Guidance on creating a safe testing space for care home visitors

In recognition that some care homes will find it more of a challenge than others to create a safe testing area for visitors to their care home we are offering a contribution of £600 towards the cost of doing this.

Ideally any visitors to a care home would be tested before entering the premises. This could mean that an outside structure such as a small shed could be used.

However, if space within the main structure of the care home is used as a testing area then ideally it should be accessed directly from an outside door without the need for a visitor to move through the inside of the care home to access the testing area. It should also have good ventilation.

When planning your safe testing space it is helpful to breakdown the testing process itself in the following way;

* An area where people can complete the registration documents – this could be done in their vehicle or in a dedicated testing space
* An area for the test to be carried out – this could be a covered outdoor structure if settings do not have a suitable indoor room with direct/easy outside access
* A waiting area - again people could use their vehicle if they have one to wait or could wait in a covered outdoor area

Effective cleaning between visitors being tested is crucial as is the effective use of social distancing, PPE and other infection prevention and control measures by any staff supervising the testing.

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