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Dear All

**Re COVID 19 Testing for your Personal Assistants**

We are pleased to now be able to support regular testing through our local testing centres in Telford & Wrekin for those who care and support for our vulnerable residents.

We would ask you to invite your PA to book a fortnightly or at least monthly test via the Government's Get Coronavirus Test web page: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

In Part 1 of the process PAs are asked to identify themselves as an essential workers and select the 'My Local Council or Health Protection Team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms'. You can also request a postal test if this is more suitable for your individual needs.

In Part 2 PAs are asked to identify as a care worker and insert the name of the person they care for/or person who manages the Direct Payment in the employer box. This will help the Council quickly identify any positive cases through our Health Protection Hub for track and trace purposes and also to make sure we can contact you quickly with further support and guidance as needed.

Thank you for supporting this approach and as we know, regular testing is another way in which we can help protect our most vulnerable residents and of course, our NHS.

Yours faithfully

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