

We are carrying out a thematic review to look at the safety of care homes in relation to Infection Prevention and Control

Background: Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact on Infection Prevention and Control in care homes

As part of the government's response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Social Care Taskforce has asked CQC to look at the preparedness of care homes in relation to infection prevention and control, particularly should there be a risk of a second wave of the coronavirus, and also to manage the impact of winter pressures.

To assist with this, we are asking a sample of 300 care homes across the country to help us to gather information on their experiences and preparedness for what may lie ahead. We want to take this as an opportunity to learn about the strengths of your service and to understand if there are any gaps or concerns around IPC practice where we can signpost you to other resources with.

Instructions

As such, you are one of the 300 care homes selected to participate in this review. We are contacting you now ahead an inspection where we plan to make a site visit on 5th august

- Questions:
- I.e. IPC Policy
- Most Recent Audit

Following the call we will send the you a copy of the tool we will be using during inspection.

How we will use the information we have gathered

Following the visit you will receive a brief targeted inspection report which will be published on our website. Where we highlight good practice, we may contact you again to help with producing a case study if you are happy to do this.

Should there be any minor shortfalls, we will signpost you to resources that might assist with any improvements you may wish to make.

As with any inspection, if we find significant concerns with IPC or anything else, we will review our regulatory approach and whether the nature of our inspection needs to change. This may include a focused inspection.

Following completion of our targeted inspection program, we will collate and analyse the findings. We will produce an insight report to collate good practice and other learning we have gathered and aim to publish a report with initial findings in September 2020 to support the care home sector with its IPC practice. A more detailed analysis will be published in November 2020.