

Provider Briefing, 4th February 2021, Questions, Comments & Links.

Questions & Answers
<p>GP won't come out and vaccinate two new residents, where should this concern be taken to</p> <p>Mandy Catchpole (NHS) asked Rosemary Pavoni (Rosedale) to email her separately and she will pick this up as a general theme.</p>
<p>Will details come out about accessing Crawley site?</p> <p>Please contact the following e-mail address for information on accessing Vaccination sites. sxccg.vaccineenquiries@nhs.net</p>
<p>Any Myths around the VAX you could share and support the right message?</p> <p>There is some excellent myth busting information found here Vaccine Information</p>
<p><u>Infection control budget</u></p> <p>Rapid test fund – what does this mean for supported living and Dom care?</p> <p>Staff fund – will homes receive this directly for staffing or will some be retained by WSCC?</p> <p>When will the decisions be released and when will the funds be paid?</p> <p>Is there a view on the longer term planning for additional staff and resources for ongoing management once the grant runs out.</p> <p>There will be an agenda item at the next briefing to address the questions above.</p>
<p>FRSM – Providers are concerned about the effectiveness of these masks – can any reassurance be given locally?</p> <p>These masks must cover the mouth and nose to provide protection. They must be used correctly and in conjunction with other infection control practices such as hand hygiene.</p> <p>An FRSM protects the healthcare worker from droplets (first and foremost as it is personal protective equipment that prevents the mouth and nose from being exposed). It also provides protection for the patient from healthcare worker droplet.</p> <p>The FRSM facilitates the prevention of microorganism or bodily fluid transfer generated from splashes and splatter (coughs sneezes etc)</p> <p>Droplet precautions - to prevent and control spread over short distances via droplets from the respiratory tract of individuals directly onto a mucosal surface of another individual</p> <p>FRSMs are tested in the direction of exhalation (inside to outside) and take into account bacterial filtration.</p>
<p>Use of the £120M workforce fund – do you know anything about that? We would like to be involved in that discussion.</p> <p>Will be added to the next briefing agenda</p>

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One of the comments I have had about discharges from hospital is that care homes want to support but really do need the appropriate information/results to make a safe decision to accept a person. That is critical for a Registered Manager. Can that message be taken to our discharge hubs. please.

[Message to be shared with the Combined Placement and Sourcing Team to be discussed with Discharge hubs.](#)

Have been receiving support calls regarding outbreaks, but not sure without calling WS who it is we are speaking to. Is there a specific number that can be displayed to authenticate the caller, rather than 'no caller ID'?

[Unfortunately, there is not a specific number that we are aware of, however will raise the question with colleagues and feedback.](#)

Soline Jerram - Interim Public Health Lead for Social Care, WSCC

The new guidance around when and when not to test is here. Please note that if you do have a test within the 90 days and it is positive you still need to isolate immediately and will need to get a PCR. there is a change in the guidance now if this is negative.

If a person is re-tested by PCR within 90 days from their initial illness onset or test date and is found to still be positive for SARS-CoV-2, a clinically-led approach, taking into account several factors, should be used to decide whether re-infection is a possibility and to inform subsequent action. Such factors include:

- ***COVID-19 symptoms***
- ***underlying clinical conditions***
- ***immunosuppressive treatments and conditions***
- ***additional information such as cycle threshold values***

Seek advice from an infection specialist as required.

[**COVID-19: management of staff and exposed patients or residents in health and social care settings**](#)

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