

Dear Registered Manager

We know that many of you are still concerned about getting staff and service users tested for coronavirus.

I thought that you might like to see this press cutting from yesterday which is headlined "Armed forces to test care home staff for Covid-19 using mobile units" and which states that:

**Almost 100 military-run mobile coronavirus testing units are set to travel around the UK to increase access to testing for social care staff and other key workers, the government has announced.**

You can read the whole article here:

<https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/coronavirus/armed-forces-to-test-care-home-staff-for-covid-19-using-mobile-units-27-04-2020/>

I think that this gives some reassurance that the challenges are now understood.

The Department of Health's latest guidance says this:

#### **Mobile testing units**

Mobile testing units are being developed. They will operate out of a regional testing site and travel to offer tests where they are needed.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

We will let you have further information when it is available.

With best wishes.

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