

Adults' Health and Care



Update for care providers

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) New online PPE portal for small providers and testing webinars for care homes

New online PPE portal for small social care services

The Government is currently scaling up a [new online PPE portal](#), which has been developed in collaboration with eBay to help primary and social care providers order critical PPE. The PPE Portal is being scaled up nationally in phases over the coming weeks.

The current phase of the roll-out involves GPs and small residential and domiciliary social care services being invited to register on the portal.

Small social services (care homes with 24 beds or fewer and home care with 99 clients or fewer) who are eligible to register for the new portal will be contacted directly, with an invitation to register. **These providers are asked please ensure they routinely check their email account/s registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) / Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).**

COVID-19 testing webinars for care homes

As you know, all care home residents and staff in England (over 65 and/or have dementia), both with symptoms and without, are now eligible for COVID-19 testing.

To assist care homes in a better understanding of the process and what they need to do, the Department of Health and Social Care is facilitating webinars every morning for the rest of this week on the whole home testing process. Care homes can register to access the webinars [here](#).

To further support whole-home testing in your care come, please remember to ensure you are registered on the [care home testing portal](#).