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Subject: RE: shielding and care homes

Morning Ros

Whilst the prospect is perhaps what none of us would wish to plan for I believe the reality will be that we will need to discharge Covid-19 positive patients into residential care settings for the reason you have noted. This will be entirely clinically appropriate because the NHS will triage those to retain in acute settings who can benefit from that sector's care. The numbers of people with disease will rise sharply within a fairly short timeframe and I suspect make this fairly normal practice and more acceptable but I do recognise that families and care homes will not welcome this in the initial phase.

Best wishes
Jenny

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Dear Jenny

We estimate that approx. two thirds of people in care homes are over 85. When we introduce the shielding policy, what should our approach be to allowing patients to be discharged into care homes who are symptomatic of Covid-19?

My working assumption was that we would have to allow discharge to happen, and have very strict infection control? Otherwise presumably the NHS gets clogged up with people who aren't as acutely ill.

It is a big ethical issue for care home providers who are understandably very concerned, and are already getting questions from family members.

I am also copying Matthew Winn, from NHS E for NHS views, and also [Name Redacted] as CQC chief inspector.

Best wishes
Ros