

Dear [],

Thank you very much for consenting to our NIHR funded project looking at 'Better Health in Residents in Care Homes (BHIRCH)'. As you know, our primary aim is to improve the early detection and timely referral of readily treatable health conditions (congestive heart failure, respiratory infection, urinary tract infection and dehydration) affecting residents in nursing homes.

I attach the DRAFT care pathway for ambulatory care sensitive conditions in UK nursing homes. Please note step 1 is a separate PDF, the "Stop and Watch" document (from INTERACT).

Please answer the following questions re this proposed pathway:

1. How should the presence of multiple symptoms be handled in this pathway?
2. Will implementation of the pathway require additional knowledge or skills from any of the following:

Role	Additional knowledge or skills needed
Care assistants	
Senior care assistants	
Nurses in care homes	
Care home managers	
Family members	

Any additional comment:

3. What effect will implementing the pathway have on workload for any of the following in the care home?

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Care assistants	
Senior care assistants	
Nurses in care homes	
Care home managers	

Any additional comment:

4. How could the information be recorded over time?

5. Is there a need for another step in the pathway that specifically addresses expectations from GPs and Advanced Nurse Practitioners?

6. How could the pathway best accommodate the information needs of GPs and Advanced Nurse Practitioners?

Please provide your feedback within one week's time.

Once again, thank you very much for your help with this work. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind regards,

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