

PROVIDER BULLETIN

NEW GUIDANCE UPDATES!

Remember a lot of **previous** guidance has been **withdrawn**, please see below for the latest updates:

LIVING SAFELY WITH RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, INCLUDING COVID-19

Provides basic reminders about infection prevention and control precautions including hand hygiene, wearing masks, ventilation and vaccinations etc.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) TESTING FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

Updated testing arrangements for adult social care including outbreak testing. It also confirms the need for social workers to test and explains how they can access free tests.

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL FOR SEASONAL RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS IN HEALTH AND CARE SETTINGS (INCLUDING SARS-COV-2) FOR WINTER 2021 TO 2022

Mainly aimed at hospital settings but does also have some reminds about IPC and standard precautions.

PROVIDER UPDATE: BCA / CONTRACT & COMMISSIONING CARE SECTOR UPDATE

The BCA meeting on **3rd May** has been extended for the usual Provider Update and to allow for a Contract & Commissioning Care Sector Update. Please use the joining details below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9937721608?pwd=cjJ5aTBHaEMl ekINSVRtWHR0VHJmUT09>

Meeting ID: 993 772 1608

Passcode: Bradford20

**Provider Update: BCA / Contract & Commissioning Care Sector Update:
Tuesday 3rd May 10.30-12.30**

Agenda:

- BCA & IPC Update
- Introduction to new Contract & Commissioning Team
 - Fair Cost of Care
 - Altura Training Platform
- Care Directory/Connect to Support

NEW PRECAUTIONS FOR MANAGING VISITING SAFELY

The following recommendations are in line with the most up-to-date Government Care Home visiting guidance available as of 31.3.22. The following recommendations would be applicable for relatives visiting for social interactions. Separate guidance is available via Government guidance for essential carers when visiting.

Please see [HERE](#)

GLOVE AWARENESS WEEK

You may be aware that the RCN has designated next week (2nd-6th May) as 'Glove Awareness Week' in support of their campaign to reduce unnecessary glove usage.

The Covid pandemic has highlighted the importance of the correct use of PPE in all care settings however as we have all probably seen gloves in particular have been used inappropriately and there is often an over-reliance on gloves in situations where they are not needed. Over use of gloves or using the wrong type of gloves not only adds to landfill but can also lead to skin reactions and dermatitis which can be debilitating if severe.

Please access more information below:

[How to reduce glove use | RCN Magazines | Royal College of Nursing](#)

[GAW-2022-Glove-best-practice-v3.pdf](#)

[GAW-2022-Public-patient-poster-FINAL.pdf](#)

[GAW-2022-Good-glove-practice-care-homes.pdf](#)



WEEKLY BULLETIN STARTING FROM MAY

From May, the Covid-19 Bulletin will be released weekly instead of twice a week. The new bulletin will be released every Thursday.

NEW FORMAT - PROVIDER INFORMATION RETURN (PIR) WORKBOOK

BCA have developed a **PIR Workbook** to support you to complete your **PIR**. We have recently updated the workbooks into a new format that is easier to use and print out. You will be able to use it as a master document that you can keep up to date.

The benefits of the PIR Workbook include:

- Support you to delegate tasks/questions to other individuals
 - Keep an up-to-date live document
 - All your questions and answers are in one place
- Be able to copy and paste your answers into the actual PIR
 - Be able to start your PIR early
- Have an on-going record that you can refer back to each year
- Links to the relevant KLOE's to help you to identify them clearly in your answers
- Links to the good and outstanding characteristics to help you to identify them clearly in your answers

PIR Workbooks

EMAIL admin@bradfordcareassociation.org

TO GET YOUR PIR WB TODAY!

- Residential PIR Workbook
- Community PIR Workbook
- Shared Lives PIR Workbook
- Specialist college PIR Workbook

Don't forget we also have a NHS DSPT Workbook to help you with GDPR Compliance. If you're having any trouble with the workbook's or have any questions, please email admin@bradfordcareassociation.org



BRADFORD TRAINING HUB

News Update

THE BRADFORD TRAINING HUB: SIGN UP NOW

Sign up using the link below:

<https://www.alturlearning.co.uk/init...>

Join **Iain MacBeath**, Director for Health & Wellbeing at Bradford Metropolitan District Council, for an important update about the **Bradford Training Hub platform**. For support on booking a platform demo, please contact Bradford Council's main switchboard on **01274 432111** and ask for **Matthew Clark**.

CARE AMBASSADORS

A great way to recruit staff, engage with your community and showcase your service!

The Care Ambassador initiative has been running since the early 2000s, and has a proven track record of increasing staff recruitment and contributing to staff retention. Care Ambassadors are invited in to Colleges, Schools, the Job Centre and Career Events, to talk about what they do, why they enjoy working in social care, their career in social care, and why they like working for you!

Skills for Care have a great range of readily available resources that can support the Care Ambassadors in this work.

