

Adult Social Care Provider Webinar

Friday 23rd April 2021

Welcome and Introductions

Tony Pounder

Welcome and introductions

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

Reminders:

- We are now moving webinars to every three weeks, 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

- Finance Update (Tony Pounder)
- Visiting Guidance (Tony Pounder)
- Vaccination Update (Tony Pounder)
- IPC Update (Tanya Shaw/ Sarah Whelan)
- PPE Update (Nichola Morris)
- Regular updates; National and Local Guidance (Nichola Morris)

Finance Updates

Tony Pounder

2020/21 ICF /Testing /Workforce Returns Needed

- Key feature of grant conditions is that we receive returns from providers to evidence spending
- There are a high number outstanding from last year – this puts individual providers and LCC in jeopardy so we need you to return them as soon as possible
- Some providers have said they have submitted but we have not received – we have had a look to see if we can find them but typically can't...
 - So please doublecheck the key person in your organisation is keeping a record when they submit these (eg date, content etc)
 - We have made a tweak to the submission buttons so hopefully harder for people to go wrong/ easier for people to get it right

Infection Control and Testing Fund

1st April – 30 June 2021

- **Adult Social Care Infection Control and Testing Fund** - sets out the measures that the new Infection Control and Testing Fund will support, including distribution of funds, conditions on funds and reporting requirements. **Published on 29th March**
- This is a new grant, with some **subtle** differences in the conditions to the original Infection Control Fund, the extension to the Infection Control Fund and the original Rapid Testing Fund.
- The purpose of this fund is to support adult social care providers, including those with whom the local authority does not have a contract, to:
 - reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission within and between care settings through effective infection prevention and control practices and increase uptake of staff vaccination
 - conduct additional rapid testing of staff and visitors in care homes, high-risk supported living and extra care settings, to enable close contact visiting

LCC Infection Control and Testing Fund

- There is £9 million being allocated in total for LCC.
- 60% (£5,449,607) is to be used on IPC and 40% (£3,667,526) is to be used on Testing.
- Of the IPC amount, it is split between discretionary and provider ringfenced. The discretionary amount is increased to 30% overall.
- Of the testing amount, 63% is ringfenced to care homes and 37% to the discretionary community.
- This grant will be paid in a single instalment in April 2021.
- **It is to cover costs between 1st April to 30 June 2021**

Allocation formula

ICF3	Ringfenced	Discretionary	£ / Unit	UNIT BASIS
RESI / D&A	£2,944,061	£856,565	£292.60	Bed
COMMUNITY	£870,664	£253,317	£94.82	User
PUBLIC HEALTH		£375,000	TBC	
TESTING	Ringfenced	Discretionary	£ / Unit	UNIT BASIS
RESI / D&A	£2,304,488	£500,000	£215.91	Bed
SUPPORTED LIVING	0	£712,720	£15,164	<i>AVG £ per provider - 47 providers</i>

ICF 3 – communicating the story

- This webinar
- Letters going out this week and possibly next
- Follow up in the Tracker calls to check receipt, who is dealing with it and that it is being actioned

- **Please ensure you or a colleague responds to this letter as soon as possible so we can get your organisation's share of the Grant to you.**
- **Equally important – if you don't want to receive this money please advise asap so we can relocate to other providers in need of further financial**

Understanding your individual allocation

- If you reported an Infection Control or Rapid Testing underspend on your March 2021 final return, the County Council will reduce your allocation of the new fund by the amount of your underspend.
- This means that you will not be required to return any money to the County Council and may retain the underspend to use on 2021 grant measures. The County Council will make only one payment to you

One sum, different grants

- You should also be aware that the 2021/22 Grant Conditions do not permit you to spend Infection Control Money on Rapid Testing measures and vice versa.
- Whilst the County Council will make a single payment, you must ensure you treat your allocations as separate "pots" to be spent on relevant measures

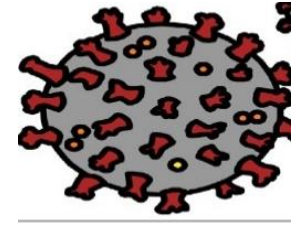
Getting your grant share...

- After having read your letter and the Grant Conditions you should confirm whether or not you wish to receive your allocated funding by returning Schedule 2 by email to: carehomefinance@lancashire.gov.uk.
- You must return Schedule 2 as soon as possible.
- If you do not complete the e-form or return Schedule 2 by the date stated in the letter it is likely we will assume you do not wish to receive either element of the grant and your allocation will be reallocated to other initiatives and / or providers.

