

Staff Update

December 2020



A relatively short update this time. You will I am sure, know of the brutal rise in infection rates in our area. East Lindsey at one point has had the fourth highest infection rate in the country, and Boston continues to suffer. Rates nationally are declining, but the effect has been, and still is significant. All teams have been hit hard, with the Louth branch having over 30 absences recently.

In the light of this, a massive thank you – again – to everyone who has worked over, picked up visits and shifts, and out even more in to keep services running. Reablement teams have been re-tasked all over the county to support homecare both internally for our branches, and externally for other hard-hit providers.

If you are or have been affected, we all wish you well and a speedy recovery.

Testing

Weekly Coronavirus testing is being made available to all staff. Offices have received delivery of test kits and distribution will start this week. Instructions will follow shortly, so please keep an eye out for these.

PPE

As always, a brief mention. We still get comments and indeed complaints in dribs and drabs about PPE, the most common being a team member being observed with improper PPE. Please do ensure you have adequate supply, and are donning, doffing and using PPE properly; your team leader or manager will be more than willing to help if you have any questions. In the age of the mobile phone, it's all too easy to get snapped with your mask around your chin, and some people are more than willing to share this with us, the authority or indeed the world and his dog. Look after yourself, and look after your colleagues.

As we head into Christmas, may I wish you all the very best for the festive season. There is no doubt that this year is going to be a little different but I hope that you will find both the time and the company to enjoy this special time.

Once again, thank you.

Tom