

COVID19 Care Home Support > Implementation Status

Local Authority:

Contact name:
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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) <i>If Yes, please offer a brief description of the type of support that would be helpful</i>	Please indicate any issues that you would like to highlight (optional)
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Focus 1: Infection prevention and control measures			
1. Ability to isolate residents within their own care homes	135	Yes	A capital investment fund is being considered to support homes with small capital expenditures that would make isolation possible in homes that are restricted in what they can manage due to current layout/ environment. Even some new builds do not currently have appropriate sluice/cleaning facilities.
1. Actions to restrict staff movement between care homes	128	No	To date, Warwickshire County Council (WCC) has progressed with a recruitment campaign which resulted in 300 applications made, out of those, 160 have been interviewed so far, and 109 deployed into the care sector. This runs alongside a regional campaign to recruit registered and unregistered staff into fixed term roles. WCC anticipates that the Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund will further ensure that providers can restrict the number of agency staff working with them and / or secure a pool of agency staff supporting one care home only.
1. Paying staff full wages while isolating following a positive test	58	Yes	WCC needs to engage with providers and Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) partners to better understand the detail, scope and financial implications of this issue; ensure aligned messages (national and local) to help providers better understand available support and provide advice to individual care homes regarding strategic approach and managing individual situations.
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Focus 2: Testing			
1. Registration on the government's testing portal	121	Yes	While all providers have been informed how to register on the government's testing portal, and 117 have recorded in the Capacity Tracker that they have registered, national data received by Directors of Public Health states only 69 homes have registered to date.
2. Access to COVID 19 test kits for all residents and asymptomatic staff	49	Yes	There are now a number of mobile testing sites up and running, and we have both local and national programmes for whole home testing. There remain challenges with local influence over the national programme, which has been escalated via PHE, and the Directors of Public Health in the West
2. Testing of all residents discharged from hospital to care homes	91	No	Clear processes and procedures are in place in our acute trusts to ensure testing and effective communication of results to care providers receiving patients. This process has been further bolstered through the Primary Care support and the single point of access (ISPA). When a patient is discharged an email is sent to the ISPA who then communicates the test results with the care home and the GP. The patients case is consequently picked up at the next Multi Disciplinary Team meeting to ensure clinical issues are picked up.
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Focus 3: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Clinical Equipment			
1. Access to sufficient PPE to meet needs	139	Yes	As of 26th May, WCC facilitated support with 212 emergency PPE deliveries to 77 care homes. The most demanded PPE was gloves (287,248 items issued), aprons (121,144 issued), masks (61,922 items issued) and eye protection (1,662 items issued).
2. Access to medical equipment needed for Covid19	117	No	We will be working with providers to agree the future approach to PPE and what role WCC will undertake in the supply chain in future (including quality assurance of items). We have a plan to issue pulse oximeters to all homes from June 2020 alongside our primary care support offer. We will work with care homes to understand any further requirements in this area.
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Focus 4: Workforce support			
1. Access to training in the use of PPE from clinical or Public Health teams	139	No	Training is available through the online eLearning from Learning and Development, government websites, advice from the IPC and care home nurses and they will talk through controls including PPE and appropriateness for example of sessional use with masks. The Coventry and Warwickshire system has 6 super trainers and 51 local trainers. All homes have had a number of communications about the offer of IPC training. In Warwickshire 57 homes declined and 109 delivered/booked to date. We are focusing on further awareness of training available and IT to support virtual deliver where appropriate.
2. Access to training on use of key medical equipment needed for COVID19	104	No	Equipment provided to support care homes with Covid will be around the continuation of emergency supply of PPE, roll out of Pulse Oximeters to support enhanced physical health monitoring, and remote physical health monitoring systems (telehealth). For PPE training provided is face to face or virtual with printable resources. Set up of Oximeters does not require training; use will be under the direction of a health care professional so training or guidance would be given either face to face or virtually at the time.
3. Access to additional capacity including from locally coordinated returning healthcare professionals or volunteers	94	Yes	WCC and partners have been supporting care homes with targeted recruitment since the start of the pandemic. However, providers have asked for more long term support in the provision of staff and we plan to establish this approach in Warwickshire over the next weeks. This will include how we ensure professionals and volunteers can be confident that they will be safe and supported when working in care homes.
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Focus 5: Clinical support			
1. Named Clinical Lead in place for support and guidance	122	No	100% of care homes have a named clinical lead. Follow-up communication is ongoing to ensure ensure care homes are aware of this and the wider primary care offer.
2. Access to mutual aid offer (primary and community health support)	135	No	Mutual aid clinical support has been accessed via out of hospital teams to support urgent workforce challenges out of hours. A more sustainable solution is currently being developed with a local NHS Trust and NHS Professionals, to provide clinical staff and support workers to care homes. Health Education England is also supporting this piece of work. Community teams received requests from care homes for staff not to visits to reduce the footfall and to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid 19. In response to this and after negotiations, specialist services and the teams in March provided training and competency packages for some care homes around Skin and Equipment checks, Skin tear dressings, Administration of Insulin for stable Diabetic patients.
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