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Dear Care and Community Support Provider,

We are really pleased to be able to report that the level of outbreaks is low, and this is testament to all the work you and your staff teams are doing to help prevent transmission. Please do not hesitate to report any outbreaks to the Community Infection Control Team on 0151 295 3036. The team can also advise on any PPE issues you may have.

We would always encourage you and your teams to continue practicing safe COVID behaviours and the wearing of PPE. It's important currently not to be complacent and always wear the appropriate masks and gloves and use hand sanitiser. You may find the attached two links helpful?

[Gov.uk - how to work safely in domiciliary care](#)

[Gov.uk - How to work safely in care homes](#)

There is also a video specific for care home setting PPE donning and doffing, which is ideal for team training and continued professional development.

[COVID-19: putting on and removing PPE – a guide for care homes \(video\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

We are aware that there may be some frontline care workers who will have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. There may be staff who haven't had the vaccine because they feel that it is not needed because they have had COVID. Even if they have had COVID, they should still have the vaccine. It will boost their immunity and protect themselves, the residents, their colleagues and family. If they have had COVID recently they will need to wait 28 days from the positive test before they have the first vaccination. It's also important that staff go for the second vaccination when they get called -to give them the maximum protection.

Attached is a short document which provides links to some key resources which may help in any conversations you will be having with your colleagues. This includes short videos and a blog by a

social care worker.

If there are any staff who haven't had their first vaccine they can still book an appointment for their 1st vaccination via the following link: <https://aintreeuniversityhospital.nhsbookings.com/v2/>

The past twelve months has been unprecedented, and we know the impact this would have had on you and your staff teams. We would like to remind you of the psychological support available to you. QWELL is an anonymous, free and safe online mental health and wellbeing service specifically commissioned for care home, domiciliary and supported living workforce in Sefton to support their mental health. If you want to find out more about QWELL please visit the website <https://www.qwell.io/> or to book a virtual information session for your staff members where they can experience a tour of the site and ask any questions they may have, please contact ehawley@kooth.com. We had also attached some posters to promote the service to your staff. If you are unable to print off the posters and would like hard copies, please email Emily and she can arrange for the posters to be mailed out to you.

Information for Care Homes

The roll out of the 2nd vaccine has gone well. All care homes have been offered the second vaccine and we are also providing people with their first vaccine, if they haven't had it yet. This week also saw the start of LD Homes being offered the second vaccine too. We cannot stress enough how much we value your help and support with the roll-out and want to thank care homes and staff teams for this.

For staff who were unable to receive their 2nd vaccination when the team visited the home. These staff will be contacted within the 12 weeks of receiving their first vaccination advising they book an appointment at one of the hubs.

The hubs are allocated at:

- Maghull Town Hall
- North Park surgery
- Southport Health & Wellbeing Centre
- Ainsdale Health & Wellbeing

Please remind staff to bring their ID and the consent form and most importantly not to share the link with anyone.

From us, all the Health and Care partners and Councillor Paul Cummins, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, we would like to thank you and your staff once again for all your hard work and everything you are doing at this time.

Yours sincerely



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