

I just wanted to update you about the flurry of Government advice documents that have been issued in the last few days.

The first is “COVID-19: how to work safely in care homes”. This is further guidance about PPE. There are four parts to the guidance the first about obtaining PPE and the other three about putting on and taking off PPE safely.

One part is a video. I thought that the information might benefit you as a training aid:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-how-to-work-safely-in-care-homes?utm\\_source=0225ddc5-ecbd-47a0-8e10-5f95ad4ddba3&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-how-to-work-safely-in-care-homes?utm_source=0225ddc5-ecbd-47a0-8e10-5f95ad4ddba3&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

The second is “COVID-19: how to work safely in domiciliary care in England”. This is similar to the guidance above but specifically referring to domiciliary care. Again, I thought that the 3 separate attachments including a video might be helpful for training purposes:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-how-to-work-safely-in-domiciliary-care?utm\\_source=cd624031-880d-46b6-ae1e-3757ea3caebf&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-how-to-work-safely-in-domiciliary-care?utm_source=cd624031-880d-46b6-ae1e-3757ea3caebf&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

The third relates to “PPE portal: how to order emergency personal protective equipment”.

It sets out how Healthcare providers can order additional personal protective equipment (PPE) through the portal to top up their existing supplies for COVID-19 **in an emergency**.

The PPE portal can be used by:

#### **GPs**

#### **Small residential social care providers (24 beds or fewer)**

#### **Domiciliary social care providers (99 clients or fewer)**

It goes on to say: “If you’re a provider in one of these categories, your invitation to register will be sent to your email account registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) or the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).”

If you are a larger social carer you should refer to the guidance (contact below):

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ppe-portal-how-to-order-emergency-personal-protective-equipment?utm\\_source=324173f2-ab59-40af-bedd-a121acf269cd&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ppe-portal-how-to-order-emergency-personal-protective-equipment?utm_source=324173f2-ab59-40af-bedd-a121acf269cd&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

The fourth relates to “Coronavirus (COVID-19): looking after people who lack mental capacity”.

I do think that there is some useful advice in this guidance document, for training purposes but also as a refresher for all of us.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-looking-after-people-who-lack-mental-capacity?utm\\_source=3e28a460-1e2c-42af-a522-5272e564a73f&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-looking-after-people-who-lack-mental-capacity?utm_source=3e28a460-1e2c-42af-a522-5272e564a73f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

know this is a lot to take in and I hope that you find it helpful.

Any questions please contact us.

All good wishes.

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