

# Winter Resilience in Care Homes 2021

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## Introduction to the day

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## Working Together

- To support you to maximise resilience in your care home during winter
- Today we will look at good IPC, managing outbreaks, immunisations and business continuity
- As a health and social care system we have endeavoured to support you through COVID through improved communications, reactive support and advice
- More recently started considering impacts on homes and recovery, and how to normalise / return to 'business as usual'

## Impact of COVID on Care Homes

- Commissioners and Public Health colleagues across BNSSG kept in close touch with providers throughout the pandemic. North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ran surveys to find out how you have been impacted by COVID and in Bristol, Alive Activities were also commissioned with particular emphasis on the mental and emotional wellbeing of residents and staff.
- Key points we are aware of
  - How significantly care homes suffered from outbreaks and the challenges you faced
  - The pressures of managing family and resident needs against guidance
  - The impact on residents' well-being from isolation and the toll on staff
  - Workforce has been affected through impact of COVID and mandatory vaccinations
  - Financial implications (vacant beds, staffing shortages)
  - COVID is still with us...