

## COVID19 Care Home Support > Implementation Status

Local Authority: North East Lincolnshire

Total number of CQC registered care homes in your area: 52

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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)
<b>Focus 1: Infection prevention and control measures</b>			
1. Ability to isolate residents within their own care homes	51	No	Care homes are confident on this topic
1) Actions to restrict staff movement between care homes	50	No	Care homes are confident on this topic
1. Paying staff full wages while isolating following a positive test	17	No	Receipt/ distribution of the infection control fund is likely to suffice
3)			This has been especially challenging for homes with dementia residents who have a tendency to wander. Not all homes are purpose built and do not have en-suite or in room hand washing facilities. Homes appear to have taken appropriate measures to restrict footfall inc staff movement e.g. re-locating staff so that instead of working across one or more homes they are dedicated to one location. A no of homes are paying statutory sick pay. This is having an impact on some of the smaller homes
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<b>Focus 2: Testing</b>			
2. Registration on the government's testing portal	33	No	Homes are generally clear on the testing process
1)			One home has had initial difficulty accessing the portal (getting error messages)
2. Access to COVID 19 test kits for all residents and asymptomatic staff	16	No	Plans are in place to ensure effective communication on this topic (NB low rates of infection in NEL has resulted in some homes feeling that testing is less valuable)
2)			More promotion is required as not all homes are yet accessing this. Most are clear on the National Guidance but this needs to be supplemented with pending local guidance.
2. Testing of all residents discharged from hospital to care homes	42	No	Care homes are largely confident on this topic
3)			There are occasional issues which are picked up via the CCG's Quality Team and rapidly responded to
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<b>Focus 3: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Clinical Equipment</b>			
3. Access to sufficient PPE to meet needs	51	No	After initial difficulties, access to PPE has improved
1)			A small no of homes are indicating they are "amber" on the Capacity Tracker for individual PPE items but are not within 72 hours of running out and all continue to procure through regular suppliers at present, supported by CCG stocks
3. Access to medical equipment needed for Covid19	43	No	Receipt/ distribution of the infection control fund is likely to contribute
2)			The CCG identified what medical equipment care homes already have and is in the process of ordering further supplies
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<b>Focus 4: Workforce support</b>			
4. Access to training in the use of PPE from clinical or Public Health teams	48	No	Care homes are largely confident on this topic
1)			Homes report that they have access to infection control nurses, routinely and upon request. There are discussions over the phone for quick support or queries
4. Access to training on use of key medical equipment needed for COVID19	37	No	As part of intelligence gathering on equipment, training needs were also identified. Training is in the process of being accessed
2)			A majority of homes have repeatedly reported themselves confident in their workforce capacity. Some homes have reported anxiety re the impact of track and trace, in terms of the number of staff who may be required to isolate
4. Access to additional capacity including from locally coordinated returning healthcare professionals or volunteers	31	No	Plans are in place to coordinate increased clinical help and a new scheme is being trialled re volunteers
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<b>Focus 5: Clinical support</b>			
5. Named Clinical Lead in place for support and guidance	43	No	Named clinical leads are in place; communications are ongoing
1)			Existing support to care homes provided alignment to adult social care and community teams; as part of this care homes have a professional point of contact
5. Access to mutual aid offer (primary and community health support)	51	No	Care homes are confident on this topic
2)			Two homes have had an outbreak of COVID. However there was a wrap around approach to support those facilities with specialist input regarding end of life, IPC practice, use of PPE, staff training, clinical input and testing. These facilities have now progressed through the isolation phase and are out the other end (on to sneak)
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