Issue 35

Dear Colleague,

Care Homes Visiting Guidance

We recognise that the COVID-19 period has been extremely challenging for care homes in many ways, and also for the people who you support, particularly given the lack of opportunities to meet their loved ones face-to-face. Relatives and friends will be very keen to visit your residents as soon as they can after such a long period apart.

You will be aware of coverage in the media yesterday (22 July 2020) of an update to the policies for visiting arrangements in care homes.

Visiting policies in care homes are the responsibility of the care home however guidance should be taken to ensure local authorities' public health services consider it safe.

The future approach to visiting will require an assessment of the individual care home's circumstances, and local circumstances (such as inclusion in the Leicester conurbation 'lockdown' area).

Further information for Leicestershire will be released as soon as it is available, but in the meantime, we urge you to continue with, and make no changes to, your visitor policy. Your excellent work in infection prevention and control is continuing to keep people safe during this extended period of uncertainty.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Jon Wilson
Director of Adults & Communities