Reporting requirements

- The County Council must submit two returns to the DHSC detailing how the grant has been used. In order for the County Council to do this it is essential that you inform us how you have used your allocation. You must use the County Council's e-form to report your use of this funding by the dates detailed below. The e-form is located at:
 - [https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/2021 ICF and Testing Spend Analysis](https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/2021_ICF_and_Testing_Spend_Analysis)
 - Information must be returned no later than:
 - **Reporting point 1** 12 May 2021 (spending from 1 April 2021 up to 30 April 2021)
 - **Reporting point 2** 23 July 2021 (spending from 1 April 2021 up to 30 June 2021)

Managing Restrictions under COVID -19 Task & Finish Group



Multiagency group informing local guidance

Visiting Guidance (family & friends)

Supported Living, Extra Care, & other settings

Key Messages from 12th April

ADDITIONAL POINTS



Produced by Work stream 2 -Supported living, domiciliary care & PAs

ADDITIONAL POINTS

- Where operating 'at the door' testing in Supported Living and other settings is not practical, the provider can send out LFTs to visitors to do themselves and produce the evidence
- If a visitor refuses to have a test, this should be risk managed on a case by case basis. The Supported Living guidance says that testing is not a requirement for visiting and managers should not refuse visits to visitors who have not taken a test unless they are symptomatic.
- The provider will update the household's visiting policy to reflect any new arrangements, and develop an agreement with each visitor and the person supported on the best way to have a safe as possible visit , take the test and where agreeable and share results

ADDITIONAL POINTS

- People can stay overnight in self-contained holiday accommodation with their own household or support bubble. See [COVID-19: Restrictions in England From 12 April](#)
- Although the advice to shield has ended, it is advised that clinically extremely vulnerable people continue to take extra precautions to protect themselves to minimise the risk of exposure to the virus. See [Guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19 16 April 2021](#)
- The full version of the Key Messages with these additional will be uploaded to the portal

Testing

- There is no new guidance to update you on this week.

Vaccination Updates

Tony Pounder

Vaccination Updates

- Nationally over 33m 1st dose vaccines and over 10m 2nd dose
- In L&SC over 900k 1st dose and over 250k 2nd dose
- Vaccine uptake in care homes : Residents 1st dose 92%, 2nd dose 91% and Staff 83% 1st dose, 2nd dose 58%
- Still limited by supplies in Lancs for next couple of weeks
- Supplies mainly focussed on 2nd doses but some availability for 1st doses too
- Preston mass vacc site now has the new Moderna vaccine
- Some mass sites eg Blackpool Winter Gardens will be stood down in the summer as needed for BAU
- Pharmacy sites continue to increase

Vaccination Updates

- Still a few issues with H&SC staff obtaining appointments – see following slides for anyone wanting to confirm a 2nd dose or book a 1st dose appointment
- Care homes now receiving visits from NHS teams for 2nd doses for residents
- In general infection rates, hospital admissions and death rates in Lancs remain low
- Only 99 positive cases in Lancs schools following the easter holidays
- Government keeping a close eye on the Indian variant, a handful of cases so far in Lancs
- Positive news about a booster vaccine programme in the Autumn for CEV and 50+
- Current working assumption is for future covid and flu vaccines to be administered as one programme

Booking Vaccinations

- National booking system access has been reopened for frontline eligible health and social care workers. (NB not for 30 years or under)
- For those health and social care staff aged 30 years and younger alternative arrangements of accessing vaccination via local GP-led local vaccination service will also remain in place.
- Those health and social care staff aged 30 years and younger who have received a first dose Oxford AstraZeneca uneventfully are to be offered a second dose Oxford AstraZeneca according to the schedule.
- Unpaid carers that are known to the system can continue to book through the National Booking Service and don't need to provide proof of ID.
- Unpaid carers that are not known to the system cannot book through the National Booking Service but should contact their GP practice so they can be identified and recorded as unpaid carers.

Next Phase of Covid-19 Vaccines

- A [letter](#) has been added to the portal under the vaccination section (updates) to explain the next stages of the Covid-19 vaccine rollout.
- JCVI advises that the offer of vaccination during phase 2 is age-based starting with the oldest adults first and proceeding in the following order:
 - all those aged 40 to 49 years
 - all those aged 30 to 39 years
 - all those aged 18 to 29 years

Vaccine Hesitancy Campaign

- NW ADASS are supporting the NHS to find a wide range of people who work in the care sector, who would be happy to talk to camera about their experiences of having the vaccine.
- In particular we are interested in groups such as young adults (particularly women of child-bearing age) and BAME groups where there appears to be greater hesitancy.
- We know that where people have questions about the vaccine, seeing people who are like them talking about the vaccine helps.
- We are also looking for adult social care providers who would be happy to work with them, to create some content to support the promotion of the vaccine to staff. If possible, we would like to work with managers, staff and residents to look at organisational approaches to vaccination; what the challenges have been, what has worked etc. This could also be captured through short video clips, which could then be edited together. We would organise a briefing session in advance for anyone participating.

