

COVID19 Care Home Support > Implementation Status

Local Authority:

Contact name:
 E-mail:

Total number of CQC registered care homes in your area:

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. Ability to isolate residents within their own care homes	45	No	Our Taskforce is supporting homes, where appropriate, to cohort people with a similar COVID-19 status, allowing people to be supported in their own care homes. Most homes have proactively reduced Agency use. Where agency is in use, where possible staff are ringfenced for the care home. We would expect that this additional funding will support providers to be able to carry out this task, should it not be possible to do so otherwise.
1. Actions to restrict staff movement between care homes	46	Yes	
2) Paying staff full wages while isolating following a positive test	29	Yes	
Section complete			
Focus 2: Testing			
2. Registration on the government's testing portal	31	Yes	Portal is for Older Peoples Care Home services only. Learning Disability, Mental Health and Extra Care Sheltered Housing are not included. The system needs a mechanism for coherent and effective access to whole home testing with timely results (24 hours). This is in place for all 52 care homes currently. The disparity in numbers, may be due to homes either not experiencing a large number of tests or not having a testing protocol in place.
2. Access to COVID 19 test kits for all residents and asymptomatic staff	10	Yes	
2. Testing of all residents discharged from hospital to care homes	39	No	
Section complete			
Focus 3: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Clinical Equipment			
3. Access to sufficient PPE to meet needs	47	Yes	During our daily calls, all 52 care homes are reporting that they have access to sufficient levels of PPE. The difference in the number of PPE items available for use in care homes. Thermometers are in place to measure for a raised temperature.
2) Access to medical equipment needed for Covid19	44	No	
Section complete			
Focus 4: Workforce support			
4. Access to training in the use of PPE from clinical or Public Health teams	44	No	Training is currently being offered to all 52 care homes, although only 42 have responded positively to the care tracker. No specialised training is required to operate the equipment. A video guide on how to use the devices is provided by NHSE/ICM. The Voluntary Sector response has been focused on the community, to support those that are shielded or vulnerable.
2) Access to training on use of key medical equipment needed for COVID19	40	No	
4. Access to additional capacity including from locally coordinated returning healthcare professionals or volunteers	37	No	
Section complete			
Focus 5: Clinical support			
5. Named Clinical Lead in place for support and guidance	33	No	The Clinical Commissioning Group are currently in the process of assigning each care home a named clinical lead, this process is ongoing. The Care Home Visiting service is due to start this week, to offer GP and Berkshire Health Foundation Trust (community health) support.
2) Access to mutual aid offer (primary and community health support)	46	No	
Section complete			