Bradford Care Ambassador programme is looking to find more care providers who have staff within their service who are passionate and enthusiastic about the job that they do, and are willing to talk about this and the career that they have had.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Safina Akhtar who is the Care Ambassadors scheme coordinator in Bradford on Safina.Akhtar@bthft.nhs.uk

Also to note, Safina and Ailsa Benn (from Skills for Care) are inviting any new Care Ambassadors to an **induction section on June 8th at BRI.**

THE CARE EXCHANGE – SERIES 2 / EPISODE 6

In Skills for Care latest podcast, we are joined by **Ruth French** the Operations Director for Stow Healthcare, an organisation that specialises in turning failed services around to become Outstanding services. Ruth talks about the importance of recognising that everyone is human and that we all make mistakes. She shares her tips on colour coded improvement plans, time saving dictation and golden gems. She also discusses why it's so important to stand up and have your voice heard by telling your story and giving positive messages about social care in the media. Ruth believes that we need to say 'Watch me, not why me.'

You can listen via the Skills for Care [website](#) or download it where you get your podcasts.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICE PROVIDERS TAKING PART IN THE VIVALDI STUDY

Care homes in the Vivaldi study are continuing to do asymptomatic staff PCRs on weekly basis.

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the VIVALDI study.

We are asking that for care homes participating in the VIVALDI study, asymptomatic staff continue to take a weekly PCR test as normal. Continuing to take weekly PCR tests will allow this vital research to continue, helping to improve our understanding of COVID-19 in care homes and how we can keep staff and residents safe, as the pandemic continues to evolve.

Please see more information [HERE](#)

NURSING HOMES PLEASE CAN YOU HELP AND PROVIDE STUDENT NURSE PLACEMENTS URGENTLY?

Bradford University have 20 student nurses who are without a student placement within a Nursing Home from w/c 9th May. The Placement is for 9 weeks, and the student nurses will need to be assessed against competencies by a Registered Nurse whilst on placement. The student nurses are on their second placement in their first year of training.

The University pay Nursing Homes approx. £95 per week, per student Bradford Uni would use the next few weeks to provide support / training to your Nursing Staff to take on the assessment role and for your home to meet the University placement audit requirements.

Are you a Nursing Home, judged as a minimum 'good' by CQC? Can you assist with these placements?

If yes, please contact Vikki Carter at Bradford Uni as soon as possible on - v.carter@bradford.ac.uk



The image is a red NHS poster for COVID-19 vaccination. In the top left corner is the UK Government logo, and in the top right is the NHS logo. The central part of the poster features a photograph of four diverse young people (three men and one woman) standing together. To the right of the photo, the text reads 'WE'VE BEEN BOOSTED' in large, bold, yellow letters, followed by 'JOIN US LET'S GET PROTECTED' in smaller yellow letters. Below this text is the URL 'NHS.UK/COVIDVACCINATION'. At the bottom of the poster, there is a yellow circular icon with a white arrow pointing right, containing the text 'GET BOOSTED NOW'. The bottom edge of the poster is decorated with a series of yellow arrows pointing right.

CARE EMPLOYERS TOGETHER FOR UKRAINE

Nationally a large number of care providers have expressed an interest in supporting refugees from Ukraine into care jobs and so the National Care Forum (NCF) has been working in association with the Care Provider Alliance, and a wide range of partners and expertise from across national and local government, housing colleagues, recruitment specialists, legal and immigration experts and regulators, to understand how to provide a meaningful employment opportunity for those displaced from Ukraine and other parts of the world and finding a home within the UK.

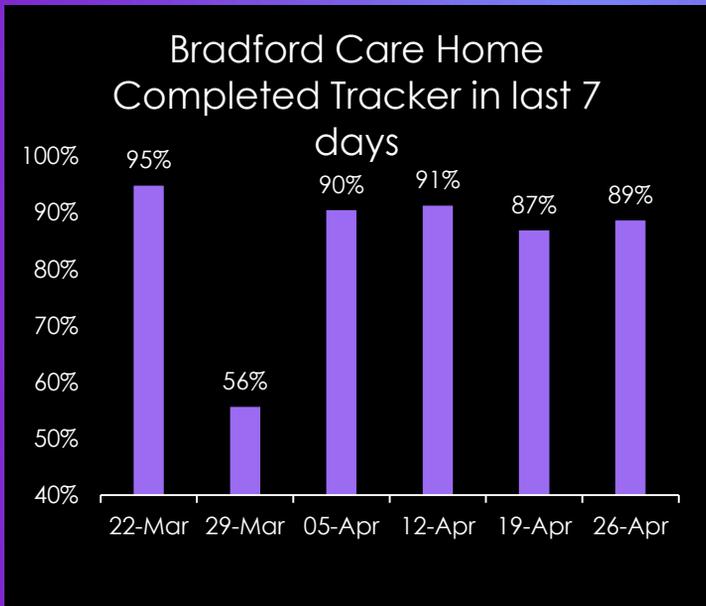
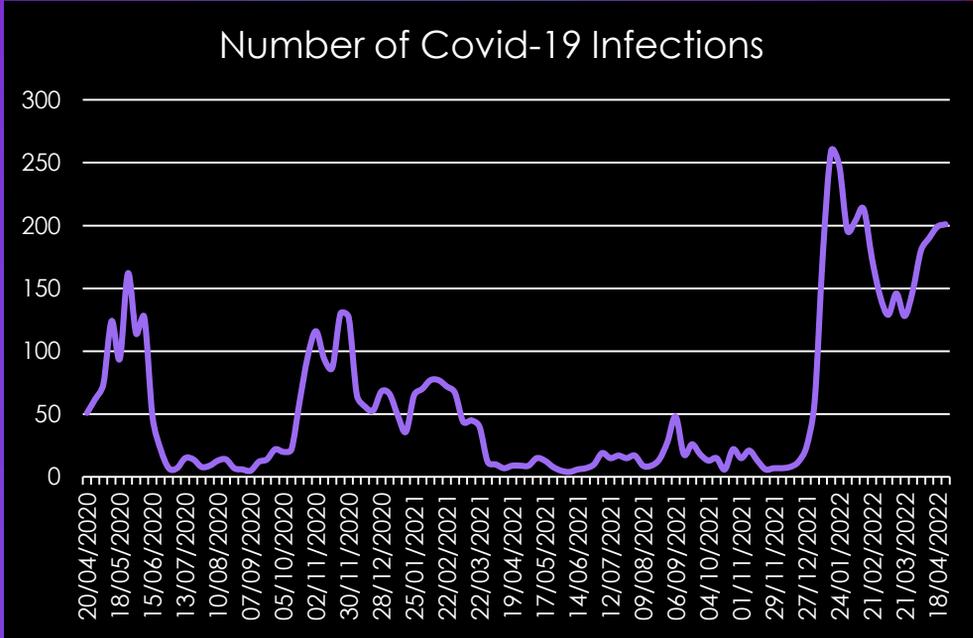
The intention is to bring together a clear and supported set of job opportunities for those coming from Ukraine, or other countries, who wish to be employed in the social care sector.

