

NEXT 10 DAYS - KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 21 January – ICTF Round 3 First Report Due
- Friday 21 January – Recruiting Overseas Care Workers Webinar
 - Tuesday 25 January – BCA Provider Update

Upcoming events can be viewed in the '[EVENTS CALENDAR](#)' within the Provider Zone.

COVID-19 TESTING IN ADULT CARE HOMES

The latest guidance has been updated is available to view [HERE](#). The key changes made are an update to reflect the removal of confirmatory PCR after a positive LFT and updated advice on testing within 90 days of a positive result..



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND DATA SECURITY

Digital Social Care have developed a set of principles for digital transformation in social care. This "northstar" for digital transformation prioritises adopting technology which has a positive impact for staff and people receiving care and support. You can read more [HERE](#)

They have also pared down what care providers really need to know about the Data Security and Protection Toolkit and produced a short, snappy animated film which you can view [HERE](#)

Ransomware attacks are on the increase and we expect this to worsen in 2022 as the Log4j vulnerability is identified and exploited by malicious actors. The Better Security, Better Care programme is seeking to better understand how prepared social care providers are in the event of a cyber-attack and, additionally, how this relates to their DSPT status. Please take 2 minutes to complete this [survey](#)

GUIDANCE UPDATE

On 17 January 2022, UKHSA updated the 'Management of staff and exposed patients' guidance in relation to self-isolation for staff. For adult social care, this means that staff who develop symptoms or test positive on an LFD or PCR test can end their period of self-isolation before day 10 following 2 consecutive negative LFD tests after day 5.

In addition to this update, we are in the process of updating several pieces of guidance in line with the latest clinical advice. Guidance will be published fully in the coming days.

We understand that any changes to the guidance can have a significant effect on the way you work and interact with care recipients. To give you foresight of the key changes in our guidance, and to prepare for their implementation, we have set out the material changes below:

Admissions guidance – to be published w/c 17th January 2022

The guidance will be updated to provide information on flu, the extension of the Infection Control and Testing Fund and the latest international travel advice. The outbreak management and staff isolation sections will be updated in line with the latest clinical advice from UKHSA.

Supported Living guidance – to be published w/c 17th January 2022

The guidance will be updated in line with the latest testing, isolation and travel advice. The outbreak management section will be updated in line with the latest clinical advice from UKHSA.

Provision of Home Care guidance – to be published w/c 17th January 2022

The guidance will be updated in line with the latest testing and travel advice. Information has been added on the Workforce Recruitment and Retention Fund. The staff isolation section will be updated in line with the latest clinical advice from UKHSA.

Designated Settings guidance – to be published w/c 24th January 2022

The guidance will be updated to provide concise advice on discharge, how to locate a setting, and advice on clinical support.

COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM WEEKLY VLOG

The latest instalment of the weekly Vlog is available to view [HERE](#) or click on the video on the left!



BCA UPDATES

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM BCA

JOIN OUR SOCIAL CARE SUPPORT COMMUNITY!

Sue Walsh, Registered Manager at Well Springs Nursing Home:

"BCA provider update meetings are invaluable to our business. They provide a one stop shop for guidance and updates to the sector, changes in legislation, best practice, IPC advice, funding etc.

Since the covid-19 pandemic started, they initially provided weekly, then fortnightly updates to all providers and also fortnightly IPC meetings with the local health protection team, where providers can discuss their views and concerns openly and we can resolve issues collectively. The meetings are attended by representatives within the local authority who have the knowledge and ability to make changes and provide information to assist the care sector. The representatives listen to our concerns and offer help and guidance and together we work to find solutions to issues within the sector.

The communication between the local authority and providers is an area of vast improvement which has been achieved through the work that the BCA has done for providers across the region. The BCA have negotiated contracts with training providers and technology companies and invited outside agencies such as CQC to speak to us and assist where necessary.

The BCA are doing a fantastic job for their members and I would encourage other providers to join as I have no doubt that outcomes for our residents have been improved by our involvement in the association."

