

# Exiting Third Lockdown

**Briefing for FSCF**  
**4 March 2021**



## This briefing will cover:

- What we know now about the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> national lockdown and the Governments roadmap for lifting social restrictions
- What Camden and Islington Public Health have told us
- What this mean for family work, and in particular face-to-face visits
- What will happen next
- Resources to help us
- Q and A

## What do we know now?

- On 22 February 2021, the Government announced a roadmap to lift lockdown restrictions
- The restrictions begin to be lifted on 8 March 2021 when schools and wraparound care reopen
- The Government has scrapped the Tier system put in place after 2<sup>nd</sup> lockdown.
- There is now a new timetable for gradually lifting restrictions nationwide, and every local area will move through this at the same pace
- Surge testing continues to take place in local areas where new variants are identified

**STEP 1**  
8 March

29 March

 **EDUCATION****8 MARCH**


- Schools and colleges open for all students
- Practical Higher Education courses

 **SOCIAL CONTACT****8 MARCH**

- Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person
- Household only indoors

**29 MARCH**

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

 **BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES****8 MARCH**

- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children

**29 MARCH**

- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities
- All outdoor children's activities
- Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

 **TRAVEL****8 MARCH**

- Stay at home
- No holidays

**29 MARCH**

- Minimise travel
- No holidays

 **EVENTS**

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings and wakes (6)

**STEP 2**

No earlier than 12 April

At least 5 weeks after Step 1

 **EDUCATION**

- As previous step

 **SOCIAL CONTACT**

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

 **BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES**

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries & community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

 **TRAVEL**

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

 **EVENTS**

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15)
- Event pilots

**STEP 3**

No earlier than 17 May

At least 5 weeks after Step 2

 **EDUCATION**

- As previous step

 **SOCIAL CONTACT**

- Maximum 30 people outdoors
- Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review)

 **BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES**

- Indoor hospitality
- Indoor entertainment and attractions
- Organised indoor sport (adult)
- Remaining accommodation
- Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)

 **TRAVEL**

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel (subject to review)

 **EVENTS**

- Most significant life events (30)
- Indoor events: 1,000 or 50% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50% (plus pilots)

**STEP 4**

No earlier than 21 June

At least 5 weeks after Step 3

All subject to review

 **EDUCATION**

- As previous step

 **SOCIAL CONTACT**

- No legal limit

 **BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES**

- Remaining businesses, including nightclubs

 **TRAVEL**

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel

 **EVENTS**

- No legal limit on life events
- Larger events



# What Camden and Islington Public Health have Told Us

## People tested positive

Daily Total  
14 13,683

### Cases by specimen date

Number of people with at least one positive COVID-19 test result (either lab-reported or lateral flow device), by specimen date. Individuals tested positive more than once are only counted once, on the date of their first positive test. Data for the period ending 5 days before the date when the website was last updated with data for the selected area, highlighted in grey, is incomplete.

Daily Cumulative Data About



Healthcare data are available for **nations**, **NHS regions** and **NHS trusts**.



