Guidance for recruiting care home residents

PRINCIPLE TRIAL aims to find treatments that improve recovery and reduce hospital admissions for people with COVID-19. Any healthcare professional can facilitate recruitment of care home residents, by guiding patients/their legal representative through consent and registration.

**Who are we recruiting?**
- Patients aged **18 years** or over
- **WITH** a positive COVID-19 test (*PCR or Lateral Flow*) within the last 14 days
- **AND** presenting COVID-19 symptoms within the last 14 days

**COVID-19 symptoms include** (but are not limited to):
- Change/loss of smell/taste
- High temperature
- Shortness of breath
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Diarrhoea and vomiting
- New continuous cough

**IMPORTANT** – those who have had a COVID-19 vaccine or a flu vaccine are still eligible to take part in the study

**Recruiting into the study and obtaining informed consent**

Residents **with capacity** have three options:

i) **Recruit patient yourself.** Go to [www.principletrial.org](http://www.principletrial.org) and click ‘Enrol a patient button’
   Patient Information Sheet provided to go through with patient before completing consent form.
   *Nb. You are verbally supporting someone to self-consent to the study and transcribing this information into the online system – Good Clinical Practice (GCP) therefore not required.*

ii) **Refer patient to study team:** 0800 138 0880, to help guide patient through enrolment process

iii) **Self-enrolling patient** go to: [https://www.principletrial.org/participants/how-to-join-the-trial](https://www.principletrial.org/participants/how-to-join-the-trial)

Residents **without capacity**:

i) Contact patient’s legal representative (ideally family member or next of kin) to confirm if they are willing for the patient to take part in the study. Can email/telephone to discuss the study and role of the legal representative (approved legal representative letter available)

ii) Complete the screening, consent and baseline information online with the legal representative to register patient for the study: Go to [www.principletrial.org](http://www.principletrial.org) and click ‘Enrol a patient’ button

**What happens next?**
Participants will be automatically randomised to receive either Usual Care or a treatment (medication), and a study pack with the relevant information is couriered directly to their care home.

*For further information or support: Email: principle@phc.ox.ac.uk ; Tel: 0800 138 0880*

**GPs providing information to confirm a patient’s eligibility will be reimbursed £50 per patient**