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Dear Colleague

Coronavirus in East Lindsey District Council Area

We have noted from routine surveillance a significant increase in the positivity rate for Coronavirus in the people resident in East Lindsey and have consulted with partners on the apparent causes of this increase.

We have noted a particular increase in cases amongst older working age adults, people over 60 yrs of age, which is relatively unusual compared to other parts of Lincolnshire.

As a result of this, we have decided to provide an additional bulletin to advise of actions we believe are necessary to protect vulnerable people from Covid-19 and support the overall lockdown measures in bringing positivity rates back under control.

Residential Care Providers

Providers of care in residential settings should consider suspending visiting to their settings for 14 days from midday on 13 November 2020; other than for urgent health and care needs or in the extraordinary circumstances described in national visiting guidance. We will formally review the necessity of this advice 7 days from the 13 November and advise again.

Care providers are advised to contact any family and friends of residents who would normally visit the home, if in light of our recommendation, a decision is taken to suspend visiting.

All Care Providers

All providers of care should ensure their PPE policies and supplies are concurrent with national best practice guidelines for the level of care, proximity and risk to their staff.

All providers of care should alert staff to the rise in risk levels in East Lindsey and reiterate the importance of excellent infection prevention and control practice.

In domiciliary care, PPE should be donned and doffed just inside the entrance to clients' homes, following hand washing in line with 20 second guidance.

If the entrance to the client's home makes the safe donning of PPE difficult to achieve in a clean and efficient fashion, then consideration should be given to sanitising hands outside the home and donning and doffing outside.

Wider Actions

We will be undertaking other actions in East Lindsey in support of the general lockdown, to bring local prevalence under control such as targeted communications to the public; other service providers and proprietors of essential retail activities.

We will keep this alert advice under review continuously and write to you again in the light of further changes.

Thank you for your continued efforts to provide safe and high quality services to vulnerable people at this time.

Yours sincerely



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