

ISOLATION PAYMENT SUPPORT FOR STAFF

Has your service expended all funding available to support staff to receive their wage whilst in isolation?

The Council has decided to utilise discretionary funding from ICTF and Omicron Support to allow further funding to be available to services to support staff that have or need to isolate.

Please complete the survey here;

<https://newsurveys.bradford.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=164493693462> to request further funding.

All submissions will be reviewed on Thursday of each week, for payment to be made the following week. **THE FINAL SUBMISSION DATE IS THE 17TH MARCH 2022.**

COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM SURVEY

With the Covid-19 Support Team ending on 1 April, we would like to hear your thoughts and feelings on how useful the team has been to you during its existence.

Would also appreciate your feedback on which areas of work have been helpful to you and that we should consider continuing past the ending of the team.

Link: <https://newsurveys.bradford.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=16456342784>

DEVELOPING A BRADFORD WORKFORCE SOCIAL CARE STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE

Please complete the survey [HERE](#);
<https://newsurveys.bradford.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=164433174851> and provide us feedback on how to best go ahead with the strategy.

UKHA LETTER TO THE MINISTER FOR CARE TO REQUEST URGENT CHANGE TO