



Information

for adult social care providers

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Issue 37

Dear Colleague,

Please find an update on care home visitor arrangements and a reminder about our care home plan.

Local guidance on care home visitor arrangements

In bulletin 35 (issued on 23 July) we highlighted the national update to the [policies for visiting arrangements in care homes](#) and advised that further information for Leicestershire will be released as soon as it is available.

Visiting policies in care homes remain the responsibility of the care home however guidance should be taken to ensure local authorities' public health services consider it safe.

We have now added a [statement from the Director of Public Health, Leicestershire - regarding care home visitor arrangements](#), on our website, under the visitors section of our [operational changes](#) page.

The national guidance highlights that consideration should be given to the circumstances of individual care homes, the local circumstances and the external COVID environment including the prevalence and incidence of infection in the local community.

As you are aware Leicestershire county does not have high incidence (infection) rates. However, care homes in lockdown area/intervention area due to higher incidence rate, (currently Oadby and Wigston only) cannot accept visitors. This is due to be reviewed today, alongside other lockdown measures.

The statement outlines several principles that should be put in place when looking at visiting arrangements and I would urge you to review this information.

Care home plan reminder

With input from the sector, we have produced a dynamic plan that will enable you to continue to offer care in a safe and sustainable way, not just while the pandemic is at its height, but beyond this as we adapt to the new environment that the epidemic has created.

The plan is available to view on our [Infection Control Fund](#), under [Care home plan - guide for local providers](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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