

Dear Care and Support Provider,

Care and Support Provider Update: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Please note that there is also the Sefton website with a dedicated area for Care Providers, that will be regularly updated with information for the public domain.

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/social-care/adults/adult-social-care-providers.aspx>.

Thank you to all of you and your staff for your continued efforts and hard work during this challenging time. Please continue to let us know your key issues and support needs, either by contacting the Commissioning Support Team

[Commissioningandcontracts@Sefton.gov.uk](mailto:Commissioningandcontracts@Sefton.gov.uk) or by joining our weekly Strategic Calls with Leads from Sefton Council and Southport and Formby and South Sefton CCGs and colleagues from Provider Trusts and CQC. The next one is scheduled for tomorrow – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 16.00 – 17.00pm and you have been sent an appointment for this. We hope you can join us.

### **COVID-19 Testing update**

We are pleased to be able to let you know that 571 people were tested during the three days the military were at Southport last week; with a total of 2490 people being tested in the borough so far. The military pop-up testing site will be back in the borough for three days this week (3rd, 4th and 5th June) at Litherland Sports Centre, to provide clinical diagnosis tests that tell people if they currently have the Covid-19 virus.

Tests will be available for anyone but they need to have made an appointment first at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 119. Essential workers still need to book through [www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-essential-workers](http://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-essential-workers).

### **Care Home Education and Support Programme**

As you are aware, over the past weeks, we have developed an Education and Support Programme for you and your staff. Where we come across any support or training, we think may be useful to you, we update the programme. The latest version of the programme can be found [here](#)

### **Additional funding**

Last week you would have received a letter confirming the agreed approach for providing additional financial support to care homes. We have started to receive the additional funding templates, and these are being analysed. If you still have to return your template, can I ask that you return it to [area.finance-queries@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:area.finance-queries@sefton.gov.uk) by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** at the latest