



ANTIBODY TESTING FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE STAFF

The Department of Health and Social Care have launched an at-home antibody testing service which is now available to all paid staff in the adult social care sector in England.

What are antibody tests used for?

This at-home antibody testing service is supporting surveillance studies that are helping us to understand COVID-19 and how it has spread in the adult social care sector. By participating and taking a test you will be contributing to this effort.

An antibody test result can only tell you whether or not you have had the virus in the past and developed antibodies. It does not tell you if you currently have the virus. Therefore, regardless of the result of an antibody test, you must continue to comply with government guidelines, including wearing PPE and social distancing.

Taking the test

To sign up for an at-home antibody test, you will need to register online [here](#).

After registering, you will receive a text message containing a code which will allow you to sign up for a test. This may take a few weeks. All the equipment needed for the test, along with instructions and a link to a video guide, will be provided in the kit sent to your home. Results of the test will be communicated to you via text.

Guidance and a video explaining how to take the antibody finger-prick test can be found [here](#).

CAPACITY TRACKER - NEW FUNCTIONALITY GUIDANCE/ WEEKLY Q&A SESSIONS

Please find attached (in the [Provider Zone](#)) the the new guidance documents for the developments that have been added the Capacity Tracker, including:

- Proxy Ordering
- Covid-19 Additional Questions (Flu and Discharge)
- Syringe Pumps

If they have any queries, please contact the support centre via: 0191 691 3729 or necsu.capacitytracker@nhs.net in the first instance.

Also attached in the [Provider Zone](#), a flyer with details on how to join the weekly Q&A sessions!



Last chance to apply for the NHS X free iPads for Care Homes

Care homes have until **23 October 2020** to apply for a free iPad (if applicable also a free 12 months data sim) using [this NHSX form](#). The iPads are being prioritised for **eligible** care homes with the greatest need. The aim is to ensure that everyone living in a care home in England can access video consultations and remote care when needed. The tablets will also allow staff to access NHS mail and other tools or systems needed to support care, as well as to connect people with their loved ones.

Find out more [HERE](#).



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New Housing LIN Viewpoint on technology and future proofing supported housing

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MEDICATION TRAINING - 10TH NOVEMBER 2020 - ACORN TRAINING

We are delighted to say we have developed an **interactive training** session on **Dispensing and Administering Medication** which will be delivered as a live stream training session.

It will be a **short workshop** where the learners will complete a **reflective** piece of work to demonstrate the theory is absorbed and have a clearer understanding of **how to Dispense and Administer Medication within the Health Care Setting**. A **certificate** will be issued once the programme is completed to **support CPD**. This training session will be completely **free of charge**.

We will be running one session on **10th November 9:30am till 11am** we do have **limited spaces** on this training session so only able to offer **3 slots per Care Home** for the interim, however if we have spaces closer to the time we will let you know.

If this is something your staff would be interested in, please could you **email** with your **name, contact number and email address** to secure a place. Once we have this information the learners will be **sent the link** to use for the training session.

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- If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Natalie Jones.

See the [Provider Zone](#) for other training material, Inc. CAS Training Flyer.

FUNDED WEST YORKSHIRE UNIVERSITY COURSES FOR REGISTERED NURSES WORKING IN SOCIAL CARE

There are limited funded places on SSPRD programmes at **West Yorkshire Universities** (i.e. University of Bradford, University of Huddersfield, University of Leeds, Leeds Beckett University), that are fully funded by Health Education England (HEE), for Registered Nurses in social care organisations delivering on NHS contracts based within West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

See documents in the [Provider Zone](#) for more details, including:

- Skills for Care - Process for Care Sector to access SSPRD funding
- WYH Confirmed SSPRD Funded Programmes 2020-21
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Psychological Wellbeing and Resilience in HC

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1 JANUARY 2021



TRAINING AND EVENTS CALENDAR – NOW LIVE ON THE PROVIDER ZONE

This calendar will be updated each week with upcoming training and events. If there are any events or training not advertised on the calendar that you are aware of, please contact connecttosupport@bradford.gov.uk for these to be shared with other Care Providers.

Click [HERE](#) to view.