

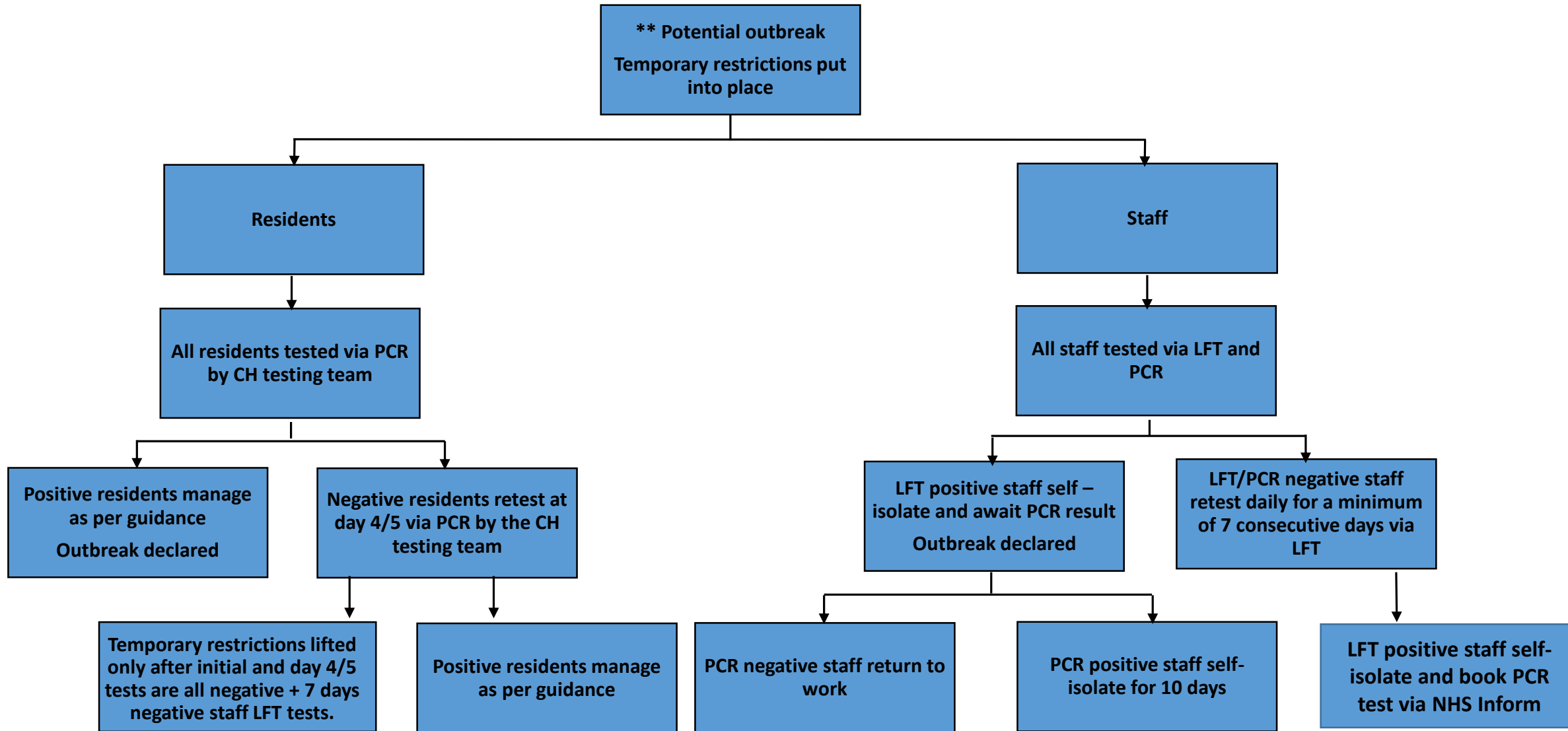
Outbreak testing

The following guidance provides key points that must be followed for testing during Covid-19 outbreaks in care homes. The following information is applicable for residents and staff.

- Following confirmation of a single positive case of Covid-19, temporary restrictions are placed on the care home and outbreak testing should be undertaken
- Residents should be tested via PCR on day 1 and (if negative on day 1) day 4/5 by the Care Home Testing Team
- PCR positive residents should be managed as per extant guidance
- Staff should be tested daily via LFT for a minimum of 7 consecutive days
- LFT positive staff should immediately 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.

A flow chart diagram overleaf summarises the key points

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**** Outbreak testing triggered by single positive LFT or PCR in resident or staff member.**

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.