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## COVID- 19 (Corona virus) Statement:

### Winter update

Date: 16th December 2020

Dear service users,

Please read the following guidance and updates from our service.

#### **Corona Virus Self-testing kits for home care workers:**

Our organisation will be issuing self- testing COVID-19 kits for all our home care workers and staff. Your care workers will be able to test themselves weekly in order to ensure that they are not COVID-19 positive. The kits will be distributed as of next week (the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020)

**How will this affect my care:** The self-testing kits for key workers is an additional safety measure which has been put in place in order to keep everyone safe. This is a new initiative which has been rolled out by the NHS track and trace service.

**Isolation period recommendations for all:** The self- isolation period is 10 days from the date of your positive test results. For family members or individuals who have been in close contact with the individual it is 14 days. It is a legal requirement to isolate.

**Will my care continue if my key worker has a positive COVID-19 Test:** We will try our very best to continue your care, although you may expect to see a change of staff.

**Social distancing:** Staff will continue to work in a social distance friendly manner. They have access to face visors and masks. If you are worried about this, please do not hesitate to speak to us. We are here to help.

Kind Regards,

Haleema Shaheen

Service Manager