

COVID19 Care Home Support > Implementation Status

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Total number of CQC registered care homes in your area: 87

Please submit local plans (covering letter and this template) to CareandReform2@communities.gov.uk by 29 May

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**Please enter the number of registered Care Homes in your local area, where the corresponding action or support is in place*

Key COVID19 Support Actions for Care Homes	*Number of Care Homes (Please see note above)	Would additional support be helpful to progress implementation further? (Yes/No) <i>If Yes, please offer a brief description of the type of support that would be helpful</i>	Please indicate any issues that you would like to highlight (optional)
Focus 1: Infection prevention and control measures			
1.1) Ability to isolate residents within their own care homes	65	No	Please note that many of the care home properties in Herefordshire are older buildings and face challenges in their set up. For example, no ensuite facilities, available, shared rooms. This is being picked up as part of the business continuity, risk assessment work being done with the homes. Herefordshire face existing workforce challenges although a minimal number of homes have this issue and also try to have the same agency staff if possible. This requirement was flagged to providers at the start of the crisis period, however the council or partners cannot mandate this. We would like national direction on this issue, it feels unfair that providers who do not do this should receive equal funding.
1.2) Actions to restrict staff movement between care homes	64	No	
1.3) Paying staff full wages while isolating following a positive test	33	No	
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Focus 2: Testing			
2.1) Registration on the government's testing portal	56	No	Numbers will reflect those who are able to register and at the moment this is not all care homes. Public Health have confirmed that all homes have access to testing. We will contact providers to reinforce this message, but recognise this has been challenging as it has changed during the covid period. Again, this is in place. We will contact providers to reinforce this message and ensure accurate understanding of processes in place.
2.2) Access to COVID 19 test kits for all residents and asymptomatic staff	22	No	
2.3) Testing of all residents discharged from hospital to care homes	48	No	
Section complete			
Focus 3: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Clinical Equipment			
3.1) Access to sufficient PPE to meet needs	70	No	Please note that the homes that have submitted a response have all answered Yes. No home has answered No. The figure is below 87 due to the number of homes who have not completed the capacity tracker document. Financial pressure for continued PPE provisions Taurus, Herefordshire's GP federation, have completed a piece of work in relation to this.
3.2) Access to medical equipment needed for Covid19	63	No	
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Focus 4: Workforce support

4.1) Access to training in the use of PPE from clinical or Public Health teams	68	No		Again, this is in place. We will contact providers to reinforce this message and ensure accurate understanding of processes in place. Again, this is in place. We will contact providers to reinforce this message and ensure accurate understanding of processes in place. As detailed in Herefordshire's cover letter - Access to returning clinical staff has been limited within Herefordshire; however, additional management and leadership capacity is available to the care home sector.
4.2) Access to training on use of key medical equipment needed for COVID19	59	No		
4.3) Access to additional capacity including from locally coordinated returning healthcare professionals or volunteers	40	No		

Section complete**Focus 5: Clinical support**

5.1) Named Clinical Lead in place for support and guidance	42	No		All care homes in Herefordshire have an allocated GP lead. We will contact providers to ensure that they are aware of this.
5.2) Access to mutual aid offer (primary and community health support)	67	No		

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