

VACCINATION AS A CONDITION OF DEPLOYMENT

The vaccination as a condition of deployment operational guidance has been published. From 11 November 2021, all care home workers, and anyone else entering a care home, will need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they have an exemption.

Therefore, staff should have their 1st dose by 16 September. Please be aware that unvaccinated staff who catch covid-19 will have to wait 28 days until their vaccine, meaning they will miss the deadline. We advise that staff aim to get vaccinated by mid-August so they don't miss the deadline, should staff catch Covid-19.

To read the full operational guidance, please click [HERE](#).

To read the letter from the Director of Social Care Delivery, that accompanies the guidance, please click [HERE](#).

FREE TRAINING ON RESPONDING TO VACCINE HESITANCY

The sessions will be interactive and include modelled conversations that showcase the core skills and processes being used to respond to vaccine hesitancy. To register, please click [HERE](#).

COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM VLOG

The 27th instalment of the Covid-19 Support Team's vlog series, discussing the new updates from the government about mandatory vaccinations, is available to view [HERE](#).

DHSC WEBINAR ON VACCINATION GUIDANCE

The Department of Health and Social Care will be holding a webinar on 17 August for care home managers and providers, to provide information and answer questions on the requirement for anyone working or deployed in a care home to be fully vaccinated from 11 November.

To register, click [HERE](#).

REMINDER: IMPORTANT CARE PROVIDER FORUM!

The Care Provider Forum is on **10 August 2021**. For details on how to join and for the agenda, please click [HERE](#).

CQC STATEMENT ON HOW THEY WILL MONITOR VACCINATION REGULATIONS

CQC published a statement on COVID-19 vaccination of people working/deployed in care homes. Please read CQC's approach to ongoing and monitoring inspection, below.

To read the full statement, click [HERE](#).

Ongoing monitoring and inspection

- Monitoring that providers comply with the Regulations is CQC's responsibility.
- We propose to add the following question to the Provider Information Return (PIR) once this duty is in place: 'How are you assured that those you employ and deploy within your service have had their mandatory vaccinations?'
- We will also build a similar question into our monitoring approach once this duty is in place. Further information will be provided in due course.
- Where we have information of concern, through any route, we will follow this up. This may include seeking assurance from the provider or carrying out an on-site inspection.
- On inspection, where the information we hold identifies concerns, we will look for evidence to confirm systems and processes are in place to comply with the requirement.
- Registered persons will not be required to show a record of the evidence itself to inspectors but will need to be able to provide reassurance that systems and processes are in place to ensure individuals who enter the premises are fully vaccinated. Registered persons may choose to make a record of the evidence they have seen for their own internal staff employment record keeping. If the evidence is collected and recorded, all personal data must be handled in accordance with UK GDPR. This includes providing individuals with privacy information at the stage their data is being collected. Please refer to the [guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office](#) to ensure you have the appropriate lawful basis, technical and security measures in place to protect personal data.
- Registered persons (or those acting on behalf of the registered person) must check that anyone wishing to enter the premises has received a full course of vaccination, unless they are exempt. CQC inspectors are included within the scope of visiting professionals for the purpose of this Regulation and we are considering the practical implications of this for our staff in exercising their regulatory activity. Compliance with the Regulations would be an appropriate reason for not granting access to a CQC inspector, or another individual, unless they are exempt.

WORK IN HEALTH AND CARE?

HELP US SHAPE OUR FUTURE



Please join us at one of two interactive question and answer sessions. Share your thoughts and views on our health and care partnership's future vision with leaders from across Bradford District and Craven. Choose a date that suits you

26 August

10.15-11.30am

15 September

10.15-11.30am



Use links in text to book

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE Q&A SESSIONS WITH SYSTEM LEADERS

Join colleagues from across Bradford District and Craven at one of two Q&A sessions taking place to find out more about how we're bringing our integrated people plan to life. Find out what this means for you, how we are listening to your feedback and creating better ways of working together and how we are planning for our future workforce. This interactive session will really benefit from people from across our place sharing their thoughts and ideas so you can influence how we grow, develop, retain and support our health and care workforce.

