

Improving health in care homes

Wessex AHSN is working across a number of our programmes to help improve the health of care home residents. Our work is the result of a number of years of responding to the needs of care homes, with some areas being accelerated as part of the national COVID-19 response. We engage with our members and care homes to understand the issues and to jointly plan how best to address. We are sensitive to differing calls on care homes time and their many priorities, and therefore collaborate across our programmes to ensure that we are co-ordinating our activities.

MS Teams training for Care Homes/GP practices to connect them together and support MDT working

Training care homes on the use of technology for remote monitoring

Market evaluation of technologies and their capabilities

Digitally Enabled Care Homes Demonstrator Sites

Deteriorating patient: ongoing promotion and support for the use of RESTORE2 (including RESTORE2 mini), including the development and signposting to training materials and direct support for users

Medicines Safety in Care Homes

Virtual Ward with Pulse Oximetry

AHSN Network 'Improving Safety in Care Homes' Report
<https://bit.ly/3fXmjBZ>

This work supports a number of national strategies and guidance, including:

NHSE Enhanced Health in Care Homes Framework: <https://bit.ly/2YrSuDE>

NHSE COVID- 19 Response: Primary Care and Community Health Support for Care Home Residents: <https://bit.ly/2YvklCO>

NHSE Pharmacy and Medicines Support to Care Homes: Urgent System-Wide Delivery Model: <https://bit.ly/2Z84ZmX>

British Geriatric Society: COVID-19: Managing the COVID-19 pandemic in care homes for older people: <https://bit.ly/2Z863ar>



Support for new residents or those recently discharged from hospital: TCAM approach for care homes

Delivering Structured Medication reviews: NHS BSA Polypharmacy comparators and PINCER medication safety intervention

Facilitating access to medicines: electronic Repeat Dispensing

Good hydration: e-Hydration toolkit, developed for use by carers in partnership with Hampshire County Council and launched in June 2020

Support for HHFT Care Home Telemedicine Hub:

- Development and support of awareness package and communications
- Development of a Telemedicine Service for Care Homes Implementation Guide for use by other systems wanting to implement similar services

Ongoing identification of support needs for older people