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**Subject:** ACTION REQUIRED: Operationalising new policy on testing for care home residents

**Importance:** High

Thanks for your time on the call this afternoon,

We agreed that on **expanding of testing to all residents of a care home where an outbreak is suspected/confirmed** the next steps by close tomorrow are:

Bob Butcher to work with PHE, CQC and NHS E to agree data, number of care homes, average resident numbers and therefore estimated testing capacity required.

1. PHE/DHSC to provide available testing capacity and plan for ramping it up.
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3. Tom Surrey in conjunction with Matthew Winn and Nicola Hunt to circulate initial draft of three stage protocol/flow chart and list of required assumptions to identify and set out:
  - Who will swab
  - Who will test
  - Who will provide ongoing support
  - This is to be a draft/template for each local area to then complete whilst we name and define the different tasks and roles required.

We agreed that on the **policy to test all hospital patients ahead of discharge to a care home**:

Discharges are estimated to be c500 per week and Matthew Winn will draft and issue guidance an instruction to hospitals to carry out testing ahead of discharge to a care home from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

We agreed **that on testing admissions to care homes from residential settings**, we would test policy with SoS as this accounts for 80% of care home admissions (Action – Ros/Tom Surrey). This action has now been completed, and the position is that we will aim to move to offering testing to people going into care homes, from their own home, as testing capacity allows. This reflects the much lower risk of covid-19 in this population who will largely have been isolating for the previous three weeks. The social care Action Plan being published tomorrow has been amended to reflect this as aspirational rather than a guarantee starting today, but ASC colleagues are clear this does need to happen as fast as we possibly we can.

Home to Care Home admissions are c1500 per week (if required) – LA and/or CCG should test ahead of moving to care home if they are funding. If self-funded then it is for the individual to be tested before access via what route.

Finally, it was noted that we need clarity of guidance to care homes, hospitals, DASS and GPs on these policies.

Immediate next steps are to ensure Q&A on this is available ahead of ASC Covid Action Plan launch tomorrow (Action: Tom Surrey) This is complete and the current Q&A is attached.

Finally, for attendees on the call to identify a single lead to work with Tom over the coming days to bring this together. (Action: all)

Thanks again,

Tom

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Dear all

In light of the prevalence/transmission of Covid in care homes, the CMO has asked us to move to a policy of:

- Testing all individuals before admission to a care home
- Testing all symptomatic residents in a care home

This will be announced tomorrow as part of the social care action plan publication.

Hitherto, local PHE health protection teams have been undertaking some measure of testing in care homes. But it is clear that there is insufficient capacity to do this at the scale now asked, and we will need to develop a different operational model to deliver this new ask. I don't know realistically what that is, but I am copying you all as people who might be able to help generate ideas, and help us access eg. community health, CQC the testing community....

An agenda will follow.



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