

CONGRATULATIONS JOBIN

Our committed member of staff – Mr Jobin was finally reunited with his family....we are all very happy for you Mr Jobin.



PPE – Mask wearing

Care providers are now able to adopt a risk-based approach with decisions on the use of face masks balanced with the risk of infections spreading and considering any risks or benefits that arise from their use. If you have been supporting a client for more than 2-4 hours and the client has asked you to keep a mask on, please report this to the manager (Gemma) as we need to ensure your own health, which includes your availability to oxygen. More information can be found at: [Mask and outbreak guidance updated in care settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/mask-and-outbreak-guidance-updated-in-care-settings) or [COVID-19 supplement to the infection prevention and control resource for adult social care - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-supplement-to-the-infection-prevention-and-control-resource-for-adult-social-care)

People receiving care can ask for staff to wear face masks, and staff should, of course, work in whatever way will make the person they are caring for most comfortable. We have had some phone calls from clients who have asked whether it is still law for carers to wear a mask because they would prefer carers not to work wearing a mask due to communication. **It is important to check with your clients when you visit them.**

Sickness and/or Illness

It is very important that you do not attend work when you are unwell. We work with vulnerable people and it is vital that we support them to maintain their health and well-being – NOT spread our own illnesses.

This week, the Government announced testing and infection, prevention and control (IPC) measures in 2023/24 for COVID-19 across adult social care settings in England. Full details can be found within the updated [COVID-19 supplement to the infection prevention and control resource for adult social care](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-supplement-to-the-infection-prevention-and-control-resource-for-adult-social-care).

This announcement outlines a move towards a model of more targeted testing as the risk of harm from COVID-19 across adult social care has now been significantly reduced.

From 3 April 2023,

- Staff **will no longer be expected to test** in adult day care and home care services unless eligible for COVID-19 treatments.
- The organisational testing routes for home care and adult day care services will be suspended.

Staff Benefits because the cost of living is becoming difficult for us all!

Too Good To Go

This scheme ensures no food goes to waste – we (Gemma & Annie) have tried this ourselves and are impressed! All you have to do is download the app and collect from certain stores at certain times; for example: Greggs give ‘lucky bags’ which you pay £3-5 for, and you get £12 worth of food that they cannot sell due to their own policies.

[Join Our Food Waste Movement \(toogoodtogo.com\)](https://www.toogoodtogo.com)

Discounts for Carers

Exclusive discounts, cashback and vouchers for carers and care workers (includes travel discounts on buses/trains)

Free to join.

[Discounts For Carers: Exclusive Discounts, Offers & Codes](#)

Social Care Staff Reward Schemes

The Proud to Care Rewards Scheme is a fabulous scheme from London ADASS that will help improve the lives of social care workers and say a big thank you for their continued hard work. The scheme is free to register for and offers a range of discounts that can be applied to your purchases helping to lighten the load. All you must do is register your details using the Scheme ID: 7827 and you will be able to access the hundreds of discounts available to care staff across London.

[Support for Social Care Staff - Proud to Care \(proudtocarenorthlondon.org.uk\)](https://proudtocarenorthlondon.org.uk)