Vaccine Hesitancy Campaign Con't

Two Requests:

- 1) Would you be able to put us in-touch with any care workers who might be willing to share their experiences, telling us why they made their decisions etc via a short video clip?
 - 2) Would you, or do you know anyone that would be willing to be part of this campaign by talking about your experiences and what you've done?
- If you would like any further information, or you or your staff would be happy to get involved, please could you get in touch with:
 - Hayley.edwards5@nhs.net (tel) 07920 250762 or alternatively contact
 - Christina Harwood at the NWADASS programme office christina.harwood-nwadass@wigan.gov.uk

Vaccine Research in Care Homes

- The Vivaldi 2 study, led by University College London, was set up in June 2020 to investigate SARS-CoV-2 transmission, infection outcomes, and immunity in residents and staff in care homes in England.
- The concluding statements:
 - first vaccine dose was associated with substantially reduced SARS-CoV-2 infection risk in care home residents from 4 weeks to at least 7 weeks.
 - It also infers that the vaccines protect against the highly transmissible UK variant, as this was prevalent during the study period and analysis of lab samples suggests that care home residents who are infected after having the vaccine may also be less likely to transmit the virus.
- You can find the full study [here](#).

Vaccination and Blood Clotting

- [COVID-19 vaccination and blood clotting](#) – this guidance summarises the benefits and risks of the COVID-19 vaccination. It now includes an informative leaflet that you could display in your setting or give out to staff (updated 13th April)

Moderna Vaccine

- National protocol for COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna – this new protocol is for the administration of COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna to individuals in accordance with the national COVID-19 vaccination programme (First published on 8th April 2021)

Updated Vaccination Guide

- [COVID-19 vaccination: guide for adults](#) - an updated phase 2 leaflet has been added and the section on those who cannot have the vaccine has been updated (Updated on 19th April)

Healthcare and Community Settings Posters

- [COVID-19 vaccination: healthcare and community settings posters](#) - COVID-19 vaccination and Ramadan posters have been added (Updated on 12th April)

Vaccination Consultation

- There is currently a consultation open from the DHSC on making the COVID-19 vaccination a condition of deployment in older adult care homes.
- To have your say on this, the consultation can be found [here](#). The deadline is **21st May 2021**.
- As a council, we need to give a response to what our thoughts are around this, therefore we would like to speak to you about your views on this.
- We are scheduling a focus group around this topic on **Friday 30th April** between 11.30-1pm and would appreciate some volunteers to join us.
- If you would like to join in the discussion, please email Nichola.morris@lancashire.gov.uk who will confirm your place and email out the joining instructions.

IPC updates

Tanya Shaw/ Sarah Whelan

IPC Update

- PPE Guidance
- Transfer Documentation
- World Hand Hygiene Day 2021 – 5th May.

PPE Guidance

Guidance

Personal protective equipment (PPE): resource for care workers working in care homes during sustained COVID-19 transmission in England

Updated 16 April 2021

Reverted back to guidance change on 6th April following user feedback.

PPE Guidance

- The latest guidance is that a new Type 11R (Fluid Resistant Surgical Mask (FRSM)) is single use and disposed of after giving personal care to each resident.
- The same PPE recommendations apply for personal care i.e. gloves/apron regardless of whether resident positive or not for COVID-19 or if they have had the vaccine.

PPE Guidance

- Single use masks guidance only for Covid positive or symptomatic residents. Where residents are cohorted, please contact IPC for advice.
- So continue to wear PPE as you would except when caring for Covid positive or symptomatic would change the mask outside the room. Donning and Doffing in a safe manner.

