



URGENT UPDATE on Issue 3 published 7 July 2022

Important: revised position on testing, 8 July 2022

Yesterday we shared with you issue 3 of Leicestershire Adult Social Care Provider News.

At the time of writing, the Department of Health and Social Care had retracted guidance on twice weekly testing, and advised that this was no longer expected of adult social care staff, NHS staff, CQC inspectors and visitors providing personal care.

However, this advice has since been changed, and DHSC has now **reinstated twice weekly testing** with lateral flow tests for all adult social care staff. Visitors providing personal care should test before visiting, but will not need to test more than twice a week.

NHS staff and CQC inspectors should also be able to provide evidence of a negative test within the last 72 hours. Visiting professionals who are providing care can be provided with tests by the care home if needed.

[Link to the correct, current guidance.](#)

Thank you for your cooperation, and I hope that that this swift change in the guidance has not caused too much confusion.

Next edition

The next edition of Provider News will be published during week commencing 18 July 2022.