### Patients admitted

Latest daily: 64  
Total: 70,671

### Patients in hospital

Latest available: 2,018

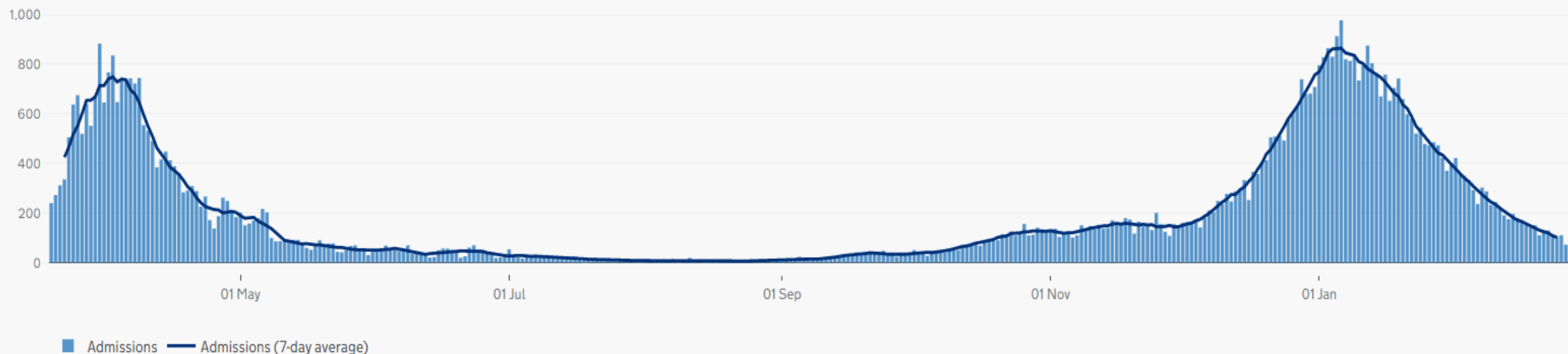
### Patients on ventilation

Latest available: 511

## Patients admitted to hospital

Daily and cumulative numbers of COVID-19 patients admitted to hospital. Data are not updated every day by all four nations and the figures for Wales are not comparable to those for other nations as Wales include suspected COVID-19 patients while the other nations include only confirmed cases.

[Daily](#) [Cumulative](#) [Data](#) [About](#)



Deaths data are available for nations, regions and local authorities.

Deaths within 28 days of positive test

Daily	Total
1	256

Deaths with COVID-19 on the death certificate

Weekly	Total
10	308

Deaths within 28 days of positive test by date of death

Number of deaths of people who had had a positive test result for COVID-19 and died within 28 days of the first positive test. Data from the four nations are not directly comparable as methodologies and inclusion criteria vary. Data for the period ending 5 days before the date when the website was last updated with data for the selected area, highlighted in grey, is incomplete.

