

To all London Care and Nursing Home managers

Friday 18 June 2021

Dear Registered Manager

We are writing to you in light of the recent announcement regarding mandatory vaccination for care staff in care homes and as the country moves towards the ending of pandemic restrictions on Monday 19 July. We continue to be extremely grateful for, and impressed by, the tireless and excellent work that you are doing to ensure your staff and residents are vaccinated, alongside all your work to maintain the safety, welfare and wellbeing of your residents.

You will be aware that the recommendation from SAGE (the government's scientific advisory group for emergencies) is that care homes should have 90% vaccination rates among residents and 80% vaccination rates among staff, for safety. However, not all homes in London have reached these levels. We recognise the challenges that providers are facing in this, despite your significant work to date.

As we move to the 19th July, the NHS and councils in London are working to ensure maximum vaccination uptake across London, so that all people can be protected from Covid 19 when restrictions are lifted. As part of this, we are reaching out to you to offer further support to reach the SAGE safety thresholds. With that in mind, you will shortly be contacted by your care home liaison link officer. We would like to develop an individualised plan with you for your home, agreed by you, in the coming days that will support you to achieve the SAGE standards. We want to understand the issues that you are facing and work with you to identify any additional support you need. We hope that this will support you as a care provider to continue to offer safe and flexible care as society opens up.

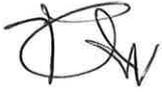
The work to increase vaccine uptake in London is a national priority and we are regularly reporting on our progress to the government. We hope that you will find the additional support valuable and that we can work closely together on this final stage of vaccinations. As the 19th July is fast approaching, our aim is to undertake this work rapidly and to complete the delivery of the agreed plans before Monday 19 July 2021.

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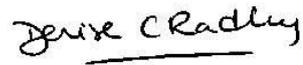


Again, thank you for your support in making homes as safe as possible for residents and staff.

Yours sincerely



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