

PROVIDER BULLETIN

THE COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM WILL END THIS FRIDAY

Following the Government announcement that most Covid-19 restrictions and legislation will end shortly, **the Covid-19 Support Team will cease operating this Friday, April 1 2022.** The team has provided support and guidance in several key areas during the pandemic, including the supply of PPE, testing and vaccinations. Some areas of support to the social care sector will continue and will be undertaken by colleagues in the Contract and Quality and Commissioning teams.

Can we take this opportunity to thank all our providers for their hard work and dedication to support and keep people safe during what has been the most difficult for us all. The partnership working with Louise Bestwick and the Bradford Care Associated has been outstanding, the team could not have undertaken the tasks without this support and that of you, our local care sector.

Whilst the Covid-19 Inbox and contact numbers will cease on April 1, any communication should be directed to the Commissioning Inbox after this date.

CARE PROVIDERS TO RECEIVE FAIRER COST FOR PROVIDING CARE

Local authorities in England will be supported by £1.36 billion from the Health and Social Care Levy to pay a fairer rate of care to adult social care providers.

The Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund will increase the support available for the care sector as part of the government's 10 year vision for reform set out in the People at the Heart of Care white paper.

People paying privately for adult social care often pay a higher rate than those funded by the local authority. This fund will help close the gap.

To read the full press release, please click [HERE](#).

VCOD Q&A

A Q&A has been produced following government's announcement of its decision to revoke the regulations on vaccination as a condition of deployment (VCOD) in care homes, wider social care and healthcare. You can access it [HERE](#).

CQC Q&A

CQC have answered a few questions about vaccinations and fees. You can read them [HERE](#).



**FREE ZOOM
WORKSHOP**

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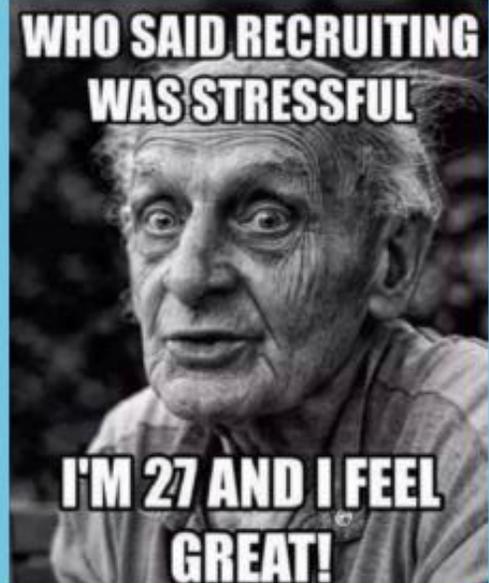


Brightening Minds Training

RECRUITMENT & EARLY RETENTION

Agenda:

- Workforce Regulations and Standards
- Putting your policies into practice
- Employment file contents - what should be in there?
- Overcoming recruitment challenges and attracting staff
- Supporting new staff to stay with you



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NOW**

EVENT BOOKING

[Click here to get your FREE TICKET from EventBrite.](#)

If having any problems booking your place please email
admin@bradfordcareassociation.org



**Wed, 30th
March
13:30 - 16:00**

NCF BRIEFING: MARKET SUSTAINABILITY AND FAIR COST OF CARE FUND: GUIDANCE

DHSC has now published its guidance and templates to support local authorities to carry out fair cost of care exercises. A series of documents have been published:

- [The overall guidance](#)
- [Grant determination and conditions 2022-23](#)
- Annex A: [Example Grant Template](#)
- Annex B: [Cost of Care Reports Contents](#)
- Annex C: [Market Sustainability Plan Template](#)
- Annex D: [Recommended functionality for the data collection tools](#)
- Annex E: [Further detail on return on capital and return on operations](#)
- Annex F: [Analytical Principles](#)

This guidance is intended to support local authorities in administering the Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund. This guidance applies to England only. This guidance is also of key importance to care providers who are being asked to engage constructively with the cost of care exercises required of LAs as set out in this guidance.

The NCF have produced a briefing summary which can be found attached or online [HERE](#).

CONSULTATION ON OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE TO IMPLEMENT A LIFETIME CAP ON CARE COSTS

The government has published a draft version of its [operational guidance for local authorities to implement the lifetime cap on care costs](#) in order to consult on it. Three documents have been published:

- [An overview of the consultation on the operational guidance and wider reform agenda](#)
- [Supporting local preparation: draft guidance](#)
- [The draft operational guidance](#)

They set out how an individual progresses towards the £86,000 cap which comes into force from October 2023 and how LAs record this. The purpose of the consultation is to seek views on the statutory guidance, and to help inform LAs for its implementation. However, it is also of interest to social care providers, who will need to understand the new system and the role they will play in it.

The consultation can be [accessed here](#) or you can respond via chargingreformconsultation@dhsc.gov.uk. The consultation will close at 11:45pm on 1 April 2022. You can Respond online or email chargingreformconsultation@dhsc.gov.uk.

NCF's briefing document on the government's consultation on operational guidance, to implement a lifetime cap on care costs, can be found [HERE](#).



**WE'VE BEEN BOOSTED
JOIN US - LET'S GET PROTECTED**

NHS.UK/COVIDVACCINATION



INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEMS - NCF RESOURCES

NCF has launched a new section of their website dedicated to hosting resources to help providers engage with Integrated Care Systems. Content will be added to this webpage over the coming days, weeks and months so do check back regularly: <https://www.nationalcareforum.org.uk/integrated-care-systems/>.

JUBILEE BEACON LIGHTING

We are looking for someone to light the official jubilee flame beacon. Someone who was at the Queen's coronation, lived in Bradford at the time, and still lives here. It will be lit in City Park on June 2nd at 9.30pm. Before this, there will be a community event that everyone is welcome to attend.

If you know someone who is interested in lighting the beacon and fits the criteria then please contact

emily.spencer@bradford.gov.uk or Covid19SupportTeam@bradford.gov.uk.

GRAB A JOB

NO NEED TO BOOK

Unvaccinated?
You can still come forward and get protected.

All Covid-19 vaccination clinics are welcoming people for their first dose.

There's no need to book – just find a local walk-in clinic near you: www.bit.ly/CovidVaccineBDC

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What do employers in **social care** know about Universal Credit?

Does it impact on the way they recruit, retain and progress their staff?

How should Jobcentres work with employers in this sector?

Researchers from Manchester Metropolitan University Business School are inviting social care employers operating in **West Yorkshire** to have their say as part of the first major independent study exploring their views and experiences of Universal Credit and related employment policies.

We are looking for **Employers** (anyone with influence/power over recruitment and line management including Owner-Managers, HR managers, line managers) who are willing to take part in a **confidential** interview.

As a major source of employment, and a key focus of the Department for Work and Pension's Way to Work Campaign, we are especially interested in speaking to employers in **social care**.

For more information, contact Dr Katy Jones at katy.jones@mmu.ac.uk or Dr Calum Carson at c.carson@mmu.ac.uk

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