- Daily
- Cumulative
- Data
- About





Vaccinations data are available for **nations**. ✕

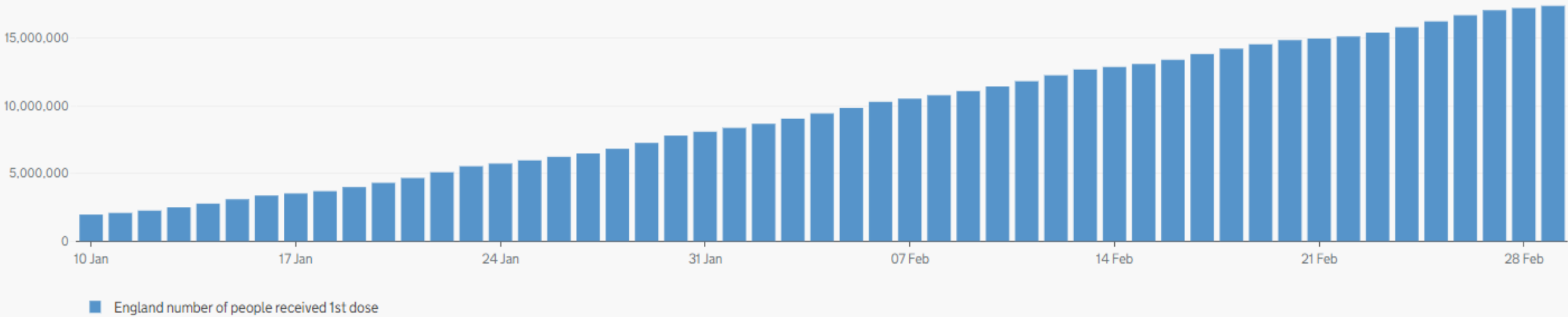
### People vaccinated

First dose total **17,373,384**  
Second dose total **612,567**

### People who have received vaccinations, by report date (daily)

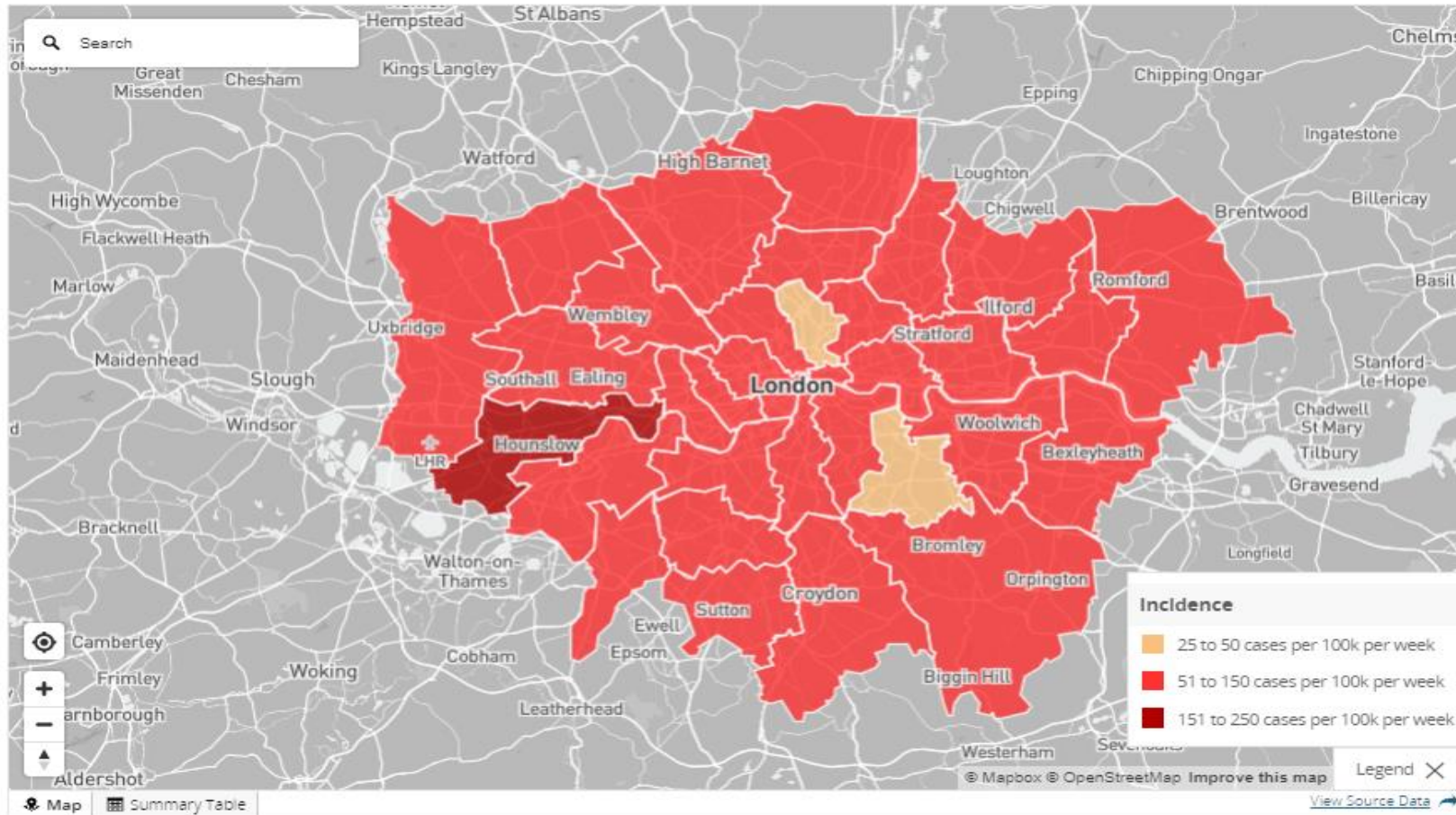
Number of people who have received a vaccination for COVID-19, by day on which the vaccine was reported. Data are reported daily, and include all vaccination events that are entered on the relevant system at the time of extract. This includes reported vaccines that were administered up to and including the date shown. Data for Scotland and Wales were not available for 15 and 16 January 2021, and are shown as zeros. Their newly reported numbers for 17 January 2021 include vaccinations recorded in the period 15 to 17 January 2021.

