

Possible Topic Review - COVID impact on care homes

Given the COVID pandemic remains ongoing and is entering a new phase, information would be useful to explore the impact this has had so far on care homes. Example areas are listed below:

- **Evidence of the impact on COVID on care homes so far such as:**
 - Impact on vacancy levels and overall demand for care homes
 - Impact on staffing levels
 - Numbers of homes with outbreaks
 - Homes ability to access testing, PPE and effectively implement the guidance to prevent the spread of infections
 - Impact on the overall quality of care
- **Evidence of joint working to support care homes so far, such as:**
 - Interventions delivered with support from NHS providers
 - Support from primary care and General Practice
 - Visibility of care home issues locally (i.e governance arrangements and oversight)
 - Sharing good practice from elsewhere, including other Councils/ CQC etc
- **Local authority's perspective** in terms of whether the Council received sufficient and timely information from government on how to respond to and offer help and assistance to care homes.
- **NHS perspective** - as witnesses for COVID 19, to give their side of the story and provide:
 - Evidence from Royal Derby about whether they experienced any issues or capacity problems in terms of the discharge arrangements to care homes.
 - Examples of how Royal Derby helped patients keep in touch with relatives despite the visiting restrictions.
 - Examples of how General Practice and DCHS supported care homes with non COVID matters – medication, routine reviews etc
 - The support homes had access to so they could appropriately prepare and deliver end of life care.