

**COVID19 Care Home Support > Implementation Status**

Local Authority: Sandwell

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Total number of CQC registered care homes in your area: 86

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**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)  
If Yes, please offer a brief description of the type of support that would be helpful

Please indicate any issues that you would like to highlight (optional)

**Focus 1: Infection prevention and control measures**

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| 1.1) Ability to isolate residents within their own care homes          | 58 | Yes | Would be helpful to get further guidance and information for care homes who have wanderers and who are not able to isolate their residents. This is for a number of our care homes. | A number of our care homes have wandering residents and have struggled to isolate the positive residents. This has increased the number of positives as not all rooms within Sandwell care homes are ensuite, so this is also an issue. |
| 1.2) Actions to restrict staff movement between care homes             | 58 | Yes | Guidance on the restriction of staff movement   | There isn't capacity to cohort nurses all the time. There is the additional issue that there are staff e.g. physios and community nurses etc that move around different care homes  |
| 1.3) Paying staff full wages while isolating following a positive test | 35 | No  |   |   |

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**Focus 2: Testing**

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| 2.1) Registration on the government's testing portal                       | 45 | No |  | This is quite a complex process and initial reactions seem to be that people are struggling with it, but it is probably too early to give any in depth narrative on this.   |
| 2.2) Access to COVID 19 test kits for all residents and asymptomatic staff | 21 | No |  |   |
| 2.3) Testing of all residents discharged from hospital to care homes       | 46 | No |  | Agreement now in place with local NHS acute provider for all care home residents to be swabbed prior to discharge to care homes. There have been isolated incidents of testing not being done or results not being shared prior to discharge but these have been addressed. |

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**Focus 3: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Clinical Equipment**

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| 3.1) Access to sufficient PPE to meet needs         | 66 | No |  | Access is okay, but LA supply is for emergency use only, and private purchase of PPE is now very expensive so care homes are sometimes using PPE inappropriately to try and extend usage. We have identified trainers who will be visiting care homes in the next few weeks and staff are being trained how to wear PPE and the appropriate disposables to wear. Any problems are being reported back to Public Health for clarification and advice. |
| 3.2) Access to medical equipment needed for Covid19 | 60 | No |  | There has been reported issues with thermometer purchases and also issue obtaining nitrile gloves and blue aprons for kitchen staff.   |

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**Focus 4: Workforce support**

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| 4.1) Access to training in the use of PPE from clinical or Public Health teams   | 65 | No |  | NHSE training is being run with each care home over the next couple of weeks however this will just be with 2 representatives of each care home and therefore this will rely on effective cascading. We are also running a webinar of care homes |
| 4.2) Access to training on use of key medical equipment needed for COVID19   | 48 | No |  | Staff doing AGPs have not previously been fit tested so this needed to be done quickly - this would have been avoided if this had been done previously (which should have been done for seasonal flu)  |
| 4.3) Access to additional capacity including from locally coordinated returning healthcare professionals or volunteers | 46 | No |  | We are aware that capacity is an issue.  |

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**Focus 5: Clinical support**

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| 5.1) Named Clinical Lead in place for support and guidance             | 46 | Yes | There are staff allocated to care homes from the public health team, each care home has access to a Infection Prevention Control Nurse. | Clinical Leads of PCNs have not been allocated. Expectation for PCNs to deliver care home support before confirmation of reconfigurations of PCN (May 31st), in addition to incredibly tight timescales |
| 5.2) Access to mutual aid offer (primary and community health support) | 63 | No  |   |   |

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