

For more information on the Council's current position, in respect of Covid 19 please use this website: [CLICK HERE](#)
Please ensure any information you consult is from a reliable source, including the NHS, or Public Health England.

Tuesday 09 March 2021

GUIDANCE ON CARE HOME VISITING

As you will be aware the new Guidance on Care Home Visiting commenced last week.

To access, please click [HERE](#)

Below are some of the key areas of the new guidance;

- Indoor visiting from a single named visitor, nominated by every care home resident, who can visit regularly as agreed by the care home.
- Visitors will need to take Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests before every visit, minimise physical contact, use PPE (following the latest guidance) and follow all IPC measures.
- It is up to care homes to decide how often and for how long it is possible for visitors to come into the home. Note the 90-day retesting policy applies.
- Residents with the highest care needs will also be able to nominate an essential care giver in addition to the named visitor where close contact personal care from a loved one is critical for the resident's immediate health and wellbeing.
- Outdoor visits and screened visits will continue, allowing residents to see more people than just their nominated or essential visitors. This is largely the same as the previous iterations of the visiting guidance.
- Visiting in exceptional circumstances continues, even during outbreaks.

The safety of residents, staff and visitors is paramount and regular communication is essential to this. Letting relatives and visitors know as soon as possible your intentions for visiting may help to allay any concerns. You may wish to consider the use of group and individual consultations with relatives and residents using virtual platforms or email to obtain feedback about your proposals to commence visiting. This will also help to manage expectations. The Department of Health and Social Care have produced a summary of guidance specifically aimed at visitors, to access click [HERE](#).

These are significant changes to visiting arrangements and may take some time to fully implement. We are aware that CQC may be following up on any complaints or concerns raised by residents' relatives/friends with possible enforcement action where services are not allowing internal visits. We are seeking details on CQC's planned approach and any tolerances for time to implement the new visiting arrangements.

The Covid-19 Support Team is here to support you and any visitors/relatives as a single point of contact. You can contact us on 01274 431999 or email

covid19supportteam@bradford.gov.uk

BRADFORD CARE HOME RESOURCE PACK – UPDATED 09 MARCH 2021

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.

We are pleased to announce that the Home Support Resource Pack will be published next week!

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

Covid19SupportTeam@bradford.gov.uk

IPAD DEPLOYMENT TO CARE HOMES - UPDATE AND SUPPORT INFORMATION

We would also like to share information about upcoming iPad support webinars run through [Digital Social Care](#):

- On Wednesday 17 March, 2pm - we will be joined by colleagues involved in the rollout of care home proxy access, who will provide advice on how the iPads can be used for medication ordering.
- On Wednesday 24th March, 2pm - we will be joined by a trainer from Microsoft who will be offering support for using MS Teams.

Please click [here to dial into the webinars](#). The resources from the NHS Vaccination session on 17 February [can also be found here](#).

NHSX iPad Offer Team

To find out more about the Care Home iPad offer see the [NHSX website](#).

**STAY SAFE, MAKE SPACE
AND VENTILATE**



Hands



Face



Space

REDUCING HEALTH INEQUALITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Triple A clinic : If you are supporting men with learning disabilities who are aged 65 or older, please check if they have had their Triple A screening - if not please contact Waddiloves and see if they can be booked into forthcoming clinic for this quick ultrasound check. It can be a life saver.

For more information, see attached document in the [Provider Zone](#).

Easy read information also attached to support people to understand why it is important to have their Triple A scan.

ALL HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE CAN COLLECT FREE RAPID COVID-19 TESTS KITS

Self testing is now extended to whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles. This means that you can test your household and support bubble by collecting lateral flow tests (LFT's) for free from a local test centre if at least one household member or a member of your support bubble.

- You can find your nearest collection site by visiting <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>.
- You can [check online](#) if the location is open or busy before you go.
- You do not need to make an appointment.
- Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

If you cannot get to rapid lateral flow test site you can order LFT kits to be sent to your home in England. [Order LFT kits to your home here](#). Find out more about lateral flow tests for [households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges](#).

ASPIRING LEADERS PROGRAMME

Applications for 2021 are now open!



We are delighted to announce that applications for our bespoke Aspiring Leaders Programme are now open to **all** nurses working in the community, primary and social care.

The programme is designed to support the professional development of nurses to become future leaders in healthcare, to the benefit of the people, families and communities they serve.



About the programme

Who is eligible to apply?

- This programme is open to all nurses working in the community and primary care setting including care home nurses.
- Applicants must have a minimum of 5-years' experience working in a community or primary care setting.
- Applicants must demonstrate a desire to progress to a leadership position beyond their current role.

The closing date for applications is 26 March 2021 23.59.

FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY