

Kent Adult Social Care Provider Bulletin



Friday 15th January 2021

Kent Care Hub is now live!

We are delighted to let you know that the 'Kent Care Hub' is now live!



It has been designed collaboratively by Kent County Council, Kent integrated Care Alliance and the National Care Association, and its purpose is to bring together expertise and information to help all sectors. Including Health, Social Care and Voluntary Organisations, to combat the threat of Covid-19 by currently focusing on the prevention of infection and infection control.

Visit www.kentcarehub.uk

RESTORE2 training sessions now available



RESTORE2 is a physical deterioration and escalation tool for care/nursing homes.

It is designed to support homes and health professionals to:

- Recognise when a resident may be deteriorating or at risk of physical deterioration
- Act appropriately according to the resident's care plan to protect and manage the resident
- Obtain a complete set of physical observations to inform escalation and conversations with health professionals
- Speak with the most appropriate health professional in a timely way to get the right support
- Provide a concise escalation history to health professionals to support their professional decision making.

[Register on Eventbrite](#)

Covid-19 Updates from the Department of Health and Social Care

- **Infection Control Fund (7th January)**

'Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund – round 2: guidance': Providers should ensure that staff who need to attend work or another location for the purposes of being vaccinated or tested for COVID-19 are paid their usual wages to do so, and any costs associated with reaching a vaccination or testing facility.

Find more information on the [DHSC website](#).



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of Health &
Social Care

- **Reminder: Lateral Flow Device test results**

The guidance on registrations of Lateral Flow Testing results is changing from today (15th January) and you should have received information about this from DHSC. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> for more details. On 23rd December, the DHSC announced an additional £149m of funding to support care homes with the increased LFD testing. [Read more about this on their website](#).

- **New guidance for unpaid carers**

Please find below a link to the updated guidance for those who provide unpaid care to friends/family:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-providing-unpaid-care/guidance-for-those-who-provide-unpaid-care-to-friends-or-family>

Covid-19 Useful Resources

- **NHS Leaflet: Covid-19 support for Care Homes**

Please read the attached leaflet from NHS Kent and Medway CCG, which brings together the latest useful guidance relating to Covid-19 and links to online resources (see email attachment 1).

- **Message from the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board**

Following our message last month, the [Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board](#) asks if you can please use this helpful [video from NHS England](#) to continue

supporting people to be well informed and exercise choice and control about the coronavirus vaccine. Public Health England has



published a [definitive Easy Read guide](#). You may also find Learning Disability England's [vaccine information hub](#) useful.

- **Coronavirus posters and audio versions**

Photosymbols have produced a range of easy read posters. The posters are free to download, print and share. Audio versions are also available. Visit the Keep Safe website:

<https://www.keepsafe.org.uk/posters>

- **Pulse Oximetry**

Please share this NHS guidance with people you support, to help explain how to use a pulse oximeter to measure oxygen levels (see email attachment 2).



- **Boloh: The Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Family Covid-19 Helpline**

Boloh is the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic family Covid-19 helpline and webchat.

They are here to help children, young people and families affected by Covid-19 from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities. Please share this with your colleagues, friends, family and people you support if this would be useful for them. To find out more information visit helpline.barnardos.org.uk