If you work for the NHS, local authority, VCS or independent care providers we want you to join us at these interactive Q&A sessions where you can share your thoughts and ideas with our health and care system leaders for Bradford District and Craven. Find out what this means for you, how we are listening to your feedback and creating better ways of working together and how we are planning for our future workforce.

To book the session for 26 August from 10.15 -11.30am, please click [HERE](#).

To book the session for 15 September from 10.15 -11.30am, please click [HERE](#).

BCA KEY DATES IN AUGUST

Meeting	Date	Time
Provider Forum	Tues, 10 th August	10.00 – 12:00
IPC Meeting	Tues, 17 th August	10:30 – 11:30
DSPT Drop-in session (join if you have any queries or questions about the DSPT)	Tues, 17 th August	11:30 – 12:00



CELEBRATING HOMECARE – SAVE THE DATE!

On **22 September 2021** please join Celebrating Homecare as they celebrate the amazing difference homecare makes in people's lives every day across the UK and Ireland. We will keep you updated in the coming weeks about Celebrating Homecare and how you can get involved on the day - **22 September 2021**.

WALK-IN COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

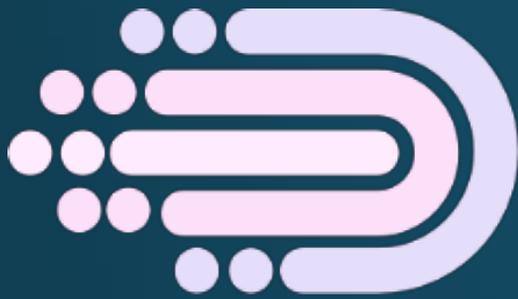
Please click [HERE](#), to view the walk-in vaccination clinic timetable. This page includes information about upcoming walk in COVID-19 vaccination clinics, as well as details of vaccination sites in Bradford district and Craven where you can book a vaccination appointment. First and second dose jabs are available at all sites, unless stated below.

INFECTION CONTROL FUND SURVEY

The DHSC funding team are running a survey in relation to the infection control fund. Please complete the survey with survey [HERE](#)

MANDATORY VACCINE SURVEY FOR CARE HOMES

Please complete the survey [HERE](#)
We urgently require your support to understand the impact this will have and will be contacting care homes that do not complete this by the deadline requested.



Digital Social Care

DATA SECURITY COMPLIANCE

From 1st July onwards, all care providers requesting an NHS mail account are required to comply with the Data Security Protection Toolkit ([DSPT](#)). There is fully funded support to help you with all aspects of the DSPT. Email info@gmicsn.org.uk for more info or click [HERE](#). Once you are compliant with DSPT, use this [LINK](#) to apply for NHS mail accounts. Send the completed form to care.registration@nhs.net. If you have not received an acknowledgement in 8 calendar days or experiencing difficulties in completing the form, contact help@digitalsocialcare.co.uk.

LAUNCH OF TENDER PROCESS

We're pleased to announce the launch of the tender process for the Bradford & District Residential & Nursing Care Homes Provider List. We invite all providers of Council and CCG funded Residential and Nursing care in the Bradford District to apply. The first round of applications will be open until 17 September. If you have previously expressed an interest in this opportunity on YORtender, you should have received an email from ProContract with a link to the live opportunity.

Alternatively you can search on YORtender using the full title, or by reference number DN420609.

We have made every effort to make the application process as straightforward as possible, but as always if you have any queries for us then please direct them through YORtender. However if you have any difficulty accessing the system itself please let us know via CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk.



FREE MENTORING WORKSHOP FOR SKILLS FOR CARE'S REGISTERED MANAGER MEMBERS

Skills for Care's next virtual mentoring workshops for its registered manager members will be held on:

Session 1 - Thursday 9 September 2021 - 14:00 - 16:30

Session 2 - Thursday 23 September 2021 - 14:00 - 16:30

Mentoring is a partnership between two people and is about developing opportunities as well as solving problems. Being trained as a mentor gives you the opportunity to mentor others, whilst learning new skills, developing greater self-awareness and reflecting on your practice. The mentoring workshop covers the benefits of mentoring, core skills, the mentoring relationship, tools for the mentoring conversation and action planning and reflection.

