**Information about the New UKHSA Care Settings Outbreak Risk Assessment Tool**

The South West Health Protection Team (SWHPT) has set up a new **online Outbreak Risk Assessment Tool** for all Adult Social Care Providers **reporting 2 or more cases of Acute Respiratory Infections, including COVID 19 or Flu, within 14 days**. Its purpose is to help gather all the information our Health Protection Practitioners need to assess the situation within your setting.

When you call the SWHPT (0300 303 8162) to report a new outbreak you will then receive an email with a link to the new online form.

We are hoping this new online form will help save you time and enable you to gather the required information in your own time, rather than during a phone call.

This email will also contain an attachment outlining the immediate actions that you are advised to take whilst you await a response. These include beginning:

* Isolation of cases
* Contact tracing (for COVID-19) and isolation
* Daily staff LFDs and two rounds of whole home COVID-19 PCR testing of residents and staff

This document also provides information and links to guidance on outbreak restrictions including infection prevention and control, visiting and admissions/transfers.

**What will happen next?**

Once the SWHPT has received the completed form, a Practitioner will review the information provided (between the hours of 09:00 – 4:00pm, Monday – Friday) and then you will either:

1. Receive an email from the SWHPT containing advice and links to current guidance to help you manage your outbreak.
2. Receive a phone call from a Practitioner who will offer their support in managing the situation.
3. The SWHPT will also pass information to other colleagues in your Local Authority and NHS teams, who may contact your setting instead, depending on which team is best placed to help you.