

WELCOME!

Update on Participating Care Homes

- Welcome to our 10th care home (Clare Hall) who have joined AFRI-c
- 8 of our care homes are doing daily data collection, which is great! Please keep up the good work.
- 1 care home has reported it only takes 30 seconds per resident to complete the daily data collection
- We appreciate that some care homes have been short-staffed due to COVID-19 but it is even more important that daily data collection continues during a COVID-19 outbreak.
- As a reminder, AFRI-c is looking at whether the use of air filters can help prevent winter coughs, colds, flu and COVID-19. The data collected each day will help us answer this

We need you to help reach our target by the end of Winter 1

Target is 5351 daily data collection days

1622 days currently entered on database (as of 5th April)

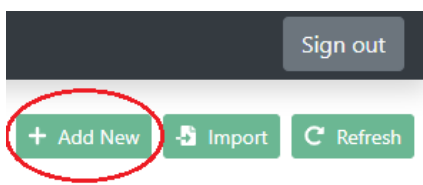
Reminder of Database Tasks

<https://www.afri.study/>

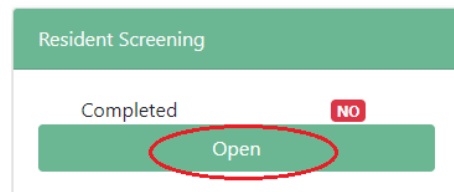
Resident Registry

Please keep your Resident Registry updated with details of any new residents who move into your care home (unless they opt out of study involvement). Please add any new residents in your care home up to 1st May 2022. To add a new resident, open your list of residents (the Resident Registry) in the database:

1. Click “Add New” in the top right hand corner.



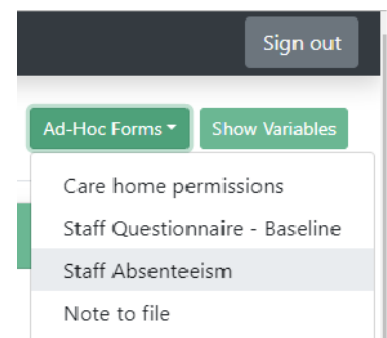
2. On the next page, click “Open” in the Resident Screening section and add all necessary details.



If any residents already on the Resident Registry move out of your care home or pass away, please record that on the Daily Data Collection form by selecting the appropriate reason for not completing the form that day.

Staff Absences

Care home managers please ensure all staff absences are recorded in the database as we want to see whether air filters have an effect on staff sickness too. This is recorded anonymously as we are only collecting information on total time taken off and whether this was due to infection. From the main page in the database, click on “Ad-Hoc Forms” in the top right hand corner, select “Staff Absenteeism” and enter the requested information.



AFRI-c Study Amendment

A recent study amendment has allowed us to extend this first Winter period to the end of May 2022 and include residents who are in the care home for at least 1 month of this Winter. This required some updates to the Resident Information Sheets and the Consultee Information Sheets which are all now available as version 4.0 and have been emailed to all care homes. For any resident who has already consented to be in the study, we will send a letter to those residents/consultees explaining the changes.

For any resident/consultee who has been given an Information Sheet but has not yet been consented, the person responsible for discussing consent should:

- Tell the resident/consultee about the change to extend the first Winter period
- Give the resident/consultee version 4.0 of the relevant Information Sheet
- Ensure that the correct version number and date of the Information Sheet are included on the consent form i.e. version 4.0 dated 17 Mar 2022



For any new residents/consultees who have not yet been approached, please ensure that they are given version 4.0 of the relevant Information Sheet. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Share Your Experiences of the AFRI-c Study!



For those care homes with the air filters, we are offering the opportunity to staff, residents, consultees and residents' relatives or friends to be involved in a short interview. The purpose of this is to understand people's views and experiences of the study and of the air filters. This will be really helpful to understand how the study works in practice and to help us interpret the results at the end. You may be contacted by our qualitative team members (details below) to participate in these! We also hope to visit some care homes to do interviews and get a feel for how the study is working on the ground.

Sophie Rees (Senior Research Associate in Qualitative Research in Trials)

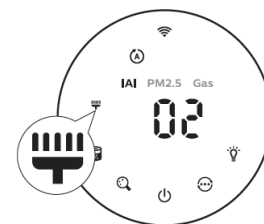
Sophie is a social scientist with an interest in people's experiences of participating in and delivering clinical trials. She completed her PhD in Health and Social Studies in 2016 and recently joined Bristol Trials Centre as part of the growing qualitative team. She enjoys hearing from people about their experiences and views.

Clare Clement (Senior Research Associate in Qualitative Research in Trials and Qualitative Lead)

Clare is a social scientist with a background in Health Psychology. She uses a range of research approaches to understand people's experiences of interventions and their participation in trials to help improve how they are delivered and can be more effective. Clare is leading the qualitative aspects of the AFRI-c study.

Air Filter Cleaning

For those care homes with the air filters, please remember to clean the internal filter when the brush symbol (see picture to the right) displays on the main screen of the air filter. Full instructions on how to clean the internal filter are included in the Air Filter Guide included in each welcome box. Please contact us if you need another copy.



For more information about the study and some frequently asked questions, check our website:

<https://afric.blogs.bristol.ac.uk/>

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