

COVID Testing Scheme for Health and Social Care workers who are identified as a contact.

The policy is as follows:

- Any non patient/ service user facing staff will return to work.
- All staff who meet the eligibility criteria will return to work supported by a testing scheme (1xPCR and LFDs for 10days post last contact with confirmed case)
- Any staff who do not meet the eligibility criteria will not attend work for 10 days post last contact with confirmed case.
- Local decision on best approach for those staff that meet the eligibility criteria and have previously tested positive using PCR within 90 days. Testing to obtain CT values may be used to support decision.
- Some staff who usually work with patients / service users who are extremely clinically vulnerable (full list in the guidance) will either be redeployed or will not attend work.

Eligibility criteria for return to work :

- Fully vaccinated 2 weeks prior to returning to work.
- Does not live with the index case (unless they can be redeployed to a role not involving contact with patients/service users).
- Agrees to testing scheme and is negative on all required tests before returning to work.
- If previously positive within 90 days has met all conditions of return to work.
- If working with extremely vulnerable – redeployed

