

For more information on the Council's current position, in respect of Covid 19 please use this website: [CLICK HERE](#)
Please ensure any information you consult is from a reliable source, including the NHS, or Public Health England.



Thursday 7 January 2021



ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY FUND

We have set aside an additional contingency fund to support services facing extremely high levels of staff self-isolating due to a COVID-19 outbreak. If you have concerns about your ability to fund staff self-isolation through the additional Covid-19 Contingency Fund and the Infection Control Fund grant due to high levels of absence, please contact CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk and we will share with you details of how to apply.

CONFIRMATION OF KEY WORKER STATUS!

If you require a letter from the Council as confirmation for a key worker, as set out in the Government Guidance 'Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings' updated on 31 December 2020. Please email: Covid19SupportTeam@bradford.gov.uk

GUIDANCE ON SHIELDING AND PROTECTING PEOPLE WHO ARE CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE FROM COVID-19 – **UPDATED 7 JAN 2021**

This guidance is for everyone in England who has been identified as [clinically extremely vulnerable](#).

To access, click [HERE](#)

NEWS STORY! COVID-19 (SARS-COV-2): INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW VIRUS VARIANT

The new variant transmits more easily than the previous one but there is no evidence that it is more likely to cause severe disease or mortality.

The way to control this virus is the same, whatever the variant. We will limit spread if we avoid close contact with others. Wash your hands, wear a mask, keep your distance from others, and reduce your social contacts.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

PROVIDER BREXIT SURVEY – DEADLINE SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2021 – PLEASE COMPLETE IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY!

The Council is undertaking contingency planning regarding Brexit and wishes to examine the potential risk of any disruption to our local care sector providers. Please click on the link below to complete a survey, which will help us in supporting you.

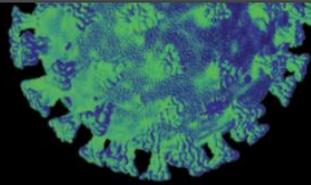
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National Cyber
Security Centre



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GOV.UK/coronavirus

NHS VACCINATION SCAM

There have been reports of a new scam where a person receives a text saying they need to book a vaccination appointment and it takes them to a fake NHS form which then asks for their bank details to prove their identity.

The NHS will never ask for a person's bank details. There is a texting scam leaflet you can download here:

[https://cfa.nhs.uk/resources/downloads/fraud-awareness/covid-19/COVID-19 SMS and Text Message Scams.pdf](https://cfa.nhs.uk/resources/downloads/fraud-awareness/covid-19/COVID-19-SMS-and-Text-Message-Scams.pdf)

The scam has been reported in the media here:

<https://www.express.co.uk/life-style/science-technology/1378158/NHS-Covid-19-Vaccination-Vaccine-Appointment-Pfizer-BioNTech-Text-Scam-How-To-Avoid>

Please share this information with your service user networks and your teams.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT BULLETIN – 06 JAN 2021

This is the regular bulletin MHCLG sends out, updating on the latest government guidance, advice, communications products and other useful information about COVID-19, EU transition and other topics of interest for local government.

To access, see attached document in the [Provider Zone](#).



CARE HOME VISITING - ADDITIONAL ICF MONEY AVAILABLE!

Just a quick reminder that care homes in the district can still request up to £3,000 additional ICF grant to help cover costs of supporting visiting in their home. The process will remain open until 5 February 2021. You can submit your request at any point during this period and we will be reviewing and processing requests on at least a fortnightly basis

To request this funding, please review the attached guidance information and then complete and return the attached request form to IPCGrant@bradford.gov.uk, with 'Additional Grant for Care Homes – Visiting' in the subject heading.

IMPORTANT: RE-BOOKING SECOND PFIZER VACCINATION

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) published new advice last week which says second doses of both the Pfizer and Oxford AstraZeneca can now be given up to 12 weeks after the first dose to give more people the protection of a first vaccination, which is shown to reduce hospitalisations and serious illness. This is to protect the greatest number of at risk people overall in the shortest possible time and to achieve the greatest impact on reducing mortality and hospitalisations and protecting the NHS. This approach was supported by the four UK Chief Medical Officers.

