

Learning Disability and Autism Programme

Friday 17th April 2020

Frequently Asked Questions

Links to all resources mentioned in the FAQs can be found at the end in Links to published guidance and resources.

DNACPR

We are re-sending the following letters to GPs via our primary care bulletin to reinforce our position on DNACPR:

- [Signed by Claire Murdoch, Dr Roger Banks and Dr Nikki Kinani](#)
[Signed by Ruth May and Professor Steve Powis](#)

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

The guidance on PPE in health and social care has been updated and includes a new explanatory table about the use of PPE. Direct care involves activities where there will be close contact with the person (such as feeding or bathing) but activities where social distancing could be applied (such as placing a drink in front of the person) would not be.

Direct Payment employers can approach their Local Resilience Forum (LRFs) for PPE supplies. LRFs are prioritising delivery to key frontline workers according to local need.

Action Plan for Adult Social Care

The Covid-19 action plan3(d)13()-1-

Staff Sickness

Skills for Care have produced a summary about the impact of COVID-19 on the adult social care workforce. Key findings;

- On average, the providers reported **25% of their workforce was currently unable to work due to covid related issues**. The most common reason being self-isolation due to symptoms or living with someone with symptoms (10%). Other workers were absent due to concerns about catching the virus (6%), shielding (4%) or due to childcare issues (5%).
- **34% of providers reported they urgently needed more staff** with a further 42% anticip
- The majority of providers reported that most of their staff (but not all) were receiving key worker exemption allowing them to keep their children at school.
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- Clarification about what can reasonably be expected from social care at this time
- Understanding the impact COVID-19 is having on key services for people with a learning disability, autistic people and their families.

Resources in development with publication expected shortly

- Parent and Carer engagement
- Supporting patients of all ages who are unwell with COVID-19 in mental health, learning disabilities and autism, and specialist inpatient facilities
- Care (Education) and Treatment Reviews during the coronavirus outbreak
- Hospital 2 page grab and go guide (developed in collaboration with partners)
- Demand and Capacity guidance (version 2)

Links to published guidance and resources

[NHS Visitor guidance version 2 \(subject to Trust Infection control requirements\)](#)

[Care Act easement guidance for Local Authorities](#)

[Learning Disability Senate guidance for families](#)

[Admission and Care of people in Care Homes](#)

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