

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## NEW GUIDANCE UPDATES!

Remember a lot of **previous** guidance has been **withdrawn**, please see below for the latest updates:

### [LIVING SAFELY WITH RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, INCLUDING COVID-19](#)

Provides basic reminders about infection prevention and control precautions including hand hygiene, wearing masks, ventilation and vaccinations etc.

### [CORONAVIRUS \(COVID-19\) TESTING FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES](#)

Updated testing arrangements for adult social care including outbreak testing. It also confirms the need for social workers to test and explains how they can access free tests.

### [INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL FOR SEASONAL RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS IN HEALTH AND CARE SETTINGS \(INCLUDING SARS-COV-2\) FOR WINTER 2021 TO 2022](#)

Mainly aimed at hospital settings but does also have some reminds about IPC and standard precautions.

## NEW PRECAUTIONS FOR MANAGING VISITING SAFELY

The following recommendations are in line with the most up-to-date Government Care Home visiting guidance available as of 31.3.22. The following recommendations would be applicable for relatives visiting for social interactions. Separate guidance is available via Government guidance for essential carers when visiting.

Please see [HERE](#)

## CUPPA AND CAKE!

Join us for tea, coffee, cake and a chance to chat with other people in the community. Hosted by Equality Together in partnership with Made in Manningham.

Starts May 4th - The first Wednesday of each month 9:30 am - 1 pm Manningham Mills Community Centre Lilycroft Road, BD9 5BD

Please see [HERE](#) for more information.



# PROVIDER UPDATE: BCA / CONTRACT & COMMISSIONING CARE SECTOR UPDATE

The BCA meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May has been extended for the usual Provider Update and to allow for a Contract & Commissioning Care Sector Update. Please use the usual joining details.

## Provider Update: BCA / Contract & Commissioning Care Sector Update:

**Tuesday 3rd May 10.30-12.30**

### Agenda:

- BCA & IPC Update
- Introduction to new Contract & Commissioning Team
  - Fair Cost of Care
  - Altura Training Platform
- Care Directory/Connect to Support

## GLOVE AWARENESS WEEK

You may be aware that the RCN has designated next week (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> May) as 'Glove Awareness Week' in support of their campaign to reduce unnecessary glove usage.

The Covid pandemic has highlighted the importance of the correct use of PPE in all care settings however as we have all probably seen gloves in particular have been used inappropriately and there is often an over-reliance on gloves in situations where they are not needed. Over use of gloves or using the wrong type of gloves not only adds to landfill but can also lead to skin reactions and dermatitis which can be debilitating if severe.

Please access more information below:

[How to reduce glove use | RCN Magazines | Royal College of Nursing](#)

[GAW-2022-Glove-best-practice-v3.pdf](#)

[GAW-2022-Public-patient-poster-FINAL.pdf](#)

[GAW-2022-Good-glove-practice-care-homes.pdf](#)



## WEEKLY BULLETIN STARTING FROM MAY

From May, the Covid-19 Bulletin will be released weekly instead of twice a week. The new bulletin will be released every Thursday.

## DATA, SECURITY AND PROTECTION TOOLKIT

It's that important time again to see where you are up to with the DSPT and find your next steps! Read below for more information on what to do next.

### What is the 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.

### Do I have support to complete the DSPT?

BCA are continuing to support Bradford and Craven Providers to complete the DSPT for this year ahead. The BCA will offer a series of virtual webinars and regular interactive workshops to support providers. BCA will also offer 1 to 1 and small group meetings for those providers who need a higher level of support.

There are also many resources for those who are confident enough to complete it on their own. These webinars + workshops will start in May – so please keep your eyes peeled via the Bulletin and Emails!

### How to complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit: webinar series

If you're new to the Data Security and Protection Toolkit, or you are reviewing and republishing your DSPT, book to attend a quick overview with the Better Security Better Care team and find out key things you need to know. Remember, BCA will be your main support to help you complete and publish the DSPT, however you may find it useful to attend the BSBC webinars below; this will help you find out how much support you need from BCA.

Reminder, you need to complete the DSPT at least once a year. The deadline for 2021/22 is 30 June 2022. Otherwise, your DSPT is invalid, and you can't use it as proof of the data and cyber security arrangements you have in place.

### Using the DSPT for the first time

12 May 2022 – 3-4pm [Book here](#)

8 June 2022 – 3-4pm [Book here](#)

### Review and republish your DSPT

13 May – 2-3pm [Book here](#)

9 June – 3-4pm [Book here](#)

**If you are unsure where your organisation is up to with the DSPT and would like to find out your next steps or simply would like to find out more about the DSPT please email [admin@bradfordcareassociation.org](mailto:admin@bradfordcareassociation.org)**

# ENHANCING CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE WEBINAR SERIES

We are excited to announce our 7<sup>th</sup> webinar linked to the Enhanced Care for Older People Competency Framework (EnCOP)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**1.30pm-3.00pm**

Session Title: '**Mouthcare Matters**'

Speaker: Paula Darkin , Mouth Care Lead Dental Nurse / Trainer, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust

