

COVID-19: Adult Social Care Infection Control and Testing Fund: Round 3– Published 21st October

Guidance published that sets out the measures that Round 3 of the Infection Control and Testing Fund supports, including distribution of funds, conditions and reporting requirements. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: PCR home test kit instructions– Updated 21st October

Updated to highlight that InterpreterNow has changed to SignVideo. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: multi-million-pound fund to boost adult social care workforce– Published 21st October

Press release highlighting that adult social care will benefit from £162.5 million of new funding to help workforce retention and recruitment. For more information [click here](#).

New pilot to help people eat better and exercise more– Published 22nd October

Press release highlighting a pilot scheme to motivate people to make healthy changes to their lifestyle. For more information [click here](#).

CQC – State of Care Report – Published 22nd October

CQC have released this year's annual assessment of health and social care in England. For a copy of the report [click here](#).

PHE – Winter Vaccinations Communications Toolkit – Published October

A selection of resources to support the running of winter vaccination campaigns. For more information [click here](#).

NHSX – Unified Tech Fund Prospectus – Published October

Highlights the digital productivity fund and other sources of funding to support tech in social care. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: PPE Portal – how to order COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)– Updated 22nd October

Guidance updated to increase order limits of visors by 50% across all categories. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Move to Lateral Flow tests for travel begins today– Updated 25th October

Reminder that fully vaccinated travellers arriving from non-red countries can use a lateral flow test on or before day 2 of their arrival in England. For more information [click here](#) and the following [guidance](#) has also been updated.

Homecare Association – The Homecare Deficit 2021– Published October 2021

Report published on the situation of funding of older people's homecare in the UK . For the full report [click here](#).

COVID-19: Adult social care extension to Infection Control and Testing Fund 2021 - Updated 26th October

Annex guidances updated. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccinations: easy read leaflets- Updated 27th October

Links to large print, Braille and British Sign Language versions added. For more information [click here](#).

Large Minimum Wage Increase to boost low-paid workers' incomes– Press release 27th October

As part of the Government's budget it has been announced that from April 2022 the minimum wage rates will increase. For more information [click here](#).

Cold Weather Plan for England– Updated 28th October

Updated to reflect that the plan remains unchanged for winter 2021 to 2022. Additional coronavirus resources are available and people must also access the [Cold Weather Alert Service](#) for updates. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Face Coverings when to wear one, exemptions and how to make one- Updated 28th October

Translation added. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Throat and nose test (Innova 25) for care home staff: COVID-19 rapid test kit instructions - Published 28th October

A step by step guide has been published on self-testing for adult social care workers. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Make a late Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme claim- Published 29th October

Guidance issued to allow people to find out if they can make a late claim. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Testing before you travel to England- Updated 28th October

Guidance updated to reflect that EU citizens can use the EU Digital COVID Certificate to provide proof of a COVID test before travel to England. For more information [click here](#).

Domestic Abuse – how to get help - Updated 28th October

Translations added. For more information [click here](#).

CQC – How to get the most out of inspection – Newsletter 28th October

In CQC's recent newsletter they have pointed providers to this guidance to highlight themes and pointers for inspections. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: The Green Book, Chapter 14a – Updated 29th October

Updated to improve consistency of wording and definitions updated. For more information [click here](#).

More support for women experiencing the menopause – Press Release 29th October

The Government have announced a new Menopause Taskforce and are cutting the cost of repeatable HRT. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Red List of Countries and Territories – Updated 1st November

Updated to reflect that no countries are currently on the red list, however the red list will remain. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Advice for UK visa applicants and temporary UK residents – Updated 1st November

Guidance updated following changes to travel restrictions. For more information [click here](#).

Every report counts: support the Yellow Card Scheme by reporting suspected side effects – Published 1st November

Press release highlighting the importance of reporting any possible side effects experienced from a medicine or vaccine. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Guidance updated to allow flexibility in booster programme for most vulnerable – Published 1st November

Clinical guidance has been updated to allow COVID-19 boosters to be given earlier to those at highest risk where it makes operational sense. There must be at least five months since the last dose. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Testing for adult social care settings – Updated 1st November

Guidance added on 'How to use your rapid lateral flow test'. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Advice for pregnant employees – Updated 2nd November

Updated to reflect changes surrounding shielding requirements and provide more information on vaccines. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: NHS COVID Pass – Updated 2nd November

Guidance updated to include information about booster vaccinations and how you do not need a booster to get the NHS COVID Pass. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Adult social care campaign to build bigger and better workforce – Published 3rd November

A new recruitment campaign 'Made with Care' to encourage people to apply for roles in the adult social care sector. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Workforce Recruitment and Retention Fund for adult social care – Published 3rd November

Information published for local authorities and providers on the Fund, including allocations and conditions surrounding the Fund. For more information [click here](#).

Adult social care: coronavirus winter plan 2021 to 2022 – Published 3rd November

Document detailing the Government's ambitions for the sector and the challenges being faced. For more information [click here](#).

The importance of communicating data quality – Published 3rd November

News story highlighting the strengths and limitations of your data. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Guidance on protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable – Updated 3rd November

Link added to the letter sent out to patients on the ending of the shielding programme. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Vaccination easy read leaflet– Updated 4th November

An easy read guide to the COVID-19 booster vaccination has been added. For more information [click here](#).

Policy Updates

- All coronavirus policies and resource centre documents continue to be reviewed and updated in light of government updates please see your dashboard for the latest changes

Risk Assessment Updates

- All risk assessments continue to be updated in light of government updates