

Dear All,

We understand that it is very time consuming to keep up to date with Government changes to legislation/policies, etc. and we endeavour to keep you all updated by sending you information regularly, but please continue to look for updates on the PEN website: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/providerengagementnetwork/resources/coronavirus-advice>.

Devon Cares Operations manager:

Vicky Hancock will not be available until at least August 24th. Where you may ordinarily contact Vicky please email ndht.devoncares@nhs.net and your email will be acted on by someone in Vicky's absence.

Medical Device Alert:

Source: MHRA Issued: 20th July 2020

Summary:

- Foam strip on the mask can flake and enter the wearer's airway or mouth; ties and/or stitching may detach from the mask.

Action:

- Identify, stop using and immediately dispose of all lots relating to BWM028 of the Cardinal Type IIR masks. See below for lot numbers.
- If you have a shortage of Type IIR masks, please notify National Supply Distribution Response (NSDR) on 0800 915 9964 who will arrange an emergency delivery if required.
- For all general enquiries for the PPE Dedicated Channel, call their customer services on 0800 876 6802.

To view all affected products please click [this link](#) and then click attachments.

Provider discussion – Options appraisal for future Proud to Care support regarding staff recruitment to the sector

Source; PEN

The Workforce Development (Commissioning) team is keen to work with providers to develop a service model that supports providers to recruit staff into the sector. The team is seeking feedback on the various models that are operating in different parts of the UK and on a national basis to understand your views on them and how effective and supportive you think they are or would be. This includes reviewing the recruitment model trialled in Devon during the Covid-19 pandemic under the Proud to Care banner.

Please could you complete our [online survey](#) or if you prefer, email feedback to proudtocare@devon.gov.uk by 3 August.

Millions could be vaccinated against COVID-19 as UK secures strong portfolio of promising vaccines:

Source; Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, Department of Health and Social Care, The Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, and The Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP Published 20th July 2020

- The UK government has secured early access to 90 million vaccine doses from the BioNTech/Pfizer alliance and Valneva with more in the pipeline as part of its strategy to build a portfolio of promising new vaccines to protect the UK from COVID-19
- In addition, treatments containing COVID-19-neutralising antibodies have been secured from AstraZeneca to protect those who cannot receive vaccines
- UK public encouraged to sign up to a new NHS website to make it quicker and easier for potential volunteers to join vital studies that could help save lives – the aim is to get 500,000 people signed up by October

Face coverings to be mandatory in shops and supermarkets from 24 July

Source; Gov.uk Published 14th July 2020

Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock spoke about plans to make face coverings mandatory in shops and supermarkets from 24 July 2020.

How to work safely in domiciliary care in England:

Source; Gov.uk Updated 20th July 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

Next stages in the NHS Test and Trace plan

Source; Gov.uk Published 20th July 2020

Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock spoke about measures to increase testing and support the NHS this winter, and the latest vaccine developments.

To read the publication please [click here](#)

NHS Test and Trace service in the workplace

Source: Department of Health and Social Care Updated 22 July 2020

[Guidance](#) on the NHS Test and Trace service for employers, businesses and workers.

The NHS Test and Trace service:

- provides testing for anyone who has symptoms of coronavirus to find out if they have the virus
- gets in touch with anyone who has had a positive test result to help them share information about any close recent contacts they have had
- alerts those contacts, where necessary, and notifies them they need to self-isolate to help stop the spread of the virus

By following instructions to self-isolate, people who have had close recent contact with someone with coronavirus will be protecting their family, friends, colleagues and other people around them, and will play a direct role in stopping the spread of the virus.

See further information on [how the NHS Test and Trace service works](#).

This guidance explains how employers and businesses can play their part in the NHS Test and Trace service to slow the spread of the virus, protect the health and care system and save lives.

Guidance for employers:

It is critical that employers take steps to keep workers and visitors safe. By following the [5 steps for working safely](#), along with [sector-specific guidance](#), employers can reduce the risk of co-workers having to self-isolate if a member of staff tests positive for COVID-19.

The NHS Test and Trace service does not change existing guidance that employees should work from home wherever possible.

It is vital that employers play their part by:

- making their workplaces as safe as possible (where working from home is not possible)
- requesting that workers self-isolate if they have been asked to do so
- supporting their workers when in isolation

Although this may seem disruptive for businesses, it is less disruptive than an outbreak of COVID-19 in the workplace, and far less disruptive than further social and economic restrictions.

The NHS Test and Trace service will support businesses and economic recovery by:

- providing [free testing](#) for anyone who has symptoms of coronavirus
- asking those that test positive and their close contacts to self-isolate to stop the spread of the virus in the workplace
- enabling the government to go further in safely lifting lockdown measures

Employers (and the self-employed) must continue to ensure the health, safety and welfare of their employees. They also have similar obligations in respect of other people, for example agency workers, contractors, volunteers, customers, suppliers and other visitors.

Free training in psychological first aid:

Source; NDHT

The Department of Health and Social Care has released an online psychological first aid training course which has been developed by Public Health England, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) and HEE. This is a free course which takes around three hours to complete and is available to all NHS staff and volunteers.

This Psychological First Aid course is tailored to the specific challenges of COVID-19 and informs staff and volunteers how to provide support to others following a traumatic experience and recognise people at risk of distress.

[Click this link](#) for more information on how to enrol.

Reducing burdens on educational and care settings;

Source; Gov.uk

Continue to use [these lists](#) to find out the current status of data collections.

Summary of the latest changes

To help reduce the burden on educational and care settings, the Department for Education (DfE) and its agencies cancelled or paused all but the most essential data collections, services and requests. An ongoing review of the list is taking place and the latest updates will be made available on [this webpage](#).

Reporting concerns to DCC

Please email: adultsc.adultcarehealthcovid19-mailbox@devon.gov.uk and copy in 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](#) website.

Keep Safe,

Kind regards
Devon Cares Team