

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH: COVID19 WINTER PLAN 2020/21 – POSITION STATEMENT

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PRIORITIES

The Department of Health and Social Care has described three overarching priorities for adult social care in its COVID19 Winter Plan for 20/21 which are:

1. Ensuring everyone who needs care or support can get high-quality, timely and safe care throughout the autumn and winter period
2. Protecting people who need care, support or safeguards, the social care workforce, and carer's from infections including COVID-19
3. Making sure that people who need care, support or safeguards remain connected to essential services and their loved ones whilst protecting individuals from infections including COVID-19

The document puts into practice the recommendations of the [Social Care Sector COVID-19 Support Taskforce](#) with requirements for the Council to deliver alongside our Providers.

A few examples are:

- local authorities must put in place their own winter plans, building on existing planning, including local outbreak plans, in the context of planning for the end of the transition period, and write to DHSC to confirm they have done this by 31 October 2020.
- local authorities must distribute funding made available through the extension of the Infection Control Fund to the sector as quickly as possible, and report on how funding is being used, in line with the grant conditions
- local authority directors of public health should give a regular assessment of whether visiting care homes is likely to be appropriate within their local authority

THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE

We have developed a robust COVID19 Winter Plan for 20/21. Key leads have provided our current position and further actions required to meet the requirements across the following four themes four themes over the winter period:

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| Theme 1: Preventing and controlling the spread of infection in care settings Lead: Director of Public Health | Theme 2: Collaboration across health and care services Lead: Service Director Ageing Well |
| → Managing staff movement → Personal protective equipment (PPE) → COVID-19 testing → Seasonal flu vaccines → Guidance on infection prevention and outbreak management | → Safe discharge from NHS settings and preventing avoidable admissions → Social Prescribing |
| Theme 3: Supporting people who receive social care, the workforce and carers Leads: Service Directors Living Well and Ageing Well | Theme 4: Supporting the system Lead: ASCPH Corporate Director |
| → Visiting Guidance → Direct Payments → Support for unpaid Carers → Supporting the wellbeing of the workforce → Workforce Capacity → Shielding and people who are clinically extremely vulnerable → Social work and other professional leadership | → End of Life Care → Care Act Easements → Supporting the workforce → Funding: Infection Control Fund → Local, regional and national oversight and support → Market and provider sustainability → CQC support: Emergency Support Framework and sharing best practice |

CURRENT POSITION / FURTHER ACTIONS

- We have continued to collaborate with our Health colleagues who have provided input into our Winter Plan over a number of themes
- We have shared our plan with colleagues across the Clinical Commissioning Groups, A&E delivery Boards, and Integrated Care Systems across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and have engaged with Healthwatch colleagues
- We currently meet 66/77 requirements set out by the DHSC
- Our strengths are within theme 1 & 4 where we have met all requirements in full as a result of existing work and plans in place
- There are 11 areas where we need to take further action to meet requirements in full which we will be actively monitoring and progressing
- Support to unpaid carers is an area we have identified needs more work to meet the requirements in full and work is underway to develop a COVID19 secure interim short breaks and day opportunities model which will be in place by January 2021
- There are funding decisions around extra social care capacity for CHHC assessments and accommodation that are awaited to finalise some requirements in theme 2

GOVERNANCE

