

# Regulated Care Sector 8 point briefing



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A weekly digest of key information for the regulated care sector

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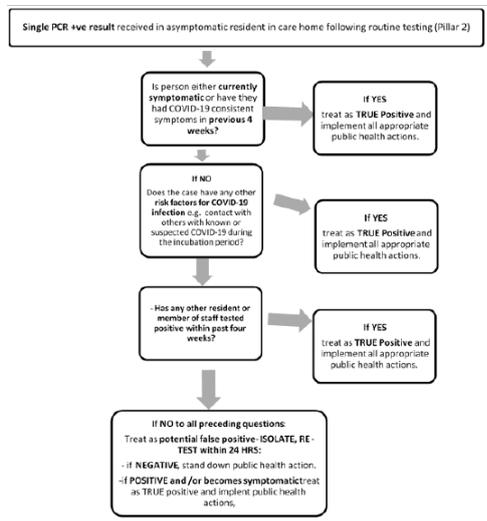
## 1. News & updates

**Covid Vaccinations in Lancashire and South Cumbria (from Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria)** - work to plan for the COVID-19 vaccine is well underway for Lancashire and South Cumbria. The planning involves a wide range of organisations. The NHS locally, regionally and nationally are leading the work, but with significant support from Lancashire County Council, Cumbria County Council, our district councils, the military, Police and many more. While there is a lot of media coverage about the vaccine and how it will be delivered, it is important to remember we are still at a very early stage and this work is to ensure that we are ready as soon the vaccine is available. We are still awaiting greater detail on the vaccine and will share this as it becomes available. The first part of the vaccine programme will focus on those that are most at risk, and is likely to include those who are in residential care or the very frail and elderly living at home, those who are clinically vulnerable, and those that work with them. The first part of the process is expected to be led by us as GPs, on the basis that we already carry out the national annual flu vaccine delivery for those in the at risk group. This is likely to be a complex operation with GPs working with their neighbouring practices in Primary Care Networks (PCNs). They are used to working together and with local pharmacy teams on vaccination programmes. It will also involve the vaccination of frontline NHS and social care staff. Once completed, the programme will move onto vaccination for the rest of our community in line with the national plans. This work will be complex because of the way the vaccine might have to be stored and delivered, so early planning is crucial. It is likely that the plans will continue to evolve as we know more about the vaccine and the timescales – but there is a team of people from a range of organisations across the county who are working to ensure we are ready.

**Covid19 Resource Pack for Care Homes** - please do have a look at the Covid19 Resource Pack for Care Homes developed by Lancashire County Council (East Lancs area) and Blackburn with Darwen Council? If not - here it is: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/media/920139/covid-19-resource-pack-v3-oct-2020.pdf>

**Risk Assessment Pathway** - please can all managers familiarise themselves with the [risk assessment pathway](#) on Page 19 of the Care home resource pack for management of a single positive result in an asymptomatic resident following routine whole home testing. If the

home has only 1 single case in an asymptomatic resident and the answer is 'No' to the questions in the diagram below - they should seek LCC IPC advice ([InfectionPrevention@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:InfectionPrevention@lancashire.gov.uk)) with a view to retesting the resident. The retest results and resident should then be discussed and risk assessed with LCC IPC before ending isolation.



## 2. Policies and procedures

The latest version of the Covid19 resource pack for care homes (v3) is here: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/media/920139/covid-19-resource-pack-v3-oct-2020.pdf>

## 3. Training opportunities

### End of Life Care –

Advance Care Planning – see guidance for Care Homes and Pennine Lancashire document

- SHADOW Tool – see attached information
- SHADOW Training available via telemed laptop or own device
  - Tuesday and Thursday 2.00-3.00pm accessible from <https://meet.medio.link/webapp/> (**MUST BE ACCESSED VIA GOOGLE CHROME**)
  - Access code: 512005** No need to book, just dial in.

**\*\*IMPORTANT \*\***Primary Care – Please complete **EPaCCs** template on EMIS for EoLC patients – for more information ; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/electronic-palliative-care-co-ordination-systems-epaccs>

## 4. IPC/PPE

Please follow the link to an updated (as of 4th November 2020) list of local contacts for care providers who are not on the PPE portal. Providers can get PPE through their local authority or local resilience forum. [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/personal-protective-equipment-ppe-local-contacts-for-care-providers?utm\\_source=7b0599ce-5951-49ad-aa64-8d33f4581bd8&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/personal-protective-equipment-ppe-local-contacts-for-care-providers?utm_source=7b0599ce-5951-49ad-aa64-8d33f4581bd8&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Please also find the latest Government guidance on PPE as an illustrated guide for community and social care settings: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-protective-equipment-ppe-illustrated-guide-for-community-and-social-care-settings>

Please also find the CQC guidance to ensure that care settings are compliant with IPC: <https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/residential-adult-social-care/infection-prevention-control-care-homes>

## 5. Domiciliary Care

- External link to LCC Covid 19 Site:  
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/practitioners/health-and-social-care/care-serviceprovider-engagement/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-care-providers/>
- External link to the LCC Covid 19 site, that is dom care specific:  
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/practitioners/health-and-social-care/care-serviceprovider-engagement/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-care-providers/homecare/>
- External link to LCC Covid 19 webinar :  
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/practitioners/health-and-social-care/care-serviceprovider-engagement/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-care-providers/localcommunications-to-providers-and-service-users/covid-19-provider-engagementwebinars/>
- General/contractual queries re dom care services and Covid 19 can be sent through to: [contractmgmt.care@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:contractmgmt.care@lancashire.gov.uk)

## 6. Primary Care

For information, please check out the National guidance for post acute covid19 assessment clinics <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/guidance-for-everyone/your-covid-recovery/> and downloadable [here](#).

Please see attached a briefing on the new virtual covid ward developed by the GPs in Pennine Lancashire: [Virtual Covid Ward Stakeholder Briefing](#)

## 7. Digital, IT and data

- NHSmail - Use it - or loose it : NHS Mail - **Use it - or loose it !**
- NHSmail FAQs: NHS Mail FAQs
- Data Security Protection Toolkit (DSPT): DSPT Communications

## 8. Key dates and information

**Care Home Providers Forum** - 24th November: you will hopefully have received an invite to this but please join the forum via this [Provider Forum on MS teams](#)

**East Lancashire Hospice – Cuppa and Covid** – support for caring professionals (see flyer)

**Families, carers and staff surveys** - Healthwatch BwD is keen to understand the views of families and carers as well as your views and experiences of working in a local residential care home since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic - both what has worked well and the challenges you have faced. Please share with staff and colleagues to let us know your thoughts through this short, anonymous survey. These are for East Lancashire as well as BwD care homes:

Families/carers survey link - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DKR3ZMR>

Staff survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F37VV7N>

The CCG Regulated Care Sector Team have been holding virtual coffee chats with colleagues from care homes. We understand that it is hard for everyone to make these (more to be announced!), so we have created a survey that we would like you to complete. It is a way of helping you tell us what is important for you and your care home or service, and what sort of issues you have that we may be able to help deal with or respond to: [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/COVID\\_VCC](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/COVID_VCC)

**And finally:**

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