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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 March 2020 17:51  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Covid-19 Update

Hi All,

Please see the email below that has been sent to the registered providers in Tameside.

Regards,

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A poster for a fostering event. On the left, a photograph shows a woman smiling and holding two young children. To the right of the photo is a purple heart icon with the word 'FOSTERING' inside. The main text reads 'Can you look after children? We need you!'. Below this, it says 'Find out about fostering, meet our fostering team and talk to our foster carers at our informal drop in event on Tuesday 10 March 5pm-8pm at: Village Hotel Ashton, Pamir Drive, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0PG. Refreshments will be provided'. At the bottom, there is a purple banner with the Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council logo, the text 'Call 0161 368 8865', and the website 'tameside.gov.uk/fostering'.

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Dear All,

There hasn't been any new government guidance issued but I would like to report that the Council is contacting Public Health England (locally & nationally) with regards to the PPE from the Pandemic Influenza Stockpile (as noted within the guidance). When I know what the process for issuing/distributing this I'll let you know.

I'm sure you'll all have the following information from the CQC, but just in case you haven't...

# COVID-19 Update

## 16 March 2020

A new weekly update for providers and professionals working in adult social care, sharing the latest guidance on COVID-19 and CQC's approach during this period.

### Immediate cessation of routine CQC inspections

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to update you on changes to our approach to regulation in response to COVID-19.

Our primary objectives during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic will be to support you to keep people safe during a period of unprecedented pressure on the health and care system,

**As a result, we will be stopping inspections from Monday 16 March.**

It may be necessary to use some of our inspection powers in a very small number of cases when we have concerns of harm, such as allegations of abuse. However, inspections will not be conducted in their present form during the period of the pandemic. When physical inspections are deemed appropriate, we anticipate having a conversation with the provider before a visit takes place.

Please notify CQC within 24 hours of any suspected or known case or outbreak of coronavirus COVID-19. This means one or more cases involving staff, people who use services, volunteers, visiting professionals, visitors or visiting contractors/suppliers that people within the service have had contact with.

We encourage everyone to act in the best interests of the health of the people they serve, with the top priority the protection of life. **We encourage you to use your discretion and act in the best way you see fit.**

Importantly, we want to act as a support for registered managers - our inspection team will be there to provide advice and guidance to the providers throughout this period, and will be implementing the following:

- In the absence of a single national oversight body like NHS England for adult social care, we will continue to request Provider Information Returns (PIRs).
- However we will not penalise providers for the late return of PIRs
- In order to reduce your reporting burden we will share the information we collect from you with local authorities and clinical commissioning groups
- We will use the information gathered from PIRs to inform and influence government and commissioners to provide support and address issues such as workforce challenges

More than ever, please can you pass my thanks to your dedicated workforce and for your leadership as we pull together during this difficult time to ensure people receive safe care. We will update you further if things change significantly.

  
Chief Inspector of Adult Social Care

Regards,



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