

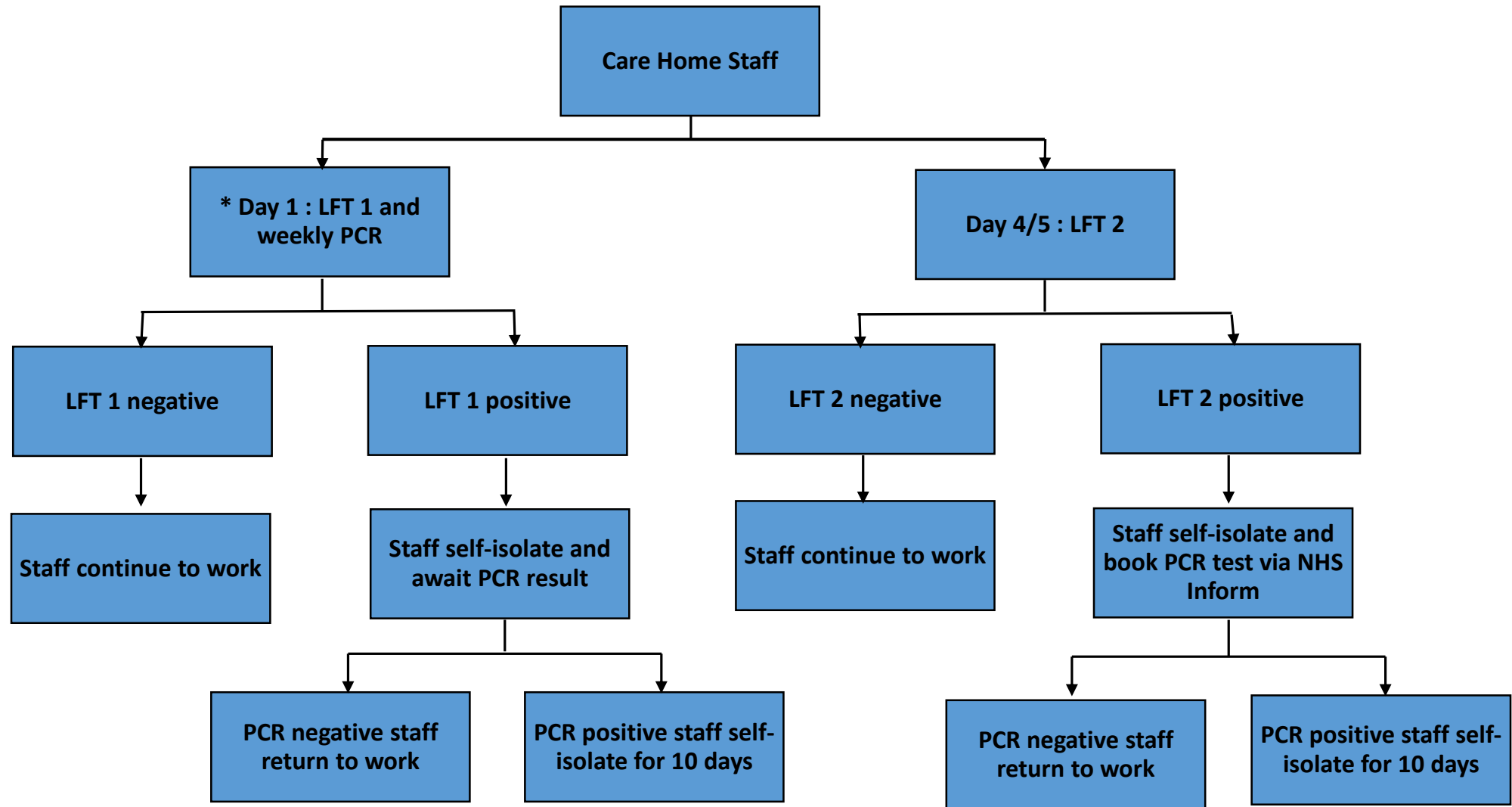
Asymptomatic care home staff testing

The following information provides key guidance points in relation to testing for asymptomatic care home staff in care homes where there are no outbreaks:

- Care home staff should be tested twice per week using a lateral flow test (LFT)
- LFT 1 should be taken on the same day as the weekly PCR test
- LFT 2 should be taken on day 4 or 5 after LFT 1
- Staff members can continue to work following a LFT negative result (as long as they do not have Covid symptoms)
- If LFT 1 is positive, staff should self-isolate until the result of the weekly PCR test is known
- If LFT 2 is positive, staff should self-isolate and book a PCR test via the NHS Inform website
- PCR negative result – staff can return to work
- PCR positive result – staff should self-isolate for 10 days.

Please see a flowchart summary of the above process, overleaf:

Asymptomatic Care Home Staff Testing – non-outbreak care homes



- All LFTs recorded on NHS Scotland Testing and Registration System by staff member. Positive results will flow into the Test and Protect system to initiate contact tracing. A confirmatory PCR test is required. Further information is available at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-adult-care-home-visitor-testing-guidance/>
- NB: negative LFD and PCR tests should be assessed in the context of other clinical and epidemiological information available.