As a result we have started contacting staff and patients who have a second jab booked next week to cancel their appointments. We will be in touch in due course to rearrange their second appointment for between 10 and 12 weeks after their first vaccination. We understand you may feel anxious and upset to have your second appointment cancelled, but please bear with us and you **will** be contacted to re-book another appointment.

Please do NOT contact the Trust's vaccination centre as we will be in touch with you. We are prioritising staff according to if they are shielding, the clinical area they work in and their age.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIGITAL CARE HUB TEAM TO ALL CARE HOMES

Some care homes are not submitting their observations in a timely manner to the Super Rota. We absolutely understand the demand being placed on care home staff currently, however the sooner the Super Rota are informed of the clinical status and observations for the residents, the sooner positive interventions can be made to support both the resident and the care staff.

As you are aware the Super Rota requests that observations are e mailed in via the Digital Care Hub by 10.30am.



EVERY MIND MATTERS CAMPAIGN AND TACKLING LONELINESS

The new national lockdown may leave some people feeling lonely or isolated as social activities and contact with family and friends are restricted.

The Every Mind Matters campaign, developed by the NHS, has a range of support products which you may find useful to share with your networks.

The following organisations also provide some useful advice and guidance which councils may want to use to promote mental wellbeing:

- Mind
- Mental Health at Work
- Comms2point0

The Living Letters project is also connecting people and developing intergenerational friendships to help prevent loneliness during the coronavirus pandemic. The Chickenshed charity has volunteers aged from 18-21 who want to connect with senior members of communities.

If care homes or group settings that may benefit from this scheme to help prevent lockdown loneliness please contact Rachely@chickenshed.org.uk for more details.

- Every Mind Matters: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>
- Mind: <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/>
 - Mental Health at Work:
<https://www.mentalhealthatwork.org.uk/toolkit/coronavirus-and-isolation-supporting-yourself-and-your-colleagues/>
- Comms2point0: <https://comms2point0.co.uk/emag-articles-1/2020/10/4/safeguarding-your-teams-wellbeing-a-new-checklist-to-help>
 - Living Letters information and video:
<https://www.chickenshed.org.uk/living-letters-four-week-project>
 - <https://youtu.be/g23YjdBcQ0o>



MENTAL CAPACITY ACT BEST INTEREST AND COVID VACCINATIONS APPLICABLE TO: ALL STAFF SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY LACK CAPACITY AROUND VACCINATION'S

The well-respected 39 Essex Chambers Court of Protection team has been asked to advise on a number of occasions as to the legal position in relation to vaccination for COVID-19.

To support this they have produced a rapid response briefing paper [here](#).

The introductory page leading to other briefing papers can be found [here](#).

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL ON CALL COVER FOR THIS WEEKEND (10AM-1PM)



- Saturday: Jacqui Elliott – 07813 394841
- Sunday: Darren Fletcher - 07582 102163

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE



Advice for those working in adult social care on managing your mental health and how employers can take care of the wellbeing of their staff during the coronavirus outbreak.

To access the guidance, click [HERE](#)



CARE HOME VIDEOS

Three animated videos have been developed by Health Education England and NHS England and NHS Improvement care home and community services cell to support social care workers in caring for themselves, their families and those they care for.

The videos can be accessed via the below links:

- [Outbreaks in care homes – what to wear](#)
- [Outbreaks in care homes – testing and tracing](#)
- [Outbreaks in care homes – getting to and from work](#)



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CARE STAFF WELLBEING: CARE HOMES AND SUPPORTED LIVING: LEARNING AND SHARING FOLLOWING THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence) has published practice examples from the sector that highlight ways care homes and supported living providers have supported their staff during periods of crisis and in a broader COVID-19 context.

For more information, click [HERE](#)

Bradford Care Homes Covid-19 Tracker

These and other graphs are available in the [Provider Zone](#). The Covid-19 Support Team are currently working with our intelligence data colleagues to develop a clear, concise, yet informative weekly presentation of the current situation in respect of several areas relating to the current pandemic. We will be liaising with BCA colleagues to ensure this data is useful and accurately reflects the situation here in Bradford. We are aware that some of this data is extremely sensitive and we are working to develop a more secure route for provider access only. More information to follow next week.

Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



Number of Covid-19 Infections

