**Guidance update 23rd July 2020 (as of 4pm on 22nd July)**

**Guidance updates:**

*General*

[Containing and managing local coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreaks](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/containing-and-managing-local-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreaks?utm_source=691b8930-09f9-48c9-8b08-6e20e96d973d&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

Page summary: Guidance for local authorities and local decision-makers on containing and managing COVID-19 outbreaks at a local level.

*Care homes*

[COVID-19: how to work safely in care homes](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-how-to-work-safely-in-care-homes?utm_source=ce867ed4-7f67-4277-b6a1-f77dcff07120&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

Page summary: Guidance for those working in care homes providing information on how to work safely during this period of sustained transmission of COVID-19.

Change made: Updated guidance to include recommendation for the use of face masks and coverings in care homes

[Visiting care homes during coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visiting-care-homes-during-coronavirus?utm_source=9fbd729e-7dbe-47b1-8be7-711bd7f8f25f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

Page summary: Guidance for making arrangements for limited visits for care homes with the support of their director of public health.

[COVID-19: how to work safely in domiciliary care in England](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-how-to-work-safely-in-domiciliary-care?utm_source=8a10b227-694a-40dd-993d-4ee148f2e0ad&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

Page summary: A resource for those working in domiciliary care providing information on the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Change made: Updated guidance to include recommendation for the use of face masks and coverings in social care settings.

[Coronavirus (COVID-19): getting tested](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested?utm_source=c6b6967f-d25c-483c-84be-ef9d741937fa&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

Page summary: Guidance on coronavirus testing, including who is eligible for a test and how to get tested.

Change made: Updated 2 documents in section ‘Documents for care homes using the online application portal’: ‘guidance on Randox testing’ and ‘guidance on non-Randox testing’. These have been updated to reflect changes to clinical guidelines that people testing positive will need to be retested after 6 weeks. The ‘guidance on Randox testing’ document also includes a note to say that Randox test kits should not be used for testing until further notice.

*Test and trace*

[NHS Test and Trace service in the workplace](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-workplace-guidance?utm_source=98178e73-8ede-4ae1-a16c-3a86916673d4&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

Page summary: Guidance on the NHS Test and Trace service for employers, businesses and workers.

Change made: The guidance has been redrafted for clarity. In addition, there is a new section on collecting customer and visitor data for NHS Test and Trace. The following information has been added to the section headed ‘If a worker develops symptoms and orders a test’: Where an interaction between 2 people has taken place through a Perspex (or equivalent) screen, this would not be considered sufficient contact. Contact tracers will not consider the wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE) as a mitigation when assessing whether a recent contact is likely to have risked transmitting the virus.

*Learning difficulties*

[Learning difficulties Annual health check exemplars](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/annual-health-check-exemplars/)

NHS England and NHS Improvement are calling for STPs/ICSs across the country to become learning disability ‘exemplars’ who will develop approaches that drive forward improvements in care, reduce health inequalities and help to put the lives of people with a learning disability firmly on the agenda. This invitation letter, context document and template include further information about the exemplar programme.

[LeDeR – Action from learning report](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/leder-action-from-learning-report/)

This [report](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Action-from-learning-report-2020.pdf) provides examples of the local changes that have been made to services so far and highlights the extensive work which is happening nationally in response to common themes raised through LeDeR reviews across the country.

*Elective care*

[National diagnostic programme to support elective care restoration](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/national-diagnostic-programme-to-support-elective-care-restoration/)

The programme aims to assist trusts as follows:

* Improve waiting list accuracy and data quality by identifying pathways which have data quality issues, in particular those caused by the impacts of COVID-19.
* Reduce incomplete patient tracking list (PTL) size and improve referral to treatment (RTT) performance by identifying pathways that can likely be removed from the incomplete PTL.
* Optimise internal resources through ensuring validation activity is targeted at pathways which require attention.

*Other*

[Genomic Medicine Service alliances and role of pharmacy within the new structure](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/B0044-GMS-update-for-Chief-Pharmacists-14-July.pdf)

Update for hospital chief pharmacist and CCG lead pharmacists

[Clinical Commissioning Policy Rituximab for refractory Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) in adults and post-pubescent children [200402P]](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Rituximab-for-refractory-Systemic-Lupus-Erythematosus-in-adults-and-post-pubescent-children-2.pdf)

Rituximab is recommended to be available as a treatment option through routine commissioning for refractory SLE in adults and post-pubescent children within the criteria set out in this document.

**Letters: within the CCG shared files** [**HERE**](https://teams.microsoft.com/_#/files/Daily%20national%20guidance%20summary?threadId=19:affe2b314aea4591abf40b092394a460@thread.tacv2&ctx=channel)

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