instructions on home tests for the blind or visually impaired, and changed the length of time for lateral flow test results (from 2 hours to 30 minutes). *Updated on 10<sup>th</sup> February*
- under 'documents for care homes using the online application portal', the 'care home testing guidance for LFD self-testing at home' has been updated to reflect a new registration process (the option to create user accounts when self-registering). *Updated on 5<sup>th</sup> February*
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) lateral flow tests waste codes](#) - under the 'Likely management route/waste hierarchy' column, 'energy from waste' has been added as the first option for swabs and cartridges or devices. *Updated on 3<sup>rd</sup> February*

# Updated National Guidance - PPE

- [PPE portal: how to order COVID-19 personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#) - small bottles of hand hygiene have been added to the order limits for domiciliary care providers. *Updated on 9<sup>th</sup> February*
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): providing unpaid care](#) – the personal protective equipment (PPE) section has been updated with guidance about recommended PPE for unpaid carers who do not live with the person or people they care for. *Updated on 5<sup>th</sup> February*

# Updated National Guidance - (L)POA

- NHS and social care staff: check if a COVID-19 patient has an attorney or deputy - information has been added about searching on behalf of patients for COVID-19 vaccinations. Updated on 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Being a deputy or attorney during the coronavirus outbreak – information has been added about consent and medical treatment such as the COVID-19 vaccination. Updated on 5<sup>th</sup> February

# Vitamin D Tablets

- Vitamin D tablets have started arriving at homes.
- Careful work is needed to ensure residents are able to take with current meds. Anecdotal evidence suggests that some GPs are unwilling to review medication.
- Meds management in East Lancashire are proactively offering to review residents.
- [Vitamin D for vulnerable groups](#)

# Contingency Planning - Indemnity Insurance Arrangements Reminder

- An indemnity planning letter was sent out to all providers last year. This is a reminder about the importance of completing it as soon as you feel any staffing issues may arise.
- It will enable you to make necessary arrangements with your insurance provider in the event that you need NHS or LCC staff on site.
- This should be part of your staffing contingency planning.
- The letter will be uploaded onto the portal.

# Pulse Oximetry Reminder

- Every home should now have received at least two pulse oximeters and, through their GP, be able to feed the data into Docobo.
- If you haven't already, please can you initiate this service with your GP practice.
- ICS colleagues joining our next webinar to discuss pulse oximetry in more detail.

# EU Settlement Scheme

- A reminder about this was included on the last webinar
- The application deadline is the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- Colleagues who are, or may be supporting adults with care and support needs with the application process need to be aware that it is taking longer to obtain ID documents due to the impact of Covid
- ADASS now have a [dedicated web page](#) which provides information to EUSS and links to Government Advice
- **ADASS will be offering webinars about the EU Settlement Scheme on the 23/24/25<sup>th</sup> February and the 2/3/4<sup>th</sup> March – further details will be announced soon**

# CCG Update

## Medicines Management training opportunity

- Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria ICS were successful in accessing funding for all Care Homes across Lancashire and South Cumbria to access free training around medicines for all their staff.
- This is a wonderful opportunity for Care Home staff to enhance their skills. The training is all online and there are 3 courses, each broken down to smaller modules. Staff can save their work and access the training at times that suit them. There is a simple registration process to access the training and staff must pick the organisation, which will be the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) that they come under to ensure there is no fee to pay:

NHS Blackburn with Darwen CCG

NHS Blackpool CCG

NHS Chorley and South Ribble CCG

NHS East Lancashire CCG

NHS Fylde and Wyre CCG

NHS Greater Preston CCG

NHS Morecambe Bay CCG

NHS West Lancashire CCG

[Attached is a flyer with further details on the courses.](#)



# CCG Update Con't

- IPC training calendar
- To access the latest IPC training offer, which details upcoming infection prevention control training sessions, [please click here.](#)
- If you have any further questions, please email [rebecca.potter10@nhs.net](mailto:rebecca.potter10@nhs.net) or the identified lead for each session in the attached document.

# CQC Update

## Help improve COVID-19 Guidance

- The communication team at DHSC have asked the CPA to run a follow on survey to the one you helped us to collate feedback in summer 2020 to understand the effectiveness of government guidance to gauge additional feedback and input.
- The survey should only take 4 minutes to complete and is being held on the Exchange system. Every response is important to help shape future communication tools for Adult Social Care so please try and find a spare moment to share your views.
- You can complete the survey [here](#).

## CQC's future strategy consultation is now live - Feed back now on our future strategy

- On 7 January we published a [formal consultation](#) on our future strategy. The draft strategy is the product of over 10,000 interactions with stakeholders and sets a bold ambition for CQC over the next five years.
- The consultation will run for eight weeks, closing on 4 March 2021.
- Your views and feedback have been invaluable as we've developed our draft strategy. We'd now like to hear what you think to our proposals so we can make sure it works for everyone. You can do this by either [submitting a consultation response](#) or adding a response on our digital participation platform [CitizenLab](#).

# TV Channel for People with Dementia

- A TV Channel is available for people with dementia
- “My Life films” has just launched the first video-on-demand dementia friendly tv channel.
- [My Life TV](#) has content specifically curated for the cognitive needs of the viewer, it’s basically Netflix for people living with dementia.
- There’s a variety of content including animal and nature programmes, gardens, feelgood programmes, lots of quizzes, archive news, popular tv shows from 1960s and 1970s and more.
- **This is a not for profit service** and launched by charity My Life Films who specialise in using filmmaking to improve the lives of people affected by dementia. They are offering this service free for three months and then a £4 per month subscription.

# U-Night Friendship Project

- A ***Free information and training pack*** about supporting people with a learning disability and/or autism is now available for all Lancashire service providers.
- The packs, which have been developed in consultation with self advocates, contain a range of activities and games that staff can use with individuals or groups. The aim is to help people make and maintain healthy relationships.
- There is a link to an information poster here:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18KxAFj2N-AdWUtx6so-r6rdF2XmzkSNKSDrgErwq5Qw/edit?usp=sharing>
- The resources, that have been developed alongside self advocates, are particularly relevant to the relationships barriers that people are facing during lockdown.
- There will also be some free training for providers in March, details will be shared.

# Next steps

- The next webinar will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm
- We now have a permanent joining link for our webinars
- The recording from today will be shared on the portal – [link](#)
- Review and respond to any queries/questions, as appropriate

**Thank you!**