

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:

- Recruit patient yourself.** Go to 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.
- Refer patient to study team: 0800 138 0880**, to help guide patient through enrolment process
- Self-enrolling patient** go to: <https://www.principletrial.org/participants/how-to-join-the-trial>

Residents **without capacity**:

- 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)
- Complete the screening, consent and baseline information online with the legal representative to register patient for the study: Go to 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