

## VCOD LETTER TO PROVIDERS OF ASC (NOT CARE HOMES)

Please find [attached a letter](#) from the Director General of Adult Social Care, Michelle Dyson, regarding vaccination as a condition of deployment (VCOD) in wider adult social care settings. This letter relates to the second VCOD regulations and is therefore **not** for care homes, information for whom will follow separately.

## IMPORTANT UPDATE TO CQC'S REGULATORY APPROACH

We have been made aware that from, 1 February 2022, CQC have commenced inspecting where:

- There is evidence that people are at risk of harm. This applies to all health and social care services, including those where inspections were previously postponed except in cases where the CQC had evidence of risk to life.
- They can support increasing capacity across the system, particularly in adult social care.
- A focus on the urgent and emergency care system will help understand the pressures, where local or national support is needed, and share good practice to drive improvement.

Please take this time to carry out a stock take on your service, reviewing processes, protocols and documents. You may wish to take advantage of the CQC ready training provided by Brightening Minds (resource packs below) and the resources available to you on our [Provider Zone](#).

We understand the pressure and the additional expectations that have been placed on you and your staff over the last few years. If you need any support or would like to setup a monitoring visit to help prepare for a visit from CQC, please contact our Contracts Team via [CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk).

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- [PART 3 - IPC QUALITY WORKSHOP - RESOURCE PACK](#)
- [PART 4 - QUALITY ASSURANCE QUALITY WORKSHOP - RESOURCE PACK](#)
- [PART 5 - 'WINTER IS COMING' QUALITY WORKSHOP - RESOURCE PACK](#)

## TESTING UPDATES AND ORDERS

From **Friday 28 January**, you will be able to place an order for LFDs for your staff. When you place an order, we will send you enough LFDs for all your staff to undertake pre-shift LFDs for everyday they are working. These can be used at home by staff members. To do this, you should navigate to the usual organisational testing portal [link] and use the same Unique Organisation Number that you currently use to order PCRs, and you will see the option to place an order for staff LFDs. Please input the number of staff you have and then confirm your contact details to place an order. Once you have ordered tests, you'll receive a confirmatory email from: [organisation.coronavirus.testing@notifications.service.gov.uk](mailto:organisation.coronavirus.testing@notifications.service.gov.uk)

Tests can take up to 7-10 working days to arrive following your order. Once they have arrived, we ask that a month's worth of tests are distributed to your staff to enable them to conduct tests at home. We are asking all organisations to implement these testing changes by the 16th February.

Ordering LFDs is independent to the orders placed for PCR tests; so if you have recently placed an order for PCR tests, you will still be able to order LFDs from Friday 28th January.

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Click [HERE](#) to access!

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## SOCIAL CARE: RECRUITING AN OVERSEAS CARE WORKER

On 24th December, the Government announced social care workers, care assistants and home care workers will become eligible for the Health and Care Visa. This is in addition to senior care workers and registered managers who are already included in the list of eligible roles for the Health and Care visa.

Please join officials from the Home Office's Engagement and Policy teams, the Department of Health and Social Care and representatives from Skills for Care and the social care sector for a webinar providing an overview of the points-based immigration system for the Social Care sector and what the recent announcement means for international recruitment, how to ensure ethical international recruitment and examples of best practice from the social care sector.

The webinar will cover the following:

- Skilled Worker visa/Health and Care visa
- Recruiting an overseas care worker from mid-February 2022
- How to become a Home Office sponsor
- Right to Work checks
- Support available
- The Code of Practice for International Recruitment
- Q&A

**Fri 04 Feb** - <https://events.skillsforcare.org.uk/internationalrecruitment4feb>

**Weds 09 Feb** - <https://events.skillsforcare.org.uk/internationalrecruitment9feb>

### 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 right!

vlog week # 49





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## LOVELY OPPORTUNITY - FREE PERFORMANCES FOR CARE HOMES - OPERA AND BALLET AND MORE!

Please find [attached document](#) for more information.

### NHSmail REACTIVATION OF AN EMAIL ADDRESS

Please try to send and receive emails from an email address (that has been inactive) to make account active from inactive state.

For more details please follow the below guidance for account status:

<https://support.nhs.net/knowledge-base/types-of-account-status/>

If you still have an issue after this, please contact the NHSmail Helpdesk at [helpdesk@nhs.net](mailto:helpdesk@nhs.net)



### WINTER PRESSURES 2022. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### DEVELOPING A BRADFORD WORKFORCE SOCIAL CARE STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE – PROVIDER SUMMIT

Bradford Council has commissioned Skills for Care to work in partnership with the whole of adult social care to develop a strategy which is about workforce for the future identifying both short term and long-term ambitions. The strategy needs to identify the challenges that you as providers are facing, this summit will give individuals an opportunity to discuss concerns, share ideas and recommend solutions that will contribute to an implementation plan for delivery.

**Please see below the meeting details for this summit:**

**Date:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Time:** 15:00 to 16:30

**How to join:** Microsoft Teams meeting

- **Join on your computer or mobile app** ; [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **Or call in (audio only)** ; [+44 1274 026585,,256442271#](#) United Kingdom, Bradford
- Phone Conference ID: 256 442 271# ; [Find a local number](#)

Please make sure for you or a colleague to join the summit in order to have your say of the workforce strategy for the district!

