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## **NOTE FOR ALL DAY CARE OF CHILDREN PROVIDERS**

To all registered day care of children services,

This note, which follows the notices sent on 19 February and 9 March, is primarily for all settings in phase two of the asymptomatic testing programme.

Phase two covers all standalone Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) and School-aged Childcare (SAC) settings registered with the Care Inspectorate which are not attached to schools. All such day care of children settings are in scope whether private, voluntary, independent or local authority operated and regardless of whether you are a provider of funded ELC or not.

### **ROUTINE ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING FOR STAFF**

Thank you to all for your cooperation to date. As of Friday 12 March and ongoing into this week you will have begun to receive invitations to join Objective Connect as previously advised.

The issuing of invites is a manual process which must be undertaken for each individual setting so it will take us some days to issue all invitations. Your patience is appreciated.

When you are registered on the Workspace you will need to check back regularly in Objective Connect for any updates to key documents. A version control document will make clear those which have been changed.

Please note that the current documentation includes reference to a DHSC Control Tower helpline and email address for enquires when deliveries and testing begins. This control tower will be replaced in Scotland with one managed by NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) later this month and before the deliveries commence to ELC and SAC settings.

### **Update on Delivery Schedule**

We have received confirmation from the suppliers that deliveries will commence from the week of the 22 March 2021, some deliveries may take place in the following week.

We understand that it is disappointing that this has not happened earlier. We have worked as fast as possible to achieve the roll out of this phase, and had hoped that deliveries may have been possible slightly earlier. However, the time necessary for collecting and cleansing data required, processing of that data to on-board all

settings into the programme, and the availability of supply and delivery mechanisms through the UK wide programme, has resulted in a mid to end of March delivery timeframe.

When we have confirmed a detailed day by day delivery schedule we will be able to share this with you, this will provide each setting with a date on which your delivery will be made. This schedule is only made available to us at the end of the week in advance of deliveries.

We expect the schedule for week of 22 March to be available via Objective Connect no later than Friday 19 March, and will alert you to this through the platform.

Someone will be required to be available at the setting address to receive this delivery.

## **Conclusion**

It is crucial to support this roll out that you join Objective Connect Workspace and familiarise yourself with all the supporting documentation, using this to support your staff to make a decision on participation in the programme and then preparing to start testing.

Testing is voluntary. However, we are encouraging all settings and staff to participate in the programme when test kits are available in settings for the wellbeing of their setting community.

We will remain in contact with you as the programme progresses. Should you have any queries, please e-mail the childcare testing programme via the following link: [Childcare Testing Programme](#)