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TO BECOME A BCA MEMBER FOR FREE NOW + GET YOUR
MEETING CALENDAR INVITES!**

GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT SMART METER PROJECTS IN 2022

The 2022 Smart Energy GB in Communities programme is now live, with grant funding and support being targeted to organisations reaching people who are over 65, people on a low income or people who are carers.

Grants of up to **£25,000** are available for organisations that can deliver support to people who are **over 65**.

Grants of up to **£10,000** are available for organisations that can deliver support to people on a **low income**.

Grants of up to **£5,000** are available for organisations supporting people who are **carers**.

The main proportion of the funding aims to ensure people in the target groups understand how smart meters can benefit them and increase the likelihood that they will seek or accept a smart meter installation.

We are looking for applicants that have a trusted voice in their community. As this year's target groups are significant in size (over 12 million people are over 65; approximately 8 million people are on a low income and around 1 in 4 people are carers), we are seeking projects that can engage these groups at scale through a combination of direct (Covid-19 permitting) and indirect activities. Previous organisations who have applied to the grants programme, both successful and unsuccessful, are eligible to apply and encouraged to do so. Housing associations and local authorities are eligible to apply too.

Full details on the application process are included in our Guidance Document on the [NEA website](#). Please read this before completing an online application form and Project Plan. If you have any queries, [contact us](#).

The closing date for applications is 12 noon, Friday 11 February 2022.

We aim to appoint successful projects in late March, with delivery running until 7 December 2022

For more information and to apply click [HERE](#)





**West
Yorkshire
Health and Wellbeing
Programme 2022**

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MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING RESOURCES

The Staff Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub is working with [HALSA](#) and the [Cellar Trust](#) to bring a range of free wellbeing resources, events and other support to people working in the West Yorkshire health and care system. [Click here to find out more about the sessions and book a place.](#)

These are the pages on the Hub website that are holding this information. The link in the text line above goes to the health or care worker page.

<https://workforce.wypartnership.co.uk/i-am-health-or-care-worker>

<https://workforce.wypartnership.co.uk/news/new-free-wellbeing-offers-everyone>

<https://workforce.wypartnership.co.uk/help-where-you-are>

To view the HALSA Staff Wellbeing Leaflet please use this [LINK](#)

SUPPORT DURING WINTER PRESSURES: FREE INTERCULTURAL COUNSELLING SESSIONS FOR ALL CARE STAFF

NHSE&I's Equality and Inclusion team are offering free intercultural counselling sessions to all Care Staff within the NEY region. These sessions are targeted at all staff whose first language is not English/need intercultural counselling sessions.

Participants can self-refer to the service and will undertake a virtual assessment, followed by up to 8 virtual sessions. These sessions will be held via Zoom/Phone.

You can apply using their [online form](#) or email admin@nafsiyat.org.uk or call 020 7263 6947



WORK WITH ME



A free training session about communicating with people who have learning disabilities, autism, a neurodiverse condition, sensory or speech impairment. This training is for those who need to be able to deliver personalised care, considering individual needs, preferences, and circumstances.

WHO IS THE TRAINING FOR?

This 2-hour interactive course is for people delivering personalised care and is suitable for health and care staff and volunteers in the statutory and voluntary sectors across West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

Meetings will take place in January, February and March 2022 on Zoom



HOW TO BOOK

Please follow this link to book onto the training:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/work-with-me-tickets-217551300797>

DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

DATA	LATEST	CHANGE
Deaths	0	0
Infections	259	+82
Outbreaks	79	+5
Occupancy	79%	-1%
Tracker completed	96%	0%

HOME SUPPORT PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Locality Providers	Other Providers
27	12	15

CARE HOME PLACEMENTS (previous 7 days)

