

COVID19 Care Home Support > Implementation Status

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Total number of CQC registered care homes in your area: 64 *

Please submit local plans (covering letter and this template) to CareandReform2@communities.gov.uk by 29 May

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*Please enter the number of registered Care Homes in your local area, where the corresponding action or support is in place

Key COVID19 Support Actions for Care Homes	*Number of Care Homes (Please see note above)	Would additional support be helpful to progress implementation further? (Yes/No) If Yes, please offer a brief description of the type of support that would be helpful		Please indicate any issues that you would like to highlight (optional)
Focus 1: Infection prevention and control measures				
1.1) Ability to isolate residents within their own care homes	64 *	No *	No	Some homes' physical structure limits ability to cohort
1.2) Actions to restrict staff movement between care homes	53 *	Yes *	Yes Promote nursing within social care sector as a career to improve staff levels	The shortage of staff, particularly nurses, limits the ability to cohort and deliver effective infection control during outbreaks. Please see letter for ongoing development actions
1.3) Paying staff full wages while isolating following a positive test	24 *	Yes *	enable this to be possible on a more long term basis	
Focus 2: Testing				
2.1) Registration on the government's testing portal	49 *	Yes *	Yes In order to ensure compliance we would like regular reports on requests for testing and results of that testing.	Portal is not yet demonstrating that timely and reliable testing is reaching all homes. Please see letter for additional monitoring of testing to ensure progress in this area. On target to reach all residents and staff by 6th June.
2.2) Access to COVID 19 test kits for all residents and asymptomatic staff	33 *	yes *	Yes In order to ensure compliance we would like regular reports on requests for testing and results of that testing.	
2.3) Testing of all residents discharged from hospital to care homes	43 *	No *	No	Not all homes have admitted via hospital discharges since the introduction of pre discharge testing. Please see letter for additional information on methods to ensure progress is
Focus 3: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Clinical Equipment				
3.1) Access to sufficient PPE to meet needs	64 *	Yes *	Yes Continue to improve national supply of affordable PPE	
3.2) Access to medical equipment needed for Covid19	57 *	Yes *	Yes Specification about which medical equipment would be beneficial to have and how it is to be used	Engagement with providers on medical equipment needs will be progressed as part of continued dialogue on use of ICF
Focus 4: Workforce support				
4.1) Access to training in the use of PPE from clinical or Public Health teams	56 *	Yes *	Yes More virtual training and ensuring that it is accessible on a wide range of devices to maximise utilisation.	Continuing dialogue with providers will examine ways to ensure access to training by channels available for all staff.
4.2) Access to training on use of key medical equipment needed for COVID19	51 *	Yes *	No See response to 3.2	Further training developments will depend on the nature of the equipment needed.
4.3) Access to additional capacity including from locally coordinated returning healthcare professionals or volunteers	34 *	No *	No	We have not yet been advised of any returners or volunteers through this approach - and would welcome being advised if there are any
Focus 5: Clinical support				
5.1) Named Clinical Lead in place for support and guidance	37 *	No *	No	Named clinical leads are now in place and are being communicated to providers.
5.2) Access to mutual aid offer (primary and community health support)	52 *	No *	No	Continued dialogue with providers to ensure awareness of mutual aid options will be sustained.