

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.

PROVIDER BULLETIN

Tuesday 27 April 2021

CARE HOME VISIT SUPPORTING GUIDANCE UPDATED 27 APRIL 2021

Please find attached document in the [Provider Zone](#), created by the Covid-19 Support Team regarding Care Home Visiting.



FREE ACCREDITED TRAINING COURSES AND AWARD-WINNING LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL BRADFORD CARE PROVIDERS!

If you are a CQC registered care provider operating within the Bradford Metropolitan District, you now qualify for a FREE 12 months subscription to 10 high quality online accredited courses and an award winning learning management system, for your whole team, through Altura Learning, a CPD accredited Skills for Care Centre of Excellence training provider.

Courses include various mandatory topics; for example, Infection Control, Hydration and Nutrition, First Aid, Equality and Diversity, Moving and Handling and many more...

As part of this offer, you will also benefit from FREE online courses created by the Council and the Bradford Care Association.

If you are interested, sign up now! It's quick and easy to register, simply visit <https://www.alturalearning.co.uk/initiative/free-courses-for-bradford-care-providers/>

Register your interest and Altura will book you on to one of the regular demo sessions that run every week, on Wednesday's from 2pm-3pm. On the demo session you'll get the chance to see a course, have a walk through the learning management system - and ask any questions you may have!

NEW CHANGES TO THE PROVIDER ZONE

The Covid-19 Support Team is constantly reviewing the Provider Zone to bring you the best possible user experience and access to the most up to date information. Now that the Communication Timeline is available for your use we are trialling the site without the 'Previous Bulletins' page. We understand that having quick access to the information from all our bulletins is crucial to you as providers so we would like to advertise the following alternate method for accessing important information:

- Open the Communications Timeline
- Press 'Ctrl+F' to open a key word box
- Enter a buzz word for the topic you are seeking e.g. visiting guidance
- Navigate through each match using the arrows next to the textbox until you find the subject you are looking for
- Access the bulletin that covers the topic you are searching for by clicking on the hyperlink for the bulletin e.g. Week Fifty-Seven - Thursday: Bulletin and attachments - 06 APRIL 2021

If you experience difficulty please contact the Covid-19 Support Team for support.

SAVE THE DATE – PROVIDER FORUM – 11 MAY 2021

There will be an All Provider Forum on Tuesday 11 May 10:30 – 12:30, in place of the regular BCA call. Full details, including an agenda and joining details will be circulated shortly. In the meantime, please save this date in your diaries!



DAILY NEWS AND KEEPING WELL TIPS!

Inclusion North will give you the Government's big messages each week. To access, see attached document in the

[Provider Zone](#).

LFT VIRTUAL VISITS

The COVID-19 Support Team are able to offer residential and nursing homes, extra care and supported living services advice and support to undertake visitor testing.

This includes all aspects of testing whether this be professional workers or family and friends visiting relatives. We are able to review your site and processes for administering testing in line with current guidance and best practices. We can assist by telephone conversation or, if you need more support, we are happy to arrange a video call. Get in touch with the team to discuss your requirements on 01274 431999.

BCA UPDATES

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM BCA

Digital Security Protection Toolkit (DSPT)

Bradford Care Association is helping local care providers to evaluate and improve their data and cyber security. We have been awarded a grant to support local care providers on their data security journey as part of the national Better Security, Better Care programme. Our main focus is to help you to understand the importance of data and cyber security, and complete an annual, online self-assessment using the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT).

The DSPT is a useful guide and a free self-assessment tool that can help your organisation keep people's confidential information safe. It can also help a care provider to demonstrate that it meets CQC expectations of good data security practice. The DSPT helps to evidence how you are protecting your organisation from and risk to cyber-attacks or breaches.

Once completed it will allow you to demonstrate to commissioners, GP's, CQC and other NHS services that you are handling information securely. There are some key fundamentals elements that the BCA will promote such as, GDPR compliance, ICO, NHS mail, best practice, preparatory work required and also the DSPT itself.

UPCOMING AWARENESS DSPT WEBINAR



THURSDAY 20th MAY

14:00 - 15:00



ZOOM ACCESS -
Meeting ID: 993 772 1608
Passcode: Bradford20



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REGISTERED MANAGERS WHATSAPP GROUP

It is an opportunity to link with others so we can learn from each other's experiences, share good practice and importantly contribute to shaping how the sector collectively responds to our new normal. The invitation is open to all Registered and Senior Managers.

