

For more information on the Council's current position, in respect of Covid 19 please use this website: [CLICK HERE](#)
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Today marks the 100th edition of the provider bulletin, which given the circumstances of why we produced it, isn't exactly cause for celebration but it does mark a significant milestone **and an opportunity to reflect**. At the start of the Covid pandemic I don't think any of us could have imagined what was in store in terms of challenges, and the sheer length of time under sustained pressure that the social care and health sector would have to endure.

Looking back, I think that the social care sector in Bradford has done an amazing job in managing with the constantly changing guidance and demonstrating such flexibility and resilience. The work of Louise and the BCA, advocating on behalf of the sector at many of the senior system meetings and supporting providers through the forums and registered manager's groups, and in co-producing the bulletin, among other things, has been fantastic. Whilst there were challenges with PPE supplies early on we all pulled together to try and make sure no provider was without, including by sharing what was available through mutual aid. Fortunately, the CCG run Marley Fields testing site meant that we were able to get ahead of the national testing arrangements for care staff in Bradford, and when LFD testing came in we did get the support of the Director of Public Health to enable home testing of care home staff ahead of the national policy.

Colleagues in the NHS have played their part and the full roll out of immedicare, the super rota and mycare24 has been very helpful. The collaborative approach to planning the vaccine roll out in Bradford has meant that we have managed to get most staff and residents protected by a first dose quickly, which in light of the more transmissible variant was probably just in time.

Looking forward, as the signs of spring are coming, I feel that we are getting there at last and some level of normality will return, however restrictions are likely to need to remain in place for some time to come, and there will be ongoing challenges. We will need to build on the more collaborative approach we have between the Council the independent sector, through the BCA, and the NHS and not go backwards with some of the technological developments that have happened during this time; we need to think realistically about occupancy level recovery in care homes, recruitment and retention of the workforce, and we will all need to attend to the wellbeing and recovery of ourselves and everyone, staff, residents, families over the coming months. Together we can do this and be stronger as a result. **Regards, Jane.**

SECOND VACCINES AT BRI

The Bradford Royal Infirmary hospital vaccination hub is routinely starting to send for people for their second vaccination. Most people will receive this at the 10/11 week point in line with national guidance. Occasionally people may be invited earlier to avoid wastage. The vaccine stock we receive is tightly controlled and matches the number of people vaccinated 11 weeks before. It is imperative that people do not book their slots earlier unless they are specifically asked to do so as this may deny colleagues their second vaccination in the correct timeframe.

You will receive a message (either by text or email dependant on the details you left) inviting you to book in for your appropriate week.

If you have not received an invitation to book and you are in the 11th week after your vaccination please contact us via covidvaccinations@bthft.nhs.uk



RESEARCH STUDY FOR HOMECARE WORKERS

Researchers at Northumbria University are exploring care at home where two workers are required to be present (double handed homecare), as opposed to a single worker (single handed homecare). They would like to talk to homecare workers who have experience of both single handed and double handed homecare.

For more information, see attached leaflet in the **Provider Zone**. Participants will be offered a £25 gift voucher as a thank-you.

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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**.



PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES AND THE CORONAVIRUS VACCINE: INFORMATION FOR PAID SUPPORTERS

Learning Disability England has written a document for people and organisations that offer paid support to people with learning disabilities; provider organisations or personal assistants to help them prepare the people they support to make a decision about having the Coronavirus vaccine.

This document can be accessed via the [Provider Zone](#).

INFORMATION FOR CARE HOMES REGARDING THE SUPER ROTA - **UPDATED **VERSION 26 FEBRUARY 2021****

The Super Rota (SR) is a team of GPs who work alongside the Digital Care Hub (DCH) to support people living in Care Homes (CHs) across Bradford district and Craven.

See attached document in the [Provider Zone](#) for more details.

ReSPECT FOR THE CARE HOMES

You should now be seeing ReSPECT forms being used by your GPs and when your residents are coming out of hospital and the following information should act as a refresher

Any new diagnosis such as cancer, dementia, frailty etc. or a diagnosis of COVID-19 is an important opportunity to understand someone's wishes. This is also important if we think residents are in the past year of life or if they are new to a care setting. Staff within care home are ideally placed to prompt these conversation to take place between the residents, families and the GP, and you should be asking your GPs to consider a ReSPECT for each of these situations

It is not about denial of treatment but about ensuring patients and families can express their wishes, whether or not that is for life sustaining treatment. ReSPECT should not be used just to confirm resuscitation status and must involve a conversation with patients and families about emergency care preferences. You do not have to transfer over existing DNAR forms but all new conversations must involve emergency planning as well as resuscitation and go on a ReSPECT form.

You may find the following short resources useful to share with staff which explain more about ReSPECT:

- 1) [2 minute video](#)
- 2) [2 page summary for developed for the Care Home setting](#)

You may also find the following information useful to share with your residents and families:

- [Website](#)
- [Link to Easy Read leaflet](#)
- [Link to regular leaflet](#)

More information can be found on the [Bradford Care Homes Resource Pack](#).



Yorkshire and the Humber
Clinical Networks

YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER CLINICAL NETWORK - BOOKING NOW OPEN: DEMENTIA AND OPMH EVENTS DURING MARCH

Booking is now open for two Yorkshire and Humber Clinical Networks Dementia and Older People's Mental Health Whole System events to be held on 10 and 23 March 2021.

The events will look back on what's been achieved across Yorkshire and Humber to improve care for people affected by dementia and OPMH and look ahead to future challenges in this area.

Please book a place on each of the events independently, using the Eventbrite links below, and you will be sent joining details nearer the day.

- **Wednesday 10 March - 9.30-12.30pm.**

[Booking Link](#)

This event will celebrate what's been delivered by the network and partners and look ahead to how collaboration and partnership working can help with the next challenges to be addressed.

- **Tuesday 23 March - 9.30-1pm**

[Booking Link](#)

This event will focus on learning from the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership National Dementia Pilot work to reduce non-essential hospital admissions for people living with dementia.



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Horton Community Farm & Leeds Mindfulness Coop

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