COVID-19
Information for Adult Social Care

This information should NOT be used as a substitute for local directives. All adult social care practitioners (regardless of setting) should contact their line manager for their organisations latest guidance.

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[Adult social care: our COVID-19 winter plan 2020 to 2021](#)　　Policy Paper

2. Coronavirus Act 2020 and Easements of the Care Act

[Coronavirus Act 2020](#)　　　　　　　　　　　Legislation

[Care Act easements: guidance for local authorities](#)　　　　　　　　　　　Government guidance

[Care Act 2014 (COVID-19) tri.x resource](#)　　　　tri.x resource

[tri.x Resource Coronavirus (COVID-19)](#)　　　tri.x resource-implications for procedures

[BASW Adult Social Work Group Position Statement](#)　　　　　　　　　　　BASW position statement

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We have added a link to the top of your procedures to our new standalone website 'tri.x Resource Coronavirus (COVID-19)'. Here we have developed 2 resources for Adult Services; 'Implementation of Easements' and 'Maintaining the Care Act'. The resource that is applicable to you will depend on your local circumstances and any decisions made about implementing easements.

Not a tri.x customer?

Use the link below to find out more and see a video demonstration of our Procedures, Practice Guidance and Tools for Adult Social Care:

https://www.proceduresonline.com/adultprocedures/demonstration/

3. Data Protection and Information Sharing

[Information Commissioners Office: Guidance for organisations working from home](#)　　　　ICO guidance

[Health, social care organisations and Coronavirus: what you need to know](#)　　　　ICO guidance

[Information Commissioner's Office: Data protection and coronavirus information hub](#)　　　ICO online information hub

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Coronavirus (COVID-19): notification to organisations to share information   Government guidance

4. Administrative Practices

Good administrative practice during the response to Covid-19 LGO guidance

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5. Ethical Frameworks

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6. Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty

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Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and the COVID-19 crisis   SCIE resource

Best Interests Decisions: A COVID-19 quick guide   Guidance from SCIE

Working with the Mental Capacity Act during the coronavirus pandemic   CQC guidance for regulated providers

Testing for COVID-19 and mental capacity   Guidance note 39 Essex Chambers

Vaccination and mental capacity   Guidance note 30 Essex Chambers

Deputies and Power of Attorney

NHS and social care staff: check if a COVID-19 patient has an attorney or deputy   Government guidance

Being a deputy or attorney during the coronavirus outbreak   Government guidance

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[Guidance for contacts of people with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person](#)	Government guidance

Helping people shielding or self-isolating

[Supporting people who are isolated or vulnerable during the COVID-19 crisis](#)	Guidance and resources from SCIE
[Arranging volunteer help for people shielding or self-isolating](#)	Link to NHS volunteer responders website

8. Infection Control

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[COVID-19: infection prevention and control (IPC)](#)	Government guidance
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[COVID-19: management of staff and exposed patients and residents in health and social care settings](#)	Government guidance
[RIDDOR reporting of Covid-19](#)	HSE guidance

9. Practitioner Mental Wellbeing

[Developing emotional resilience and wellbeing: a practical guide for social workers](#)	Guidance from Community Care Inform
[Self-care for social workers during Covid-19](#)	BASW Quick Guide
[Supporting self: a tool with easy tips to remember in difficult situations](#)	Skills for Care tool
[Practical ideas to manage anxieties, worry and stress](#)	Social Workers Union (SWU)

10. Virtual Assessments and Home Visits

[Matching interventions with people tool](#)	Tool from SCIE

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[Professional practice guidance for home visits during COVID-19 pandemic](#)	BASW guidance
[Digital Capabilities for Social Workers: Ethical Considerations](#)	BASW guidance
[Guidance for virtual assessments](#)	Guidance from TSF
[Face to Face Visit Checklist During Covid-19](#)	BASW checklist
[Technology checklist for video calling an adult or carer](#)	Guidance from SCIE
[Building rapport and establishing meaningful relationships using technology in social work](#)	Briefing from SCIE
[Risk identification and virtual interventions for social workers](#)	Quick guide from SCIE

