

CQC: CQC Fee Scheme– Published 29 October

CQC have announced there will be no change to its fee scheme in 2021/22. For more information [click here](#).

NHS Digital – New social care standards – Press Release 09 November

New social care standards have been introduced for integrating key health and social care information. This will ensure that information is recorded and shared in a clear and consistent way across the health and social care sector, supporting personalised care. For more information see below or [click here](#).

COVID-19: Rapid COVID-19 tests to be rolled out across England– Press Release 10 November

The government have set out their plan for more rapid testing across England, with 600,000 tests to be sent out this week. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Guidance – Looking after people who lack mental capacity – Published 11 November

The government have updated this guidance to reflect the national restriction guidelines of 5th November. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable – Updated 11 November

The government have updated a new easy read document to support people during the new national restrictions. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Pilot testing of families and friends visiting in care homes – Press Release 12 November

The Care Minister has announced a COVID-19 testing pilot of families and friends visiting care home residents to begin from Monday 16th November in 30 care homes. Roll out to the rest of the sector will begin in December. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: SCIE – Providing care and support at home to people who have had COVID-19 - Published November

SCIE have produced a quick guide on supporting those that have left hospital after having COVID-19. It highlights the long term effect that can occur. For more information visit the Resource Centre for the Long-term Effects of COVID-19 Factsheet or [click here](#).

Brexit transition

The deadline for the Brexit transition is running out, with the new rules for business and citizens coming into force on 1st January 2021. For more information [click here](#).

New Social Care Standards

As part of NHS Digital's 'Digital Social Care Pathfinders Programme' introduction of the five new standards will ensure important personal details are shared with a person's care team. The five new standards cover:

- 'About me' - the personal details that a person would like to be recorded about themselves
- Health and care information shared in care homes
- Information shared by local authorities
- Referrals for community assessments for care and support after a hospital stay
- The urgent information needed when a person is transferred to hospital from a care home

Implementation of the standards will support improvements in wellbeing as well as health and social care overall.

Policy Updates

The Admissions During COVID-19 Policy and Procedure has been updated to include reference to long-term effects of COVID-19

New Long-term Effects of COVID-19 Fact Sheet produced