**SEND YOUR NUMBER, NAME
AND ORGANISATION TO
07807799456 TO JOIN!**

BCA MEETINGS + ZOOM INFO

You can access all BCA's Meetings using the Zoom information below:

Meeting ID: 933 772 1608
Password: Bradford20

Provider Update - Tuesday 10:30-11:30

IPC Meeting - Tuesday 10:30 - 11:30

Please note the Provider Update and IPC run alternative to each other

Registered Managers Reference Meeting - takes place on the third Wednesday of every month 15:30 - 16:30

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) TESTING FOR HOME SUPPORT WORKERS

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing for homecare workers available [here](#) has been updated

The update to the guidance has been made to 'A testing service for homecare workers in England (PDF version)', page 5, to reflect that personal assistants in England can access regular testing.

The guidance sets out how home support providers in England can order regular tests for staff.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for homecare workers](#)

UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR VISITING ARRANGEMENTS IN CARE HOMES

The Visiting arrangements in care homes guidance available [here](#) has been updated

The updates are in 'Guidance on care home visiting' and 'Summary of guidance for visitors' to reflect the availability of self-testing for visitors.

This guidance sets out how care homes can support families and visitors to visit residents.

[Visiting arrangements in care homes](#)

UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES

The Supported Living National guidance available [here](#) has been updated

The change has been made to reflect the availability of self-testing for visitors.

[Supported living services during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

PPE PORTAL: HOW TO ORDER COVID - 19 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

The PPE portal: how to order COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) available [here](#) has been updated

The guidance has added:

- 'nitrile' to gloves for all providers,
- 'vinyl gloves' to domiciliary care providers and care homes.

The guidance has removed:

- 'boxes of small hand hygiene' from domiciliary care providers.

[PPE portal: how to order COVID-19 personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#)

NEW WAY TO ORDER LATERAL FLOW TESTING KITS FOR INDEPENDENT HEALTH PROVIDERS

The way that independent health provider (IHP) organisations access lateral flow testing kits is changing. From 29 April 2021, IHPs will be able to order testing kits directly from NHS Test and Trace. IHPs will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace before this date with details about how to order.

Where details have been provided, IHPs will be sent a unique organisation number (UON). This single route for ordering lateral flow tests is for all IHPs patient-facing staff, in England, who are providing NHS services. The testing kits available to IHPs will allow patient-facing staff to carry out regular testing for COVID-19.

Up until 29th April, clinical commissioning groups (CCG) who are ordering lateral flow testing kits on behalf of local IHPs, should continue to obtain these as they have been doing by contacting england.covid-lfd@nhs.net. After this date IHPs should have been contacted with information about how to order their testing kits directly from NHS Test and Trace. There is no change to how CCGs order lateral flow kits for their own essential office-based staff. These should continue to be ordered from england.covid-lfd@nhs.net.

To help IHPs prepare for this new testing approach, NHS Test and Trace are running a series of weekly webinars for 4 weeks, starting on 27 April 2021 at 2pm. These sessions will give a walk-through of the end to end process for testing and will include a live Q&A. Please use this link: https://event.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1450962&tp_key=11ef942a59



Health Education England

RSPH and Health Education England (HEE) North are [calling for expressions of interest from organisations working in primary and community care](#) across the North, to nominate individuals who can become mental health promotion Lead Trainers and Trainers for a new Making Every Contact Count (MECC) for Mental Health training programme.

For more information, click [here](#).



**IMPROVING DEMENTIA CARE:
DEALING WITH COVID-19,
INCREASING CHOICE, AND
REDUCING COSTS FOR PEOPLE
WITH DEMENTIA**
TUESDAY, 11 MAY 2021

More of information, click [here](#)

The registration form can be accessed via the [Provider Zone](#) (see attached document)

BCA MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting	Date	Time
Provider Update	Tues, 4 May	10:30 – 11:30
IPC Meeting	Tues, 11 May	10:30 – 11:30
Provider Update	Tues, 18 May	10:30 – 11:30
Registered Managers Reference Meeting	Wed, 19 May	15:30 – 16:30
IPC Meeting	Tues, 25 May	10:30 – 11:30

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AND VENTILATE**



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