

Dear Provider,

WEBPAGE REMINDER - Please check <http://valuecroydon.com/support-for-care-homes-during-covid-2-2> for all the latest guidance and information for care homes during Covid-19.

THURSDAY'S CARE HOME INFORMATION SESSION – Today's information session will answer any of questions and also introduce the Care Home Dynamic System (see below).

Do join at 1pm via this link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

CARE HOME DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM – The council are introducing a new Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS 2) for Residential Care, Nursing Care, Respite Services and Residential Substance Misuse Treatment and Rehabilitation. This is a significant change to how procurement residential and nursing placements will be launched in the first week of September. The draft specification is attached and the Council welcomes comments. If you have time do have a quick look at the specification ([Attachment 0](#)) and could you please send any comments by Tuesday 18 August 2020 to enquiriesBC@croydon.gov.uk. We will keep you updated on this via this info update and the weekly information sessions starting on Thursday.

NHS CAPACITY TRACKER - From the 3 August 2020, all providers should submit their Covid-19 data via the online NHS Capacity Tracker only, there is no need to complete the ADASS Covid-19 online return. The NHS Capacity Tracker should be completed daily. For guidance on how to complete the capacity tracker please watch the [Capacity Tracker Masterclass video](#) and see [Attachment 1](#). From yesterday updates will be made to the Capacity Tracker including changes to the PPE categories and additional answer options. Please see [Attachments 2 and 3](#) for further information.

TESTING - The DHSC has not reached all care homes for older people and people with dementia as quickly as hoped. All care homes for older people and people with dementia will be retested by 7th September. All other adult care homes will be able to order test kits from 31st August.

To register for testing please access the digital portal [here](#).

TESTING QUESTIONS FOR CARE HOMES	ANSWERS
Have you accessed any testing for <u>symptomatic</u> staff/residents?	
If yes, what date did the last testing take place?	
Have you started <u>asymptomatic</u> testing for staff and residents?	
If yes, what date did your last round of testing take place?	
Please include any comments here	

Please return the attached table to enquiriesBC@croydon.gov.uk by Thursday 13th August

PPE - The National PPE Portal has now been extended to all care homes. All care homes with low PPE supplies should now use the National PPE Portal. Providers requesting PPE from the Council via pperequests@croydon.gov.uk will now be redirected to the National PPE Portal. To access the portal, please click [here](#). Wherever possible we would encourage you to continue to try and secure PPE supplies through your usual supply routes in the first instance. Further information on sourcing PPE and emergency supplies please click [here](#).

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING SUPPORT

- **Interviews** - South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLAM) would like to interview registered managers of care homes and/or care home providers to learn from care home managers' experiences and understand how they can better support the sector. SLAM currently supports NHS staff who have highly challenging work to find ways to connect people together and think about ways to make their work less stressful. If you would like to get involved, please email Dr Alison Beck (Trust Director of Psychology and Psychotherapy, SLAM) at alison.beck@slam.nhs.uk
- A new [Keeping Well for Health and Care Workers](#) webinar series is designed to help manage the emotional health and wellbeing of those working in health and care services, whether at the front line or in supporting services. Taking place on Thursdays at 4pm, each session has a focus on sustaining staff wellbeing and will explore topics such as preventing burnout, coping with stress and sleeping better. The full schedule and recorded webinars are available from the [Thrive LDN website](#).
- The Health Innovation Network has launched the **#OnlyHuman** campaign to positively support frontline staff in prioritising their physical health and emotional wellbeing needs. Please click [here](#) to access the resources.

ADULT SUPPORT CROYDON - Croydon Council will shortly be launching Adult Support Croydon, an online space for providers to advertise the services they offer to the residents of Croydon. There are no costs attached to advertising on Adult Support Croydon. Please see [Attachment 5](#) for further information.

Thanks again for you and your carers great support of our vulnerable residents.

Care Home Commissioning Team