This session is FREE and open to all! Spaces can be booked via Eventbrite click [HERE](#)

## LIVING WELL ARE EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO OFFER A NUMBER OF FREE COURSES!

Mental Health Champion (must attend both dates)

26th and 27th April 10.00 am – 2.00 pm (online)

Mental Health Aware 4 th May 10.00 am – 2.00 pm (online)

RSPH Level 1 Health Awareness (accredited, must attend all 3 dates)

28th April 10.00 am – 2.00 pm (online)

3 rd May 10.00 am – 2.00 pm (online)

5 th May 10.00 am – 2.00 pm (online)

If you would like more information or would like to book a place please email [Learning@mylivingwell.co.uk](mailto:Learning@mylivingwell.co.uk) or see below:

[Mental Health Awareness Poster](#)

[RSPH Health Awareness](#)

[RSPH Level 1](#)



**BRADFORD TRAINING HUB**

**News Update**

## THE BRADFORD TRAINING HUB: SIGN UP NOW

Sign up using the link below:

<https://www.alturlearning.co.uk/init...>

Join **Iain MacBeath**, Director for Health & Wellbeing at Bradford Metropolitan District Council, for an important update about the **Bradford Training Hub platform**. For support on booking a platform demo, please contact Bradford Council's main switchboard on **01274 432111** and ask for **Matthew Clark**.

# ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICE PROVIDERS TAKING PART IN THE VIVALDI STUDY

Care homes in the Vivaldi study are continuing to do asymptomatic staff PCR tests on a weekly basis.

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the VIVALDI study.

We are asking that for care homes participating in the VIVALDI study, asymptomatic staff continue to take a weekly PCR test as normal. Continuing to take weekly PCR tests will allow this vital research to continue, helping to improve our understanding of COVID-19 in care homes and how we can keep staff and residents safe, as the pandemic continues to evolve.

Please see more information [HERE](#)

## NURSING HOMES PLEASE CAN YOU HELP AND PROVIDE STUDENT NURSE PLACEMENTS URGENTLY?

Bradford University have 20 student nurses who are without a student placement within a Nursing Home from w/c 9th May. The Placement is for 9 weeks, and the student nurses will need to be assessed against competencies by a Registered Nurse whilst on placement. The student nurses are on their second placement in their first year of training.

The University pay Nursing Homes approx. £95 per week, per student Bradford Uni would use the next few weeks to provide support / training to your Nursing Staff to take on the assessment role and for your home to meet the University placement audit requirements.

Are you a Nursing Home, judged as a minimum 'good' by CQC? Can you assist with these placements?

If yes, please contact Vikki Carter at Bradford Uni as soon as possible on - [v.carter@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:v.carter@bradford.ac.uk)



The image is a red NHS poster for COVID-19 vaccination. At the top left is the UK Government logo, and at the top right is the NHS logo. In the center, there is a photograph of four diverse young people (three men and one woman) standing together. To the right of the photo, the text reads: "WE'VE BEEN BOOSTED" in large yellow letters, followed by "JOIN US LET'S GET PROTECTED" in white letters on a yellow background. Below this, the URL "NHS.UK/COVIDVACCINATION" is written in small white text. At the bottom, there is a yellow circular icon with a white arrow pointing right and the text "GET BOOSTED NOW". The bottom edge of the poster features a decorative border of yellow and white chevrons.

## SKILLS FOR CARE: EVALUATION SURVEY

Would you be interested in taking part in an evaluation of some **Skills for Care resources**?

We want to talk to employers who have used any of the following resources (**see below**) about how they heard about them, how they used them and how useful they found them. We will be using a variety of methods to gather this information including individual interviews, focus groups for pre - existing groups and finally, there will also be a survey option.

The work will be undertaken by **Christine Burkett**, a social care consultant and previously Skills for Care Head of Area in the North West.

If you would be interested in taking part in any of these opportunities, please get in touch with Aisla Benn [Ailsa.Benn@skillsforcare.org.uk](mailto:Ailsa.Benn@skillsforcare.org.uk) who will forward your name and you will be **contacted by Christine after May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Please note, that by putting forward your name, you will be agreeing to your contact details being shared with Christine under the UK General Data Protection Regulation.

[A practical guide to workforce planning, shaping and commissioning - for commissioners](#)

[Practical approaches to workforce planning - a provider guide](#)

[Workforce transformation outcomes measurement framework - for providers and/or commissioners](#)

[Workforce productivity and quality model - for providers and/or commissioners](#)

## BCA/RIGHTENING MINDS QUALITY WORKSHOP

Bradford Care Association, in partnership with Brightening Minds hosted the first Quality Workshop of the year on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

The Workshop focused on Recruitment & Early Retention and included:

Workforce Regulations and Standards

Putting your policies into practice

Employment file contents – what should be in there?

Overcoming recruitment challenges and attracting staff

Supporting new staff to stay with you

Don't worry if you missed it, [CLICK HERE](#) for the Quality Workshop Resource Pack including slides, key notes, full Zoom recording and presenter contact details.