[1st dose daily](#)   [2nd dose daily](#)   [1st dose cumulative](#)   [2nd dose cumulative](#)   [Data](#)   [About](#)



# Weekly Infection Rate Map

This is a map showing the rates of confirmed cases across a 7 day period for each borough in London. Infection rates have been styled as follows: Maroon >250 cases per 100,000, Dark red 151 to 250 cases per 100,000, Red 51 to 150 cases per 100,000, Amber 25 to 50 per 100,000 per week, Green <25 per 100,000 per week. Data is provided by Camden and Islington Public Health.



# Public Health Advice on Family Work Specifically



On 26 February 2021, we asked Camden and Islington Public Health what impact they thought the Government's roadmap would have on family support. They told us that:

*In terms of face-to-face visits, these should be face-to-face where possible and should be sufficient to meet the intended purpose of the visit whether that is safeguarding or promotion of the child's welfare. Face-to-face introductory meetings can continue to take place if it is possible to do so and if all parties are comfortable with the arrangements.*

*Although there are current restrictions in place on travel, this is permissible where staff need to visit children and families. Where such visits do take place, staff should continue to use alternatives to public transport where possible, or travel at quieter times.*

*Social distancing should be maintained wherever possible, including in homes, face coverings worn, and hands regularly washed. Families should be asked prior to a visit whether they are self-isolating, or have had symptoms or tested positive in the previous 10 days, and visits postponed if this is the case unless it's an emergency safeguarding visit. In such cases, full PPE must be worn.*

*The current guidance for Children's Social Care is under review following the publication of the Government's roadmap for Covid recovery, and we are awaiting that update.*

## What We Have Done Since 22 February

Managers from IEYS, FSCF and YEH met to agree a uniform approach to lifting restrictions

All the latest Government guidance has been reviewed (still awaiting some updates)

All our current policies and procedures reviewed through that lens

Reviewed the latest Guidance for people who are clinically extremely vulnerable (the Government says people who are clinically extremely vulnerable should continue to shield and work from home until 31 March 2021 at the earliest)

## **The most important thing we need to think about and plan for**

Making sure we continue to keep you as physically safe and well as we can

Protecting your emotional health and your emotional reserves, making sure workloads are manageable, and that you have the scaffolding you need

# Other things we need to think about and plan for

Potential for another national shutdown and/or the Governments timeline not being achieved and/or new variants which mean the timeline needs to be changed

Vaccination take up, amongst staff and in Camden community

Continued protections for workers who are shielding, or workers who live with family members in that group, or from Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups

Ongoing impact of contact tracing for the service (e.g. potentially higher levels of self-isolation needed = effect on service capacity)

The impact on the helping relationship when we work exclusively virtually, that you told us about in the Return to Work Survey and the weekly survey

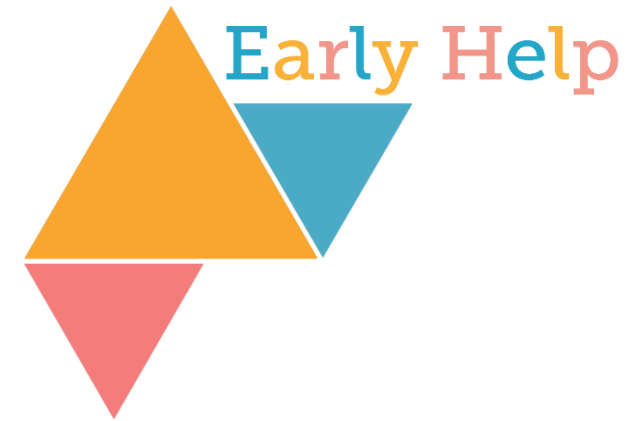
Also now, the additional anxiety that you may be feeling about returning to 5PS in the wake of Darren's passing

# What This Means for FSCF (1)

Taking all the advice and information that we have into account, from 8 March we will:

