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## Revised guidance for care homes around visiting NHS professionals

The Department of Health and Social Care has published revised guidance on visiting professionals to care homes which can be found [here](#).

The guidance strengthens the existing approach for testing professional visitors to care homes in order to reduce risks from visits from professionals.

We understand the guidance has caused some confusion around NHS staff in particular.

To clarify, the key changes in relation to visiting NHS professionals are that:

- Care homes should see evidence from the professional of a negative rapid lateral flow test within the last 72hrs, which shows they are following the NHS staff testing regime
- NHS professionals visiting care homes should be granted entry if they have a negative test result as part of regular weekly staff testing using LAMP technology.

Care homes must ask the NHS professional when they were last tested and see proof of the result and date of the relevant professional's test.

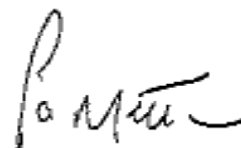
Proof may include:

- an email or text from NHS Test and Trace
- a screenshot of where the professional has to upload their test result
- a date-stamped photo of the test cartridge itself
- signed confirmation from their manager
- the NHS signed log included with the test kits provided to NHS staff

You can view more information on [here](#).



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