PPE Guidance

Providing close personal care in direct contact with the resident(s)

Table 1: When within 2 metres of the individual and carrying out direct personal care or domestic duties (for example, giving physical care where there is a risk of contact with body fluids)

Disposable gloves (vinyl or nitrile)	Yes
Disposable plastic apron	Yes
Fluid-repellent surgical mask (Type IIR)	Yes
Eye protection (where there is a risk of contact with body fluids)	Yes

PPE Guidance

Carrying out domestic cleaning duties

Table 2: When more than 2 metres from a resident undertaking domestic duties and not delivering personal care

Disposable gloves (vinyl or nitrile)	Yes
Disposable plastic apron (unless there is a risk of contact with bodily fluids or secretions or splashing onto your clothing or the resident is within 14 days of a positive COVID-19 test and in isolation)	No
Surgical mask (Type II)	Yes
Eye protection (unless the resident has had a positive COVID-19 test and is quarantining, or has respiratory symptoms, or is unable to comply with a 2-metre social distance rule)	No

PPE Guidance - Summary

Homes with +ve or symptomatic residents, including those in a co-hort:

Mask and eye protection to be changed after each interaction with a positive or symptomatic resident.

PPE Guidance - Summary

Homes without any +ve or symptomatic residents:

Masks and eye protection can continue to be worn sessionally.

Transfer Documentation

- If you have a resident admitted to hospital who has previously been tested in the last 90 days therefore is NOT due a test, please ensure that this is recorded clearly on the transfer documentation with the resident so the hospital is aware.
- This hopefully will stop unnecessary tests and resident being treated as a new case.

World Hand Hygiene Day 2021

We are approaching World Hand Hygiene day which is held every year on May 5th. We are holding a webinar on this date all to do with Hand Hygiene! Details to follow...



What we will cover:

- History of hand hygiene
- WHO Global Hand Hygiene Day Campaign
- Technique
- Behaviour changes
- What you can do to promote hand hygiene
- Audits
- Resources

Any queries?

Please email:

infectionprevention@lancashire.gov.uk

(Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm)

PPE Updates

Nichola Morris

National PPE Portal - reminder

- The free national PPE portal for health and social care services which was due to end in June 2021 has now been extended until the end of March 2022 to better support this critical stage for vaccination, mass testing programmes and visiting arrangements.

LCC PPE Team

- In line with the extension to the DHSC national portal, the LCC PPE offer will also remain in place until the end of March 2022.

LCC PPE Team

- The warehouse is shut on 03/05/2021 (Bank Holiday Monday).
- In order to meet demands for the Bank Holiday weekend, please could providers submit their orders to the team no later than midday on 29/04/2021, so that we can ensure that deliveries are made in time on 30/04/2021.

National and local policy guidance and updates

Nichola Morris

COVID-19 Online Resources

- [Care Quality Commission info for providers](#)
- [Social Care Institute for Excellence](#)
- [Health Education England's coronavirus programme](#)

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

New National Guidance

- [Step 2 COVID-19 restrictions posters: 12 April 2021](#) – this new poster displays information about COVID-19 restrictions in England from 12th April. Published on 12th April

Updated National Guidance

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): health and wellbeing of the adult social care workforce](#) – has been updated to reflect that people are no longer being advised to shield, that the CARE Workforce app is now closed, and the changes made as part of 'Step 2' of the government's 'COVID-19 response – spring 2021' roadmap. A link to the Skills for Care Workforce Wellbeing Resource Finder has also been added. Updated on 19th April
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for personal assistants](#) – has been updated to reflect the policy change for personal assistants to conduct 2 LFTs a week and not to test with PCR unless to use for a confirmatory PCR following a positive LFT. Updated on 9th April

Upcoming provider engagement forums

Learning Disability and Autism Provider Forum:

- 4th May, 1.00-3.00pm
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87458072558?pwd=VVp3TzB6a1M2ZoFSZnhBQodzYmRLdzog>
- Meeting ID: 874 5807 2558
- Passcode: 779449

Upcoming provider engagement forums

Mental Health Provider Forum:

- 8th June, 10.00- 12.00pm
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85814905598?pwd=VjB6OTdUK1JDa29uTFFmWWFXay96UTog>
- Meeting ID: 858 1490 5598
- Passcode: 578534

Upcoming provider engagement forums

Lancs Care Providers Forum:

- 15th July, 2.00-4.00pm
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88577380214?pwd=b1BCbVE4MkUwdmxBTIFEUnZTVFZ4Zz09>
- Meeting ID: 885 7738 0214
- Passcode: 415562

Visiting in Supported Living – Sharing of Good Practice

- Cate Short, who leads the Managing Restrictions under Covid-19 Task and Finish Group has requested examples of how providers are managing visiting in supported living settings so we can share this good practice.
- If you have any examples, please can you email these to Cate.Short@lancashire.gov.uk by **Friday 30th April.**

Next steps

- The next webinar will take place on Friday 14th May at 1pm, we are now delivering the webinar every three weeks.
- 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!