

Dear All,

We understand that it is very time consuming and difficult to keep up with changes to guidance, etc. We will do our best to keep you updated by sending you some information regularly though we would advise that you keep checking in on the PEN website: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/providerengagementnetwork/resources/coronavirus-advice>.

### **Number of Covid-19 positive patients at NDDH:**

Source; NDHT Correct as of 16/06/2020



### **COVID-19: how to work safely in domiciliary care in England:**

Source; [Public Health England](#) Updated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

[This resource](#) is primarily for care workers and providers delivering care in the following settings:

- visiting homecare
- extra care housing
- live-in homecare

It provides guidance on the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) during sustained COVID-19 transmission in the UK, and explains how PPE guidance applies to the homecare (domiciliary care) setting.

There are guides for:

- putting on PPE for home carers
- taking off PPE for home carers

These instruction sheets should be used alongside the video guide to putting on and taking off PPE. Although the video is titled as being for workers in care homes, the content is just as relevant for home care. Watch the [video](#)

Please note that this guidance is of a general nature and that an employer should consider the specific conditions of each individual place of work and comply with all applicable legislation, including the [Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974](#).

There may be further information specific to each country in the United Kingdom, as this guidance was written by Public Health England primarily for an English health professional audience. To see if country specific information is available, please refer to [Health Protection Scotland](#), [Public Health Wales](#), or [Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland](#).

On 5 June 2020, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care announced that all hospital staff would need to continuously wear a surgical facemask whilst at work, and visitors would need to wear face coverings. The announcement also indicated that the same approach was being considered for social care. Changes to this guidance to reflect this announcement are being considered and will be incorporated in the next update.

This interim resource has been published to provide important updates as set out on page 2 of the document.

### **HSE safety alert issued against KN95 facemask:**

Source; PEN

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is warning against the use of KN95 facemasks as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). A copy of the alert can be found [here](#)

### **Proactive media support for providers:**

Source; PEN

If any provider has a story to tell in their press and social media and wants support to reach their chosen audience then DCC and NHS Devon will do our best to help. Whether it's good practice you wish to share, a celebration of success or even a statement to counteract misinformation spread by others, then if you send us your ideas we will see what we can do to support you in telling your story. Click [here](#).

### **Psychological first aid in emergencies training for frontline staff and volunteers:**

Source; [Department of Health and Social Care](#) Updated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Staff and volunteers at the forefront of the national coronavirus response across England will be able to access a new [Psychological First Aid training course](#) from today.

- Free online psychological first aid training from Public Health England (PHE) available to frontline staff and volunteers
- Training will equip staff to provide support and recognise people at risk of distress
- Follows globally recommended model for supporting people during emergencies, tailored to the specific challenges of coronavirus (COVID-19)

## **Cash seized from loan sharks to fund community projects:**

Source; DCC

The coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic has left many people struggling financially and some feel that there is nowhere else to turn but to loan sharks.

The Stop Loan Sharks project is working hard to offer immediate and practical help and support to victims of loan sharks.

They have set up a new online chat service to help victims of illegal money lending, alongside the existing 24/7 helpline, 0300 555 2222. You can also report a loan shark in confidence on their website.

The project also has a 'Community Fund' which is open for charities, voluntary organisations and community groups to bid for up to £5,000 towards their project. The pot of money is made up of money seized from convicted loan sharks. The closing date for current applications is 31 August 2020. Find out more about the funding and apply on their website.

## **Reporting concerns to DCC**

Please email: [adultsc.adultcarehealthcovid19-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:adultsc.adultcarehealthcovid19-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) and copy in [ndht.devoncares@nhs.net](mailto:ndht.devoncares@nhs.net)

## **Devon Coronavirus Emergency Helpline:**

Source; DCC

Keeping Devon's most vulnerable residents safe remains our top priority. Anyone who is isolated and urgently needs essential food, medicine, care or social support, and doesn't have any family, friends, neighbours or community to help them, can contact the Devon Coronavirus Emergency Helpline on [0345 155 1011](tel:03451551011)

If you have missed any of our Covid-19 updates you can find them on our [Devon Cares](https://www.devoncares.nhs.uk) website.

If there is anything you want covering in the near future please contact [lisa.reynolds15@nhs.net](mailto:lisa.reynolds15@nhs.net) and I will do my best to source the answers for you 😊

Keep Safe,

Kind regards  
Devon Cares Team