### SURVEY FOR STAFF SICK PAY

Please find a survey link here; [Staff Sick Pay Survey](#). We are asking care home, home care and extra care providers to complete this survey to confirm what sick pay staff are currently receiving. We will use this information to review current ICTF Discretionary funding availability to the sector in relation to staff pay.

# DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

DATA	LATEST	CHANGE
Deaths	5	-1
Infections	196	-52
Outbreaks	53	-12
Occupancy	79%	1%
Tracker completed	84%	-12%

## HOME SUPPORT PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Locality Providers	Other Providers
NA	NA	NA

## CARE HOME PLACEMENTS (previous 7 days)

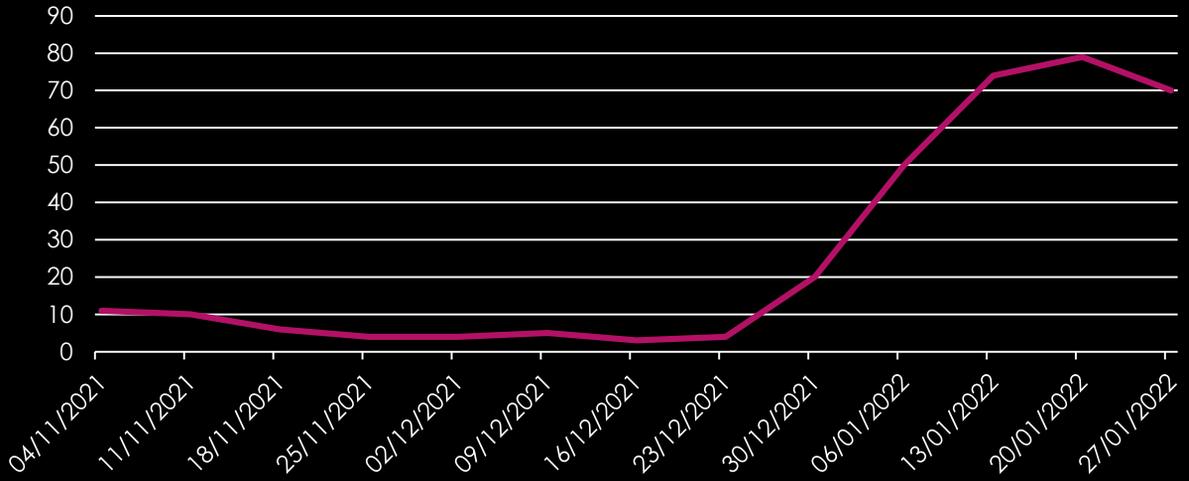
OPR2	OPN	Deferred
NA	NA	NA

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

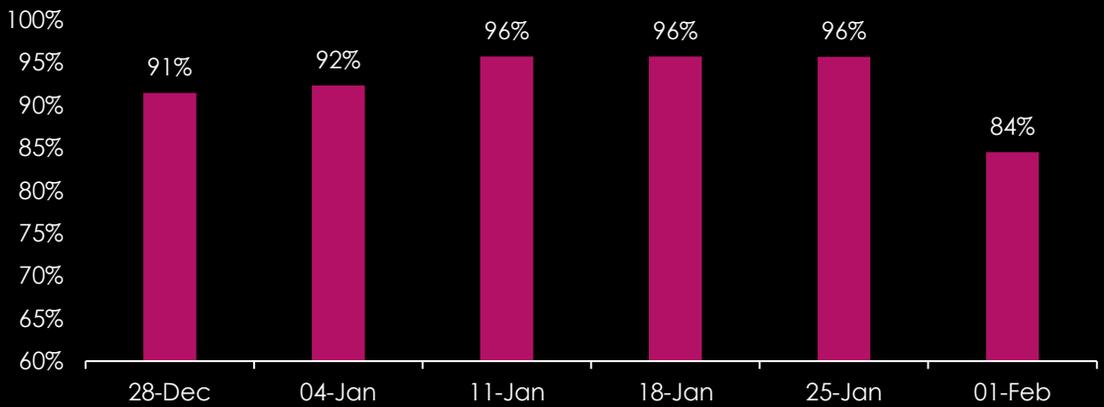
Care Home Occupancy Percentage	Number of Homes	Percentage of total homes
Under 25%	3	3%
26% to 40%	4	3%
41% to 60%	13	11%
61% to 80%	31	27%
81% to 90%	29	25%
Above 91%	36	31%
<b>Total Homes &amp; Mean %</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>78%</b>

Vacancy Type	Declared Vacancies	Declared Total Beds	Declared Vacancies Closed	Occupied Beds	Occupied Beds Percent	Lost Capacity Percent
General Residential	116	896	101	679	75.78%	11.27%
Dementia Residential	67	615	79	469	76.26%	12.85%
General Nursing	62	615	48	505	82.11%	7.80%
Dementia Nursing	42	351	29	280	79.77%	8.26%
Mental Health Nursing	23	120	14	83	69.17%	11.67%
Mental Health Residential	22	160	4	134	83.75%	2.50%
Learning Disability Residential	21	173	11	141	81.50%	6.36%
YPD - Young Physically Disabled	15	22	0	7	31.82%	0.00%
Learning Disability Nursing	3	12	0	9	75.00%	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>2964</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>2307</b>		

## Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



## Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



## Number of Covid-19 Infections

