

COVID19 Care Home Support > Implementation Status

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Total number of CQC registered care homes 287 *

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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				
Ability to isolate residents within their own care homes	254 / 287 *	No		LCC is working with the Lincolnshire CCG to secure additional capacity for both hospital and community cases where Care Homes are unable to isolate residents.
Actions to restrict staff movement between care homes	242 / 287 *	No		
Paying staff full wages while isolating following a positive test	93 / 287 *	No		The Infection Control Fund will go some way in enabling Care Homes to pay staff full wages, although issues of equality will be raised as homes may not have been able to afford to pay staff full wages prior to being in receipt of this fund.
Focus 2: Testing				
Registration on the government's testing portal	189 / 287 *	No		There are 181 Lincolnshire Care Homes registered for supporting Older Persons and therefore eligible for mass testing. Some of these homes have been part of the CQC pilot or had testing through alternative routes (e.g. Health Protection Team).
Access to COVID 19 test kits for all residents and asymptomatic staff	110 / 287 *	Yes	LCC would like to take over the co-ordination of the local testing programme.	The question to Care Homes is worded "Have you received COVID 19 test kits for all residents and asymptomatic staff?". We are aware that a number of the 181 eligible Care Homes have requested tests but not yet received them.
Testing of all residents discharged from hospital to care homes	183 / 287 *	No		Covid-19 Hospital Discharge Pathway in place across the county ensuring no resident is returned to a Care Home without having a confirmed test result. Not all Care Homes have admitted a resident following discharge from hospital so this question is not applicable to all 287.
Focus 3: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Clinical Equipment				
Access to sufficient PPE to meet needs	264 / 287 *	No		We have established an approved supplier list for PPE in Lincolnshire in order to control costs and ensure a more reliable supply chain for the sector. The approved supplier list is expected to be operational by mid-June.
Access to medical equipment needed for Covid19	241 / 287 *	No		
Focus 4: Workforce support				
Access to training in the use of PPE from clinical or Public Health teams	236 / 287 *	No		There is an established programme of IPC training in Lincolnshire provided by the Council's Health Protection Team. An IPC Universal Training Programme has started being rolled out to replace the established training model for the duration of the Covid-19 response that will seek to maximise engagement with all care homes through the use of digital technologies.
Access to training on use of key medical equipment needed for COVID19	204 / 287 *	No		
Access to additional capacity including from locally coordinated returning healthcare professionals or volunteers	157 / 287 *	No		Care Homes will be able to seek mutual aid, if appropriate, at times when they require additional workforce resources to enable them to sustain services. LCC has identified in-house staff resources that could be deployed, and Lincolnshire CCG's and Lincolnshire's Community Health Service have both confirmed that they have an agreement in principle for a contingency of staff to deploy if required. Further work is planned and will be undertaken as a priority to formalise these mutual aid arrangements to support rapid mobilisation of the available resources if and when they are required. This will include the establishment of principles to address potential barriers to the provision of such mutual aid between organisations, including the management of liabilities, vetting of staff and volunteers, insurances, employment conditions and health and safety risks.
Focus 5: Clinical support				
Named Clinical Lead in place for support and guidance	185 / 287 *	No		Lincolnshire CCG have allocated a named Clinical Lead aligned to Neighbourhood Leads
Access to mutual aid offer (primary and community health support)	253 / 287 *	No		