

## COVID-19 ASC Infection Control Fund Return > Implementation Status

Local Authority

London Borough of Havering

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| Key COVID-19 Support Actions for Care Home   | Number of Care Homes | Would additional support be helpful to progress implementation further<br><i>If yes, please offer a brief description of the type of support that would be helpful</i>  | Please indicate any issues that you would like to highlight (optional)  |
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| <b>Focus 1: Infection prevention and control measures</b>  |                      |   |   |
| 1.1) Ability to quarantine/isolate/cohort when needed  | 44                   | Yes *<br>Comments included financial support to procure extra staff, continued advice and support from the local quality team and access to full PPE equipment and COVID test results available prior to admissions.                                  | Issues have been raised about the difficulty of isolating those with dementia or mental health issues in any setting. |
| 1.2) Actions to restrict staff movement between care homes   | 43                   | Yes *<br>There was funding for additional staffing capacity   |   |
| 1.3) Paying staff full wages while isolating following a positive test   | 24                   | Yes *<br>The theme was focussed on financial support for additional costs in relation to additional staff, sick pay and more general financial support.   |   |
| <b>Focus 2: Testing</b>  |                      |   |   |
| 2.1) Registration on the government's testing portal   | 33                   | Yes *<br>Need to have quicker access to test kits in terms of delayed orders and also availability. Staff being able to access testing facilities and testing for admissions and concerns that some providers are not currently eligible for testing. |   |
| 2.2) Access to testing for all asymptomatic residents and staff  | 15                   | Yes *<br>Again raised the delay in obtaining test kits citing delays in orders. Also submitted tests have been lost requiring them to be re-done several times. The need to test new residents who do not come from hospital was also raised.         | Testing availability and response is not consistently reported as being at the level required by some homes.          |
| Testing of all residents discharged from hospital to care homes  | 15                   | Yes *<br>A need for residents to be tested and for results to have been received prior to the return to the home. Suggestion made that they would like evidence from the hospital (letter) to confirm the admission's COVID status.                   |   |
| <b>Focus 3: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Clinical Equipment</b>   |                      |   |   |
| 3.1) Access to sufficient PPE to meet needs  | 49                   | Yes *<br>Access to supplies of PPE in terms of sourcing a dedicated supply separate to the NHS and also to have group buying options to source more competitively. Continued access to emergency supplies via the Local Authority.                    |   |
| 3.2) Access to clinical equipment needed for COVID-19  | 35                   | Yes *<br>Access to a central store of such equipment for emergencies would have been helpful. Concerns over access to clinical equipment such as, respirator and oxygen, also the need for staff training in the use of such equipment.               |   |
| <b>Focus 4: Workforce Support</b>  |                      |   |   |
| 4.1) Access to training in the use of PPE from clinical or PH staff  | 44                   | Yes *<br>More infection control training, free training and continuous access to training as situations change. Recognised benefits of training already given.  |   |
| 4.2) Access to training on the use of key medical equipment needed for COVID-19  | 30                   | Yes *<br>Theme that all forms of training would be welcomed referencing e-learning options, advice from professionals and medical equipment training.   |   |
| 4.3) Access to additional capacity including from locally coordinated returning healthcare professionals or volunteers | 23                   | Yes *<br>Themes included welcome support from the Local Authority in sourcing volunteers. Raised the need for testing of all agency staff as standard and the use of Healthcare Assistants.   |   |
| <b>Focus 5: Clinical Support</b>   |                      |   |   |
| 5.1) Named Clinical Lead in place for support and guidance   | 38                   | Yes *<br>Requested regular updates about infections control and general support.  |   |
| 5.2) Access to mutual aid offer (primary and community health support)   | 48                   | Yes *<br>Support would be useful in techniques to reduce cross contamination, catheter and stoma care, physio support and regular updates with GP's and District Nurses.  |   |