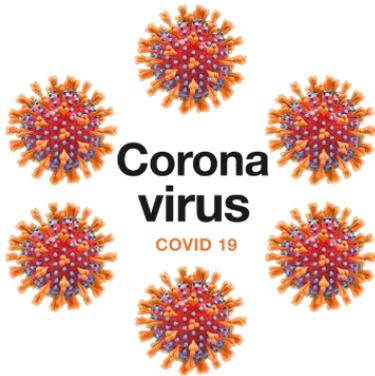




## Social Care Support and Coronavirus

How is support changing?



The spread of Corona virus is having an impact on how social care support is provided.



Some people with a learning disability are finding that their support has changed or stopped completely.



There are many reasons why support might have changed or stopped.



Some Care Providers do not have enough support workers because their workers are self-isolating at home.



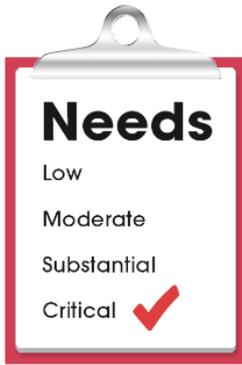
Self-isolating is when someone has to stay at home for 7 days because they are showing symptoms of Coronavirus.



Some support workers will need to stay at home to look after their family.



Some support workers will need to stay at home if they have a condition that makes them at higher risk if they get the virus.



Some Care Providers are only providing direct support that is seen as 'essential'.

People First recognises that all support is important.



Some Care providers are providing support in different ways such as a telephone call or a video call.



Some people are getting 'reduced support' which means getting less support than you did before.



Support Workers might be wearing gloves or masks to protect themselves and you and to stop the spread of the virus.



There have also been changes made to the laws about social care assessments.



An assessment is a meeting with someone from the council about the support you need to live a healthy, fulfilling life.



The new law means the council does not always need to do a social care assessment.



This is a very difficult time for lots of people and it is very hard if your support has stopped.



You may feel that your human rights are not being met.



People First (Scotland) workers are still available to talk on the phone or through video calls.



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