

PC200006 Care Homes Nursing

Please note that the approvals for this joint processing and sharing activity are encompassed by the following prior agreements and specifications:

1. PC190007 – Integrated Care and Multidisciplinary Care
www.regisa.uk/documents/PC190007ICDMv1.pdf
2. And the various direct care uses of Connected Care, with
PC170007 – Connected Care Surrey Heath
www.regisa.uk/documents/PC170007ccSHv2.pdf
serving as a general example.

Policy – Care Homes Access to Connected Care

The general user access policy for Connected Care is for users to be employed by organisations that are qualifying members of the Regional ISA. Care homes are not currently members of the Regional ISA.

To facilitate an efficient COVID-19 response and process the Connected Care programme will provide individual user login credentials for professional nurses with current registrations who are working in care homes.

The nurses concerned and the care home employer will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement and will need to complete a brief training session covering Connected Care and Information Governance before using Connected Care operationally.

On the 14th April 2020, IGSG approved this policy change for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis or until IGSG rescinds the policy, whichever comes first.

Rationale

The rationale for this policy is as follows:

1. Currently insufficient ACP information is available to nurses providing care within care homes to facilitate an efficient COVID-19 response and process for the patients concerned.
2. As a consequence the Connected Care programme has been asked to make Connected Care available to registered professional nurses working in the care homes.
3. Connected Care provides a secure and well controlled platform for accessing health and social care data as evidenced by the Connected Care Clinical Platform DPIA (<http://www.regisa.uk/documents/DPIA0001v2Publish.pdf>).
4. As registered professionals with a statutory duty of confidence access to sensitive identifiable data by registered nurses working in care homes is within the scope of processing required and authorised by the Secretary of State's COPI (Control of Patient Information) notice for the COVID-19 response.
5. It would take too long to put all of the care homes concerned through the qualifying standard and Regional ISA membership process.
6. The delay involved in applying the normal data flow approval process from all Connected Care data controllers would materially impact the Frimley ICS and Berkshire West COVID-19 response.

The master documents are managed by the Administrator and can be viewed online at www.regisa.uk.

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