



PROVIDER BULLETIN

Thursday 03 December 2020

OCCUPANCY SUPPORT SCHEME

- **Care Home Occupancy Support Scheme:** Final reminder - if you want to make a claim for period 2, please ensure you submit the PERIOD 2 Application form to HWB.Digital.Innovation@bradford.gov.uk by Sunday 6 December. Forms received after this date will not be processed.
- **Applications for each period are available on the Provider Zone:** <https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/occupancy-support-scheme/> (click on the orange 'Claim Periods' bar to find all the application forms)

MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONING TEAM!

All Care Homes and Home Care providers have been sent the latest IPC returns survey. Can you please complete this by **16 December 2020**.

BRADFORD HOME SUPPORT RESOURCE PACK

We are pleased to announce that the Home Support Resource Pack is now live!

Click [HERE](#) to access!

This guide is designed to complement and not replace local guidance and professional judgement and is a live document which will be updated at least fortnightly, to align with other national and regional guidance.

To provide feedback, report inaccuracies or to provide updates on this pack, please contact:

Covid19SupportTeam@bradford.gov.uk

COVID GUIDANCE OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD - APPLICABLE TO ALL PROVIDERS

Guidance for what you can and cannot do over the Christmas periods and the dates and times when the variations are in effect. Click [HERE](#) for more details.



**SAVE THE DATE - PROVIDER
FORUM: 18 DECEMBER 2020
(13:00 - 14:00)**

Click [HERE](#) for further information as it is confirmed.

ADMINISTRATION GUIDANCE FOR CARE HOMES – BISPHOSPHONATES

What are Bisphosphonates?

They are a group of medicines that bind to bone to strengthen and help prevent fractures. The most commonly prescribed bisphosphonate is alendronic acid 70mg tablets. These medications are usually given once weekly.

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

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL ON CALL COVER FOR THIS WEEKEND (10AM- 1PM)

- Saturday: Jacqui Elliott – 07813 394841
- Sunday: Michael Horsley - 07582 102117



Infection
Control

DECEMBER - BUG OF THE MONTH

CLOSTRIDIoidES DIFFICILE INFECTION

To learn more about this bug and access supporting information, click [HERE](#).

THIS WEEK POSTER!

Making Social Media Accounts

Can be accessed via the [Provider Zone](#)



NEW VIDEOS RELATING TO COVID-19

Covid-19 Support Team YouTube Channel

(please consider
subscribing and clicking on
the 'Bell Icon' to receive
notifications when we
upload a new video):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtRZcw3M8YN0wOFT1e1JqaQ>

29 days to go

BREXIT

The UK transition:
time is running out!

There are new rules for businesses and citizens from 1
January 2021.

Support is available in Bradford – Click on
the link below:

**BREXIT - WHAT YOU
NEED TO KNOW!**

INFORMATION REQUEST

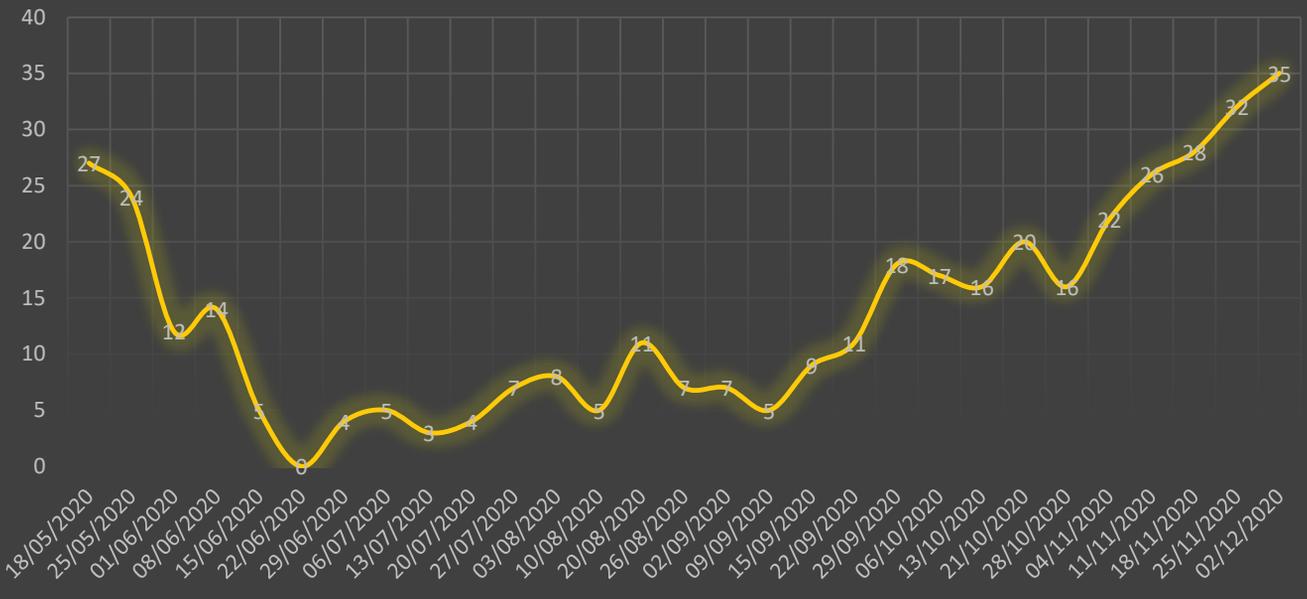
If you have any specific issues/concerns, please
email ali.gul@bradford.gov.uk

Department of Health and Wellbeing, Bradford Council.

