

## PROFESSIONAL VISITS TO CARE HOMES

Please be aware that national guidance has changed for professional visits to care homes. We have reviewed the changes alongside Public Health and can confirm that Bradford will continue to support visiting through all professional testing regimes and not just the NHS and CQC. Please continue to request evidence from professionals that attend using the previous guidance issued in the [25 March Bulletin](#).

The full guidance can be viewed [HERE](#)

### RAMADAN

Ramadan began on April 12 and continues through to May 11. If you need any support observing Ramadan while working please speak to your manager. You can also find more information and useful tips [HERE](#)

### CARE HOME NEWSLETTER EDITION 13

The newsletter, produced by the Care@Home workstream, 'Supporting Residents and Staff in Care Homes, and Frail Older People Living at Home' has been uploaded to the [Provider Zone](#) along with all the supporting documents

### COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM WEEKLY VLOG

The latest instalment is available to view [HERE](#)

### INFECTIONS AND CONTROL TESTING FUND

Please ensure you return your signed declaration by Friday 23 April

### CARE HOME OCCUPANCY SUPPORT SCHEME

– The deadline for Period 7 applications is this Sunday, 25 April. Application forms are available [HERE](#). **Late applications will not be accepted.**

## COMMUNITY NURSING - PRIMARY CARE NETWORK RESTRUCTURES

From 12 April 2021 the District Nursing Teams across Bradford, Airedale and Wharfedale have been reconfigured to be aligned with the Primary Care Networks (PCN's). To enable this changes were made to some of the district nursing teams, including realigning the GP Practices and Care Homes that each team supports.

Lists for each GP Practice & Care Home with the new district nursing team that will be supporting them, and the names of the respective team leaders has been uploaded to the [Provider Zone](#)

The changes might mean a change to the name of the district nursing team, and some of the staff within the team.

We hope that the changes will enable closer working with Care Homes and General Practice on shared agendas whilst strengthening continuity of care and the associated relationships.

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## VACCINATION UPDATE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

Pregnant women should now be offered a Covid jab when other people their age get one, the UK's vaccine advisers say.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are preferable because data from the U.S. in 90,000 pregnant women has not raised any safety concerns. Up until now, only women with underlying health conditions or those whose risk of exposure to the virus was high were eligible. This shift in advice brings the UK into line with other countries.

Pregnant women are still encouraged to discuss the risks and benefits of the vaccines with their doctor before making the appointment, but it is not a requirement.

## COVID-19 VACCINATION AND CLOTTING

We are aware of the concerns there have been regarding clotting, especially with the AstraZeneca vaccine. The Government currently state that this condition remains extremely rare. There appears to be a higher risk in people shortly after the first dose of the AstraZeneca (AZ) vaccine. With around 4 people developing this condition for every million doses of the AZ vaccine given.

However, the risks to every person's health from catching COVID 19 are far greater. We continue to ask every one of you to please get vaccinated when you have the opportunity and say a big thankyou to everyone who has been vaccinated so far.

## SPOTTING SIGNS OF CANCER ROADSHOWS FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

A number of face to face roadshows are being held across our district, in Keighley, Sipton and Bradford. To ensure social distancing places are limited so please book early! For more information please view the flyers uploaded to the [Provider Zone](#)

## **MHRA UPDATE IN RELATION TO DIFFUPLAST NUTRITION BAGS**

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has been notified of a potential issue related to sterilisation of empty parenteral and enteral nutrition bags manufactured by Diffuplast. This could impact both inpatients on parenteral and enteral nutrition and those on home nutrition

Diffuplast, which supplies bags to parenteral nutrition (PN) producers in the UK has recalled one sterilisation batch of PN bags as a result of sterilisation process anomalies. It has also advised additional vigilance for signs of related infection in patients using bags from specific sterilisation batches.

Diffuplast issued a Field Safety Notice yesterday and accompanying patient information will be issued to patients via Gov.uk and additional channels.

The information available indicates that the risk of infection is very low. Patients are asked to continue to use these bags as normal.

Information is available on the MHRA website [HERE](#). There is also information for patients available on gov.uk [HERE](#).

The Actions for healthcare professionals are:

- Reassure patients that the risk involved with use of these products is very low.
- Monitor patients as for signs of catheter-related infections.
- Report any suspected infections to your nutrition supplier and through your organisation's local incident reporting system and/or your national incident reporting authority as appropriate: [England](#), [Scotland](#), [Northern Ireland](#), [Wales](#).

Healthcare organisations should always act on FSNs issued by manufacturers. Do not wait for further communication from the MHRA.

**STAY SAFE, MAKE SPACE  
AND VENTILATE**



# DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

	Latest	Change
Deaths	0	0
Infections	9	+2
Outbreaks	7	-3
Occupancy	73%	0%
Care Home Tracker Completed	100%	0%
Home Support Tracker Completed	81%	-1%

## HOME SUPPORT PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Locality Providers	Other Providers
25 (+4)	17 (+5)	8 (-1)

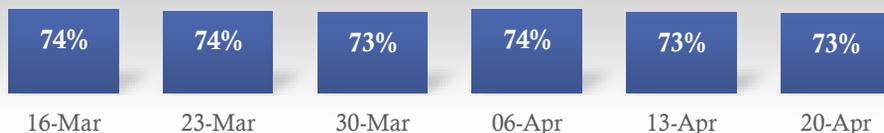
## CARE HOME PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Change
14	+1

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

PERCENTAGE OCCUPIED	NUMBER OF HOMES
Under 70%	31 (+2)
71% to 85%	39 (+4)
86%+ Occupied	41 (-1)

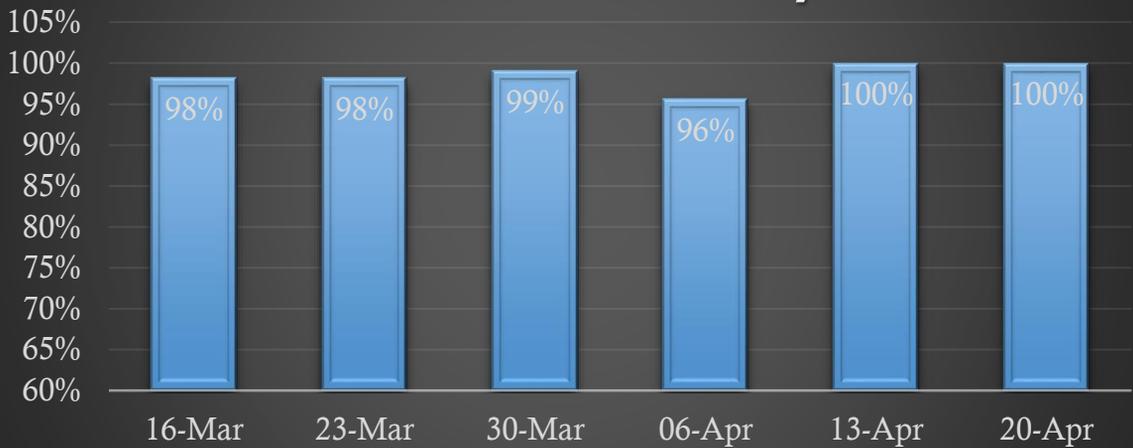
## Bradford Care Home Occupancy Rate



# Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



# Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



# Number of Covid-19 Infections

