

Care Homes COVID-19 Testing Pathway – East Berkshire, Surrey Heath, North East Hampshire & Farnham Effective 12th May 2020

National route for requesting testing of residents and staff: The main route for requesting testing of residents and staff is via the national programme. The national provision for whole-homes testing is aimed at care homes for older people and people with dementia. These arrangements are set out in the HM Government Leaflet embedded here:



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Alternative to the national route: Locally, within the Frimley ICS Geography (East Berkshire, North East Hants & Farnham, Surrey Heath), **care homes experiencing any delays or difficulties using the national route can request a visit from our local provider to carry out testing.** See below for details.

Summary of Available Testing Routes			
Route 1: Newly suspected outbreak	Route 2: Any other circumstances (including subsequent testing but <u>not</u> newly suspected outbreaks)	Route 3: Staff not covered / missed by routes 1 or 2	Route 4: Clients receiving care at home
Report to: Public Health England via your Regional Public Health England (PHE) Health Protection Team These health protection teams (HPTs) will arrange for the testing of all symptomatic residents only at this point , and will provide locally tailored infection control advice.	Whole-home testing for residents (with or without symptoms) and staff (without symptoms) available through registration on the care homes testing portal: https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-care-home	Staff with symptoms , go to: https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test for employer or self-referral. This applies to care home staff, domiciliary carers and unpaid carers.	If symptomatic: Go to NHS111 online or get GP referral. Test type dependent on client needs. Alternatively if the client is over 65 and can travel to a testing site they can self-refer at https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test If asymptomatic: No test required.
OR For care homes in the East Berks, North East Hants & Farnham, and Surrey Heath areas only...	OR For care homes in the East Berks, North East Hants & Farnham, and Surrey Heath areas only...	OR For staff in the East Berks, North East Hants & Farnham, and Surrey Heath areas only...	OR For clients in the East Berks, North East Hants & Farnham, and Surrey Heath areas only...
If any delay or difficulty with the above, request a visit to the home from the local provider via: ebpc.covid19@nhs.net Tel: 03000 770 007. + Let your regional PHE Health Protection Team know (Hospices also accepted)	If any delay or difficulty with the above, request a visit to the home from the local provider via: ebpc.covid19@nhs.net Tel: 03000 770 007.	If any delay or difficulty with the above, request a test from the local provider via: ebpc.covid19@nhs.net Tel: 03000 770 007. (Home visits available if staff cannot travel to testing sites.)	If any delay or difficulty with the above, request a home visit test from the local provider via: ebpc.covid19@nhs.net Tel: 03000 770 007.