- Re-start face-to-face visits to families:
  - Every family should be offered a face-to-face visit once a fortnight as a minimum –your rationale for seeing or not seeing families should be casenoted in all circumstances
  - Every first visit should be face-to-face, unless the family opt for virtual visits only
  - All families where neglect is a concern should have a face-to-face visit, preferably in the home
- Re-start our bubbles and 1 week Camden:1 week remote rota system
- Re-start face-to-face visits procedure
- Re-start offering families a choice of blended visits or virtual-only visits
- Make sure we continue to do the pre-visit checklist before every face-to-face visit
- Alternative venues for visits should continue to be explored and prioritised where possible, and particularly in cases where 1metre + social distancing cannot be adequately maintained in the home (schools open 8 March and other community-based venues from 29 March)
- Make sure families continue to have choice and control over the visit location

# What This Means for FSCF (2)



- TAFs, team meetings and group supervision to remain virtual
- 121 Supervision may take place in person in a COVID-secure venue, otherwise virtual
- Continue to minimise our use of public transport + use staggered start and finish times
- Re-start using 5PS as a basecamp if we want or need to
- Oncall manager rota will be paused
- Incoming work accepted as normal (e.g. not just for virtual visits)
- Move from phase 3 to phase 2 of our emergency management plan
- Review weekly each Monday – this is likely to stay a dynamic, fluid and fast-moving process (again)
- This arrangement will apply to each stage of the roadmap, assuming that the Governments dates are achieved BUT if anything changes we will seek immediate advice from Camden and Islington Public Health, as we do every time, to inform our next steps so we are making judgements in real time



# What if families don't want to see us face-to-face?



- Families will continue to have choice of blended visits or virtual visits only
- If families choose virtual only, we'll need to continue to be really clear on the purpose of each virtual visit, the work you want to do with the family members, and what can realistically be achieved
- Can you see the children at school or college? Would the family or young person meet you in an open space?
- If you think not seeing a family increases the risk to the child/rens welfare:
  - Discuss this with the line manager, especially in neglect and domestic violence cases
  - Ensure someone has seen the child/ren, especially whether they are in school – use the network
  - Use the escalation procedure if you lose contact with a family who have selected virtual visits only to prevent the work drifting



# Why are we doing this

- Public Health says this is appropriate for us based on Camden's risk level right now
- Case rates in Camden are at the same level now as they were last September, when we were also at phase 2 of our emergency management plan
- We have our mitigations in place to help prevent infection spread (risk assessments, PPE, bubbles, rota, staggered start and finish times, reduced use of public transport etc) and now further mitigation through vaccination
- It helps keep some consistency, and mitigates against your daily working practice having to constantly change – unless anything changes this will be our way of working until at least June 21<sup>st</sup>
- This is not to say there isn't still risk. There is.
- If there is any change at any time, or in the event of another national lockdown, we will immediately contact Public Health for advice to determine if we need to change any of our working practices

# What will happen next



REALLY IMPORTANT– this will start FROM 8 March – we know and appreciate it may take a couple of weeks to get back into routines, children back to school, caring needs met - talk with your line manager about phasing back in over the next 2 weeks

REALLY IMPORTANT - Make sure your individual risk assessment is up to date and/or has been reviewed within the last 20 working days – do this in your next weekly check-in with your manager

If your risk assessment says you need a parking permit, please do apply for one (or apply to extend your current one)

Make sure you have the PPE you need - your starter packs can be restocked and sent to your home if you need it

Revisit the Camden and Islington Home Visit Guidance and the Government guidance on working in peoples homes

Revisit the helping prevent infection spread webinar slide pack

# Resources to Help



The Guidebook Policies and Procedures for Face-to-Face Visits

<https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/fscf-procedures-during-covid/face-to-face-visits-guidance-and-procedures/>

The Camden and Islington Public Health Guidance on Home Visits and Government Guidance on Working in Peoples Homes

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The Guidebook information on social restrictions (updated daily) <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/covid-nhs-and-government-information/social-distancing-government-guidance/#main>

The List of Alternative Venues for Visits

<https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/alternative-venues-for-visits/>

Your individual risk assessment – do make sure this is up to date

Refresher on the Helping To Prevent Infection Spread webinar

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Your supervision time, your weekly check-in with your manager, your reflective group supervision spaces and your clinically guided spaces

## Q and A