

Infection Prevention

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Link Champions training

- 118 homes trained to date
- 5 homes declined
- 10 homes unable to access virtual training – will be picked up by IPC team with face-to-face training



Future plans

- On-going champions programme planned which expectation that this will be cascaded down to staff
- Looking to develop into mutual support mechanism for care homes
- Expectation that this will be a 2-way process with homes contributing ideas and suggestions for future sessions



Next steps

- Development of Champions Charter
- Two Q&A sessions booked for this week via Telemed hub (Thursday PM and Friday AM)

Covid questions

- Incubation period-1-14 days (median onset period is 5 days) Some uncertainty about infectivity prior to symptom onset.
- Individuals are considered infectious while they have symptoms –the more severe the infection the more risk of passing on the infection (Viral Load)
- 48 hours symptom free before return to work of remove from isolation
- Cough may persist after infectious period has passed



Antibody testing

- being trailed at present by NHS-requires a blood test not just a finger prick
- will give an indication if someone has had coronavirus
- BUT-still some doubt about accuracy and about what this means (i.e. length of immunity, how immune etc.)
- *'If you receive a positive antibody result it does not mean that you're immune, or that you cannot pass on the virus to others. It also does not mean that you can ignore social distancing measures'*



Test and trace

- Now up and running locally
- PH have a contact tracing team who will follow up contacts
- In care homes etc LA IPC team will continue to give advice and support as happens currently
- Care home staff may have isolate for 14 days if they are a contact depending on the contact setting