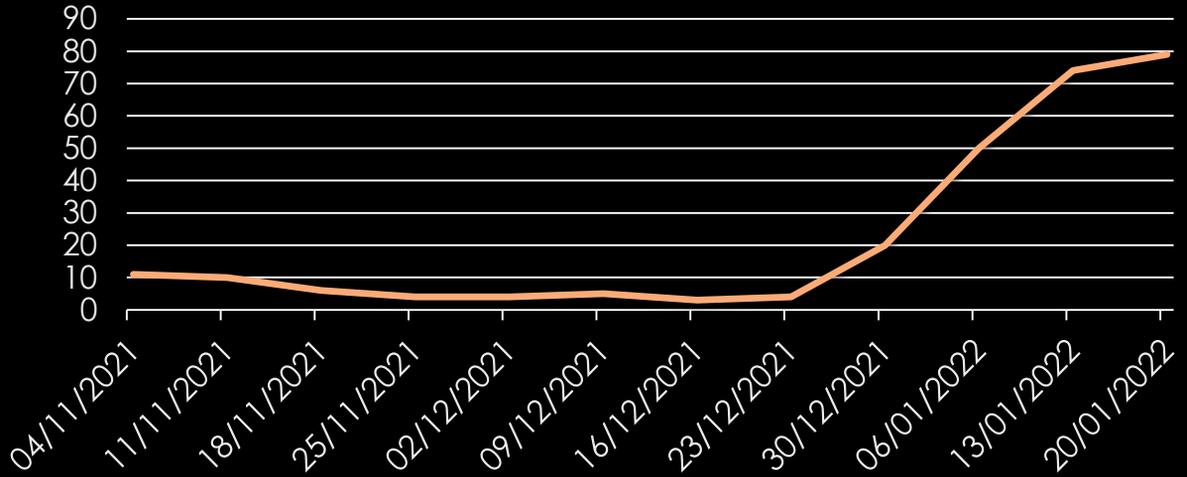
OPR2	OPN	Deferred
6	3	1

CARE HOME VACANCY DETAILS (last 7 days, both Residential and Nursing)

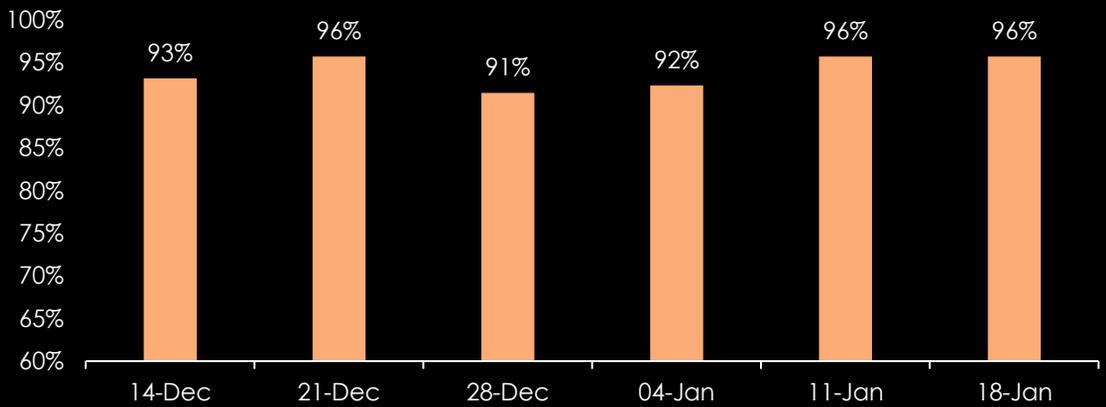
Care Home Occupancy Percentage	Number of Homes	Percentage of total homes
Under 25%	4	3%
26% to 40%	3	3%
41% to 60%	13	11%
61% to 80%	33	28%
81% to 90%	27	23%
Above 91%	37	32%
Total Homes & Mean %	117	78%

Vacancy Type	Declared Vacancies	Declared Total Beds	Declared Vacancies Closed	Occupied Beds	Occupied Beds Percent	Lost Capacity Percent
General Residential	128	1072	125	819	76.40%	11.66%
Dementia Residential	103	850	81	666	78.35%	9.53%
Dementia Nursing	63	328	6	259	78.96%	1.83%
General Nursing	63	619	65	491	79.32%	10.50%
Mental Health Nursing	37	119	1	81	68.07%	0.84%
Mental Health Residential	35	217	4	178	82.03%	1.84%
YPD - Young Physically Disabled	23	78	0	55	70.51%	0.00%
Learning Disability Residential	16	171	12	143	83.63%	7.02%
Learning Disability Nursing	5	24	0	19	79.17%	0.00%
TOTAL	473	3478	294	2711		

Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



Number of Covid-19 Infections