11. Safeguarding

[Safeguarding adults during the COVID-19 crisis](#)	Guidance from SCIE
[Guidance for Safeguarding Adults during Covid-19](#)	BASW guidance
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[Social Work in Multi-Disciplinary and Multi-Agency Contexts during Covid-19](#)	BASW guidance
[Safeguarding adults with dementia during the COVID-19 crisis](#)	Guidance from SCIE
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[Inappropriate use of sedative medicines to enforce social distancing guidelines](#)	CQC guidance
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COVID-19 guide for care staff supporting adults with learning disabilities or autistic adults	Guidance from SCIE
COVID-19: providing unpaid care to adults with learning disabilities and autistic adults	Government guidance
COVID-19 guidance for carers and family supporting adults and children with learning disabilities or autistic adults and children	Guidance from SCIE
COVID-19 information and resources from The Challenging Behaviour Foundation	Resources for practitioners, providers and families

13. Dementia and Hearing Loss

COVID-19 and dementia	Guidance from the Alzheimer's Society
Information and support during coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak-hearing loss	Resource from RNID

14. CQC Registered Provision

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Supporting people outside of their home	Government guidance

Mental capacity and deprivation of liberty

Working with the Mental Capacity Act during the coronavirus pandemic	CQC guidance

(Also see Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty above)

Visiting

Visitors protocol	Briefing statement from the Care Providers Alliance (CPA)
Visiting care homes during coronavirus	Government guidance

Medication

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[Medicine support care plans-making adjustments during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic](#)	CQC guidance
[Medicines disposal during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic](#)	CQC guidance
[Inappropriate use of sedative medicines to enforce social distancing guidelines](#)	CQC guidance

Care homes and hospices

[Care homes and COVID-19: advice and best practice](#)	Resource from SCIE
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[How to work safely in care homes](#)	Government guidance
[COVID-19: putting on and removing PPE-a guide for care homes](#)	Government guidance video
[Running a medicines re-use scheme in a care home or hospice setting](#)	Government guidance

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[COVID-19: how to work safely in domiciliary care](#) (PPE resource)	Government guidance

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15. Informal Carers

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[COVID-19 help and advice for informal carers](#)	Guidance from Carers UK
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Covid 19: personal assistants   Skills for Care guidance

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Hospital Discharge Service Guidance   Government guidance

Professional practice guidance for hospital social work with adults during Covid-19   BASW guidance

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Visiting healthcare inpatient settings during the COVID-19 pandemic — NHS England guidance

Guidance for stepdown of infection control precautions and discharging COVID-19 patients to home settings (incl residential) — Government guidance

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Social Work in Multi-Disciplinary and Multi-Agency Contexts during Covid-19 — BASW guidance

Information and support for Approved Mental Health Professionals, AMHP Leads and PSW's on the role of the AMHP during the Covid-19 Pandemic — BASW guidance

Supporting patients of all ages who are unwell with coronavirus (COVID-19) in mental health, learning disability, autism, dementia and specialist inpatient facilities — NHS England guidance

Managing acute disturbance in the context of COVID-19 — Guidance from the NAPICU

Alcohol Change UK: Coronavirus information and advice hub

23. Educational Settings

Education and childcare — All government guidance for teachers, school leaders, carers, parents and students

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End of Life social work during Covid-19 — BASW guidance

Coronavirus: dealing with bereavement and grief — Resources from CRUSE

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[Social care provider resilience during Covid-19: guidance for commissioners](#)   ADASS/LGA and CPA shared guidance

[COVID-19: Information for council adult social care commissioners](#) LGA guidance

[Commissioning and COVID-19: advice for social care](#)   Resource from SCIE

[COVID-19: guidance for commissioners and providers of services for people who use drugs and alcohol](#)   Government guidance

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Our procedure customers can be reassured that at tri.x it is business as usual, with no impact expected on update schedules. Practitioners working from home or that do not have access to your organisations systems can still access the procedures, as long as they have internet access. Remember that the News Area can be a helpful way to share information and updates quickly with procedure users.

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Antser Learning (previously Reconstruct training) are able to provide all of their extensive training portfolio virtually and continue to welcome new enquiries.

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Given that the Courts and Local Authorities remain open, it is business as usual for Carter Brown. We are still accepting new referrals and exploring with customers the best way to undertake assessments, utilising communication tools such as Skype wherever possible.