

BALKERNE GARDENS TRUST

Name of assessor....Balkerne Gardens Trust..... Risk assessment for...Residential care homes.... Date...July 2020....

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed & how?	Existing controls	What further action is necessary?	Action by who and when?	Date of action completion & signature	Review date & signature
<p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there is a risk of infection or outbreak in our homes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents • Relatives • Staff 	<p>A visitor's policy and risk assessments are in place.</p> <p>Following government advice a single visitor is allowed per resident with lateral flow devices and social distancing.</p> <p>Staff are wearing fluid resistant surgical masks throughout their shift.</p> <p>Visors and additional PPE is available depending on residents' symptoms. At no point has the organisation been unable to provide its staff with appropriate PPE.</p> <p>Any member of staff who displayed symptoms is isolated in line with current guidance and should be swabbed as soon as possible.</p> <p>Residents are supported to maintain social distance.</p> <p>Communal areas are open, but numbers are restricted.</p>	<p>Ongoing review of the risk assessment will take place following changes to local and national guidance</p>	<p>Managers of each unit and the senior leadership team.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Review 21.9.20 – Awaiting updated guidance from local health protection team and Winter plan. Next review October/November Or when guidance is updated</p> <p>Review 5.11.20 – Following the introduction of a second national lockdown the trust is reminding all staff about the importance of social distancing and hand hygiene. Staff are encouraged to receive testing if symptomatic and to isolate in line with guidance. After a period of stopping visiting in care homes, the government is releasing new guidance that allows visiting in</p>

		<p>Activities are adjusted to support social distancing measures.</p> <p>Residents who display symptoms of COVID-19 are isolated and swabbed.</p> <p>PCR and lateral flow testing is available for staff and residents. Staff are testing once a week with PCR and twice a week with LFD. Residents receive once a week testing unless symptomatic.</p> <p>Staff are maintaining social distance for breaks.</p> <p>Infection control policy is updated regularly in line with changes to national and local guidance. The homes will be “locked down” if there is a suspected outbreak in the home or in the local community.</p> <p>All staff encouraged to have the vaccine for COVID-19. Staff who refuse or unable to because of health issues will be written to individually and receive an individual risk assessment.</p>				<p>care homes. Please see the visiting policy update for further information about this.</p> <p>25.3.21 – updated with visiting guidance and current testing regime. Vaccine note included.</p>
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