



# Care At Home Staff COVID-19 PCR Testing Guidance

As you are aware, the Scottish Government expanded their Covid 19 staff testing programme of health and social care staff to include care at home, housing support, day care, supported living and personal care assistants with effect from 18 January 2021.

Since the announcement, Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership and Scottish Care have been working together with Providers and colleagues from NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Council to develop guidance documents to support self test for the Covid 19 virus.

The attached guidance is specific to what the Scottish Government have identified as the mobile workforce. The definition of which is *staff who visit people in their own home and do so in several different people's homes during their shift.*

Care at Home and Housing Support staff falling into this category will use the PCR self testing kits.

Please note that the PCR Testing Kits will not be available via The Hub. The test kits will be delivered direct to your business address for onward posting to the home addresses of your staff. A review of staff home addresses may be required to ensure kits are sent to the correct address.

The Scottish Government have confirmed that valid additional costs that result to support testing can be claimed Sustainability Fund claims.

Having supplied the Scottish Government with details relating to your workforce you will now receive your Unique Organisational Number (UON) direct from the Department of Health and Social Care via email [organisation.coronavirus.testing@notifications.service.gov.uk](mailto:organisation.coronavirus.testing@notifications.service.gov.uk)

This is the number that you must give to staff to support the registration of their weekly testing kit and the one that will give you access to the portal to order your kits after the initial supply has been delivered to you.

The group established to oversee the expansion of Covid 19 Staff Testing in Aberdeen, will continue to meet weekly as a way of ensuring you continue to be supported throughout the implementation stage of testing. To support the group support you please email details of difficulties encountered by you and your staff as well as questions or suggestions you may have to [anne.mckenzie@nhs.scot](mailto:anne.mckenzie@nhs.scot) and [wendy.henderson@scottishcare.org](mailto:wendy.henderson@scottishcare.org)

This will allow further discussions to take place, and where necessary, amendments and recirculation of the guidance developed to support you and your staff.