**Covid-19 Care Home Testing Routes: Flowchart for commissioners** (V4 16.05.2020)

**Care home residents**

**Care home staff**

\*COVID-19 symptoms include a new continuous cough and/or high temperature (>37.8℃). However, symptoms may be more subtle in older people with co-morbidities in care homes who may present with Influenza Like Illness (ILI), shortness of breath, new onset confusion, reduced alertness, reduced mobility, or diarrhoea and sometimes do not develop fever. This may be true for COVID-19, so such changes should alert staff to the possibility of new COVID-19 infection.

Yes

No

Contact the local PHE [Health Protection Team (HPT)](https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-team) if:

- you suspect your care home has a new coronavirus outbreak

- it has been 28 days or longer since your last case and you have new cases

Your HPT will provide advice and arrange the first tests.

No

Yes

Brokerage follow up calls at days 4 and 14 of outbreak

Are they RAG rated red locally?

Does the care home have more than 50 beds?

[National testing route self referral](https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/test-type)

(pillar 2)

**4. PHE HPT route**

Tel: 0300 303 8162 (Option 1, Option 1).

[swhpt@phe.gov.uk](mailto:swhpt@phe.gov.uk)

Advise care home they can **self refer through the** [**national portal**](https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-care-home) to have all staff and residents tested.

**Local testing route**

Brokerage to liaise with Brockworth

Referrals to: [COVID19AdminReferrals@ghc.nhs.uk](mailto:COVID19AdminReferrals@ghc.nhs.uk)

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**Local testing route** (pillar 1)

Referrals to: [COVID19AdminReferrals@ghc.nhs.uk](mailto:COVID19AdminReferrals@ghc.nhs.uk)

**Referred** to rollout of whole care home testing **by LA Public Health**

Any changes to the priority list on a weekly basis by exception by midday each Friday

Email queries to [Healthprotection@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Healthprotection@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

**Reminder:** Covid-19 is a notifiable disease. Any positive test results should be called through to the local PHE Health Protection Team on tel: 0300 303 8162 (Option 1, Option 1)

No

Yes

Is there a suspected or confirmed Covid-19 outbreak?

No

Are they essential staff where impact of returning to work is significant?

Are they essential staff who are living in a household with someone who has symptoms of Covid-19?

Yes

No

Yes, a newly

reported outbreak

No

Yes

Yes

No

Do they have symptoms of Covid-19? (Temperature and/or cough)

Is it within 14 days of the care home outbreak notification?

Yes, an outbreak has previously been reported to PHE