Your Healthcare are pleased to announce we are now able to offer an Antibody (Serology) testing service for Covid 19 for Adult Social Care staff

**About the test**

Antibody tests are used to detect antibodies to the COVID-19 virus to identify if you have previously had the virus. The test works by taking a blood sample to check for the presence of antibodies and if you have therefore developed an immune response to the virus.

**Who can have the test?**

You able to be tested if you work in following areas

* Care homes and nursing homes
* Domiciliary Care providers
* Supported Living
* Personal Assistants to those on direct payments

**Where can this be accessed?**

* Care home or Supported Living staff - the testing will take place at the Care Home or Supported Living. A date and time will be agreed with the Care Home who will advise you of the opportunity to have your test. Different days and times will be offered to ensure all staff have access and it is understood that more than one session may be required.

**OR**

* Our main testing site Hollyfield Road: - To book your appointment at this site **Please call 020 83998000** and ask to book your **“Covid Antibody Test”**

You will be offered an appointment to attend as below: -

 **Main Entrance**

 **Hollyfield House**

 **22 Hollyfield Road**

 **Surbiton**

 **Surrey**

 **KT6 9AL**

**What will it involve and what do I need on the day?**

You will be asked for your consent to provide a blood sample, taken from your arm by one of our experienced nurse/phlebotomists. You will need to attend with the following: -

* Your full address and date of birth
* A personal email address
* You will need to wear a face covering to enter the building and for your test.

**How will I get my result?**

* Your sample will be sent to the South West London Pathology Lab and you will be informed of the result **direct to your personal email.**

**Please Note**

* A positive antibody test will only tell you whether you have previously had the virus that causes COVID-19 and that your body has produced an immune response.
* There is no strong evidence yet to suggest that those who have produced antibodies to COVID- 19 have developed immunity to it.
* If you receive a positive antibody result it does not mean that you are immune, or that you cannot pass on the virus to others.
* It also does not mean that you can ignore social distancing measures.