To book a session, please click [HERE](#).

AN EMPLOYER'S GUIDE TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF QUALIFIED REGISTERED NURSING ASSOCIATES IN SOCIAL CARE SETTINGS

The guide aims to support employers, commissioners and registered nursing associates to have a clear understanding of the role of a registered nursing associate and how it can add value to the care being provided. It includes examples of how registered nursing associates are working in different social care settings and how the scope of practice can differ depending on the team and situation.

To read the guide, click [HERE](#).



Pregnant?

Have your COVID-19 vaccines!

- COVID-19 infection is currently circulating and can be serious for pregnant women
- thousands of pregnant women have been safely vaccinated in the UK and worldwide
- it is important to have both doses of your COVID-19 vaccine to protect you and your unborn baby

Find out more:

COVID-19 vaccinations are recommended for pregnant women by the Royal College of Midwives and Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.



You can use this QR code to read more about the COVID-19 vaccine and pregnancy.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-women-of-childbearing-age-currently-pregnant-planning-a-pregnancy-or-breastfeeding



Use this QR code to see the RCM\RCOG decision aid and videos.

www.rcog.org.uk/globalassets/documents/guidelines/2021-02-24-combined-info-sheet-and-decision-aid.pdf

Call 119 or go online to www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/ to register for your vaccination appointment. You can also attend walk in, mobile or pop up vaccination clinics in your area.



COVID-19 immunisation
Protect yourself and your pregnancy



A guide to COVID-19 vaccination

All women of childbearing age, those currently pregnant or breastfeeding

You must read this before you go for vaccination

Find out more at
nhs.uk/CovidVaccine

The COVID-19 vaccines available in the UK have been shown to be effective and to have a good safety profile.

These vaccines do not contain live coronavirus and cannot infect a pregnant woman or her unborn baby in the womb.

COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that pregnant women should be offered COVID-19 vaccines at the same time as people of the same age or risk group. In the USA, around 90,000 pregnant women have been vaccinated mainly with Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and no safety concerns have been identified.

Evidence on COVID-19 vaccines is being continuously reviewed by the World Health Organization and the regulatory bodies in the UK, USA, Canada and Europe.

Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are the preferred vaccines for pregnant women of any age who are coming for their first dose.

Anyone who has already started vaccination and is offered a second dose whilst pregnant, should have a second dose with the same vaccine unless they had a serious side effect after the first dose.

Is COVID-19 disease serious in pregnancy?

Although the overall risk from COVID-19 disease in pregnant women and their new babies is low, in later pregnancy some women may become seriously unwell and need hospital treatment.

Pregnant women with COVID-19 have a higher risk of intensive care admission than women of the same age who are not pregnant. Women with COVID-19 disease are also 2-3 times more likely to have their babies early than women without COVID-19.

Pregnant women with underlying clinical conditions are at even higher risk of suffering serious complications from COVID-19.

Risk factors for pregnant women

If you have underlying medical conditions such as:

- immune problems
- diabetes
- high blood pressure
- heart disease
- asthma

Or if you are

- overweight
- over the age 35
- in your third trimester of pregnancy (over 28 weeks)
- of black and asian minority ethnic background

You are at more risk from COVID-19 than women of the same age who are not pregnant.

What does this mean for me?

Getting pregnant

There is no need to avoid getting pregnant after COVID-19 vaccination.

There is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccines have any effect on fertility or your chances of becoming pregnant.

If you are pregnant

COVID-19 vaccines offer pregnant women the best protection against COVID-19 disease which can be serious in later pregnancy for some women.

The first dose of COVID-19 vaccine will give you good protection. You need the second dose to get longer lasting protection. You do not need to delay this second dose.

If you have already had a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine without suffering any serious side effects, you can have your second dose with the same vaccine when this is offered.

If your first dose was the AstraZeneca vaccine you should also consider the information in this leaflet www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-and-blood-clotting.

No vaccines are 100% effective so it is important to continue to follow current national guidance.