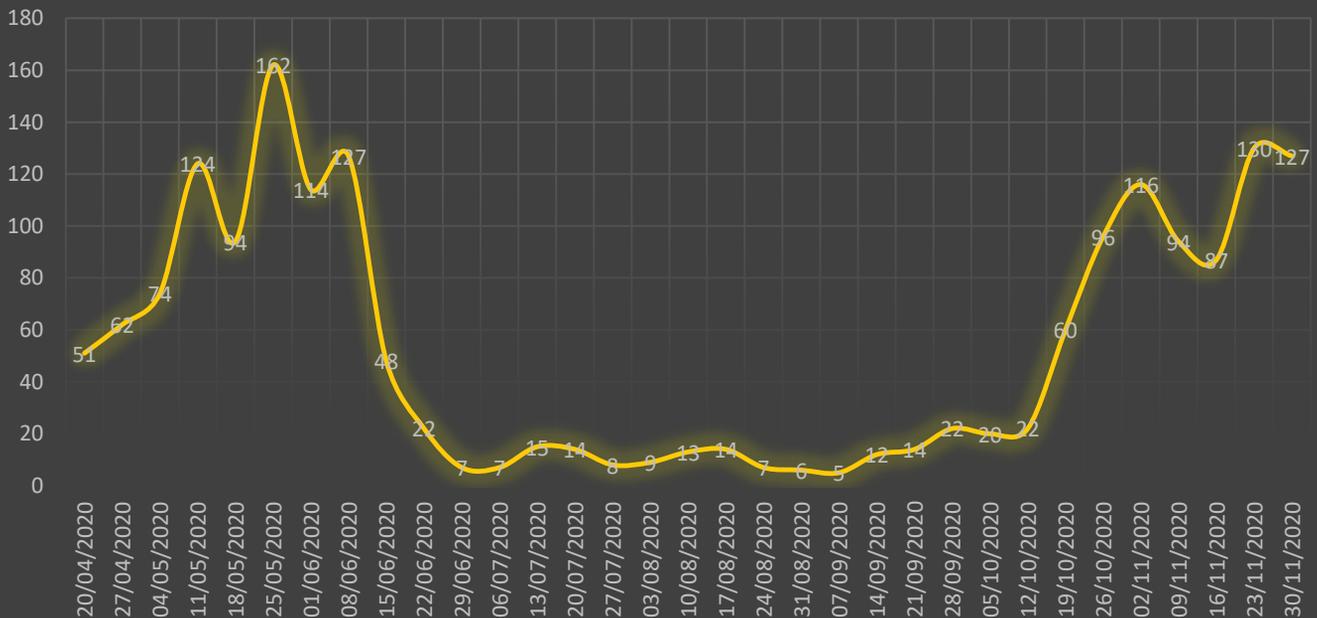
Bradford Care Homes Covid-19 Tracker

This and other graphs are available in the [Provider Zone](#). The Covid-19 Support Team are currently working with our intelligence data colleagues to develop a clear, concise, yet informative weekly presentation of the current situation in respect of several areas relating to the current pandemic. We will be liaising with BCA colleagues to ensure this data is useful and accurately reflects the situation here in Bradford. We are aware that some of this data is extremely sensitive and we are working to develop a more secure route for provider access only. More information to follow next week.

Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



Number of Covid-19 Infections





BLUE LIGHT CARD

Here for you, because you're here for all of us



CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Enjoy the little things with our selection of discounts on fantastic festive favourites!

For you staff to obtain a Blue Light Card, they can either sign up individually through the details below:

- To sign up to the Blue Light Card, as a worker in Social Care, please use the link here; <https://www.bluelightcard.co.uk/newuser.php>
- Under sign up, select Social Care and click next.
- Complete the form and submit, this will give access to an account.

To purchase the physical card, it will cost £4.99 for a two year licence. However, they would be able to access online and Phone App deals without the card, but not the in store offers.

To sign up your workforce, you would need to request support here; <https://www.bluelightcard.co.uk/contactblc.php>, using the online form.

MARLEY FIELDS TESTING CENTRE

Marley Fields Testing Centre and the testing administration team will be closed on Christmas day and New Year's day and as usual on Sundays. This team will be contacting providers who have test collections booked on these days to arrange another suitable day.

Date	Marley Fields operational times	Testing administration team
Mon 21 st Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Tue 22 nd Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Wed 23 rd Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Thu 24 th Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Fri 25 th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sat 26 th Dec	Morning	8.30am – 12.30pm
Sun 27 th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Mon 28 th Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Tue 29 th Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Wed 30 th Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Thu 31 st Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Fri 1 st Jan 2021	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sat 2 nd Jan 2021	Morning	8.30am – 12.30pm
Sun 3 rd Jan 2021	CLOSED	CLOSED
Mon 4 th Jan 2021	Normal service resumes	8.30am – 4.30pm

COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM DUTY DESK

Please don't forget the Covid-19 Support Team now has one central contact number:

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