Working closely with *Cohesion*, recruitment experts in the sector, the intention is to pull together jobs suitable for displaced people from around the world, co-located alongside a map outlining wider local support, in order that people who arrive wanting to work within the care sector can quickly identify employers who are keen to enable jobs and support. This Jobs Board is now available.

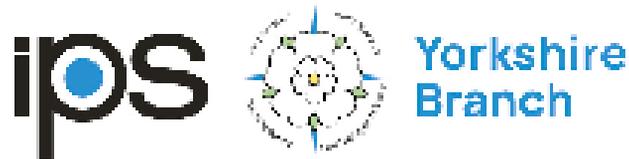
NEW Jobs Board – Please advertise your jobs for Ukrainians, and other displaced people, resettling in the UK here <https://careandsupportjobs.co.uk/>

This is free of charge for any employer to advertise their vacancies and setting up a profile is a simple process. This Jobs Board links to an interactive map that will signpost people to local support. Traffic is going to the site already and NCF plan to share this with networks where displaced people will be looking for jobs.

DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD



Data	Latest	Change
Deaths	1	1
Infections	201	2
Outbreaks	No longer available	
Occupancy	80%	1%
Tracker completed	89%	2%



Annual One Day Conference

Thursday 9th June 2022 - Bridge Community Church, Leeds

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN
CLICK HERE TO BOOK**



FUTURE FOCUS - "TIME" TO CARE

Infection prevention industry exhibition and prestigious speakers from across the Yorkshire region and wider.

Topics for the day include National update from NHS England and Improvement IPC Team, Lessons learnt from a TB outbreak, National Cleaning Standards overview, Patient Stories from Covid and much more.

The day will be a great opportunity to network and meet up with colleagues old and new.

**IPS Members - Free of charge | Non-members - £30 per person
Students - £10 per person**

Further information to follow.

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BRADFORD CARE ASSOCIATION - UNITED, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**JOIN NOW AND ENJOY FREE MEMBERSHIP
FOR 22/23**



Fantastic News BCA FREE Membership Extended for Another 12 Months!!!!

We are really pleased to be able to announce that with the support of Local Authority we are able to once again offer free BCA membership to all Bradford care providers for 22/23. The BCA fully understand and appreciate all the pressures providers are facing at the moment both financial and operational so we don't want to place any extra burden's on you at this time.

However, in April 2023 we will look to restart membership fee's when things have hopefully settled down. We will continue to fight for the care sector at a local, regional and national level, alongside working together with providers and system partners to develop and share best practice across the sector. The BCA membership have already demonstrated what can be achieved and the challenges we can overcome working together, we must continue to support each other in year ahead. Please take a moment to join the BCA and help to ensure the sustainable and thriving Bradford care sector of the future.

Care homes – we need your help!

What's going on?

Delayed discharges of people who are medically fit to leave hospital – formally known as delayed transfers of care (DTOC) and unfairly, known as 'bed-blocking' – are a major reason for high bed occupancy.

The project

The University of Kent, are conducting a feasibility study in care homes about the impact of short-term residential care home beds on DTOC among the older population.

The study is taking place June 2021 – May 2022.

We would like to invite 25 care home managers to the study.

Participation will involve an interview by telephone or online.

You will receive a certificate of participation and a £20 gift voucher for the care home as a thank you.

Recruitment

If you are interested in participating in the study, send us an email and we will be in touch!

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