To protect yourself and your family, friends and colleagues, you MUST still:

- practise social distancing
- wear a face mask
- wash your hands carefully and frequently
- open windows to let fresh air in
- follow the [current guidance](#)

Breastfeeding

The benefits of breast-feeding are well known.

The JCVI has recommended that the vaccines can be received whilst breastfeeding. This is in line with recommendations from the USA and the World Health Organization.

Like all medicines, vaccines can cause common side effects. It may be helpful to make sure you know what to expect after you have the vaccine, especially if you have had your baby or have other children to look after.

Please read the leaflet 'what to expect after your COVID vaccination' www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-what-to-expect-after-vaccination.

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) and Royal College of Midwives (RCM) have a decision guide and other information you may find helpful COVID-19 vaccines and pregnancy (rcog.org.uk – www.rcm.org.uk/guidance-for-pregnant-women).

If you would like to discuss COVID-19 vaccination please contact your midwife, doctor, or nurse.



Vaccination, helping to protect those most vulnerable.

This free leaflet is also available in braille, as a video in BSL, large print, as an audio file and in 19 languages, please visit www.healthpublications.gov.uk to download or order copies now.

DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

	Latest	Change
Deaths	0	-1
Infections	17	2
Outbreaks	10	-1
Occupancy	76%	0
Care Home Tracker Completed	95%	2
Home Support Tracker Completed	79%	-6

HOME SUPPORT PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Locality Providers	Other Providers
34	19	15

CARE HOME PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Change
12	-4

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

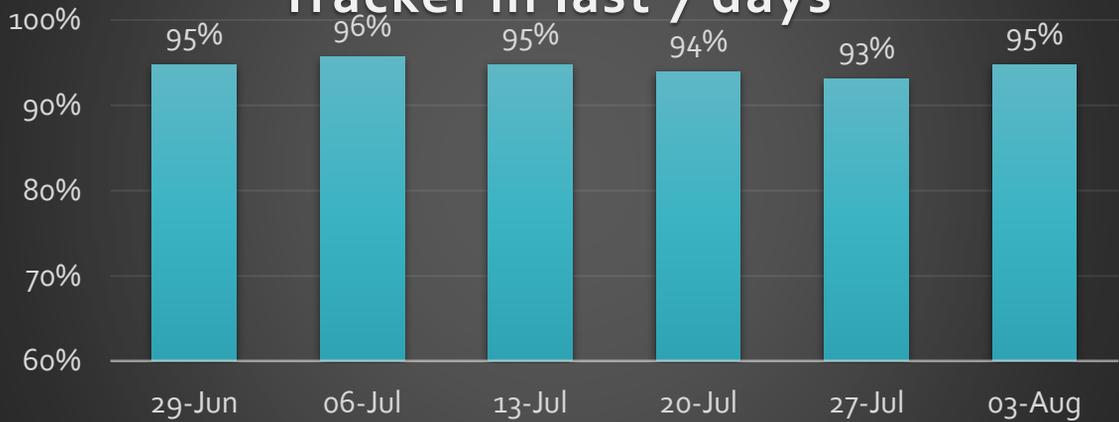
PERCENTAGE OCCUPIED	NUMBER OF HOMES
Under 70%	27
71% to 85%	28
Over 86%	51

Vacancy Type	Declared Vacancies	Declared Total Beds	Declared Vacancies Closed	Occupied Beds	Occupied Beds Percent	Lost Capacity Percent
General Residential	170	925	24	731	79.03%	2.59%
General Nursing	119	581	5	457	78.66%	0.86%
Dementia Residential	119	629	26	484	76.95%	4.13%
Dementia Nursing	49	286	11	226	79.02%	3.85%
Mental Health Residential	32	197	0	165	83.76%	0.00%
Mental Health Nursing	30	142	13	99	69.72%	9.15%
YPD - Young Physically Disabled	22	28	0	6	21.43%	0.00%
Learning Disability Residential	20	181	8	153	84.53%	4.42%
Totals	571	2981	87	2323		

Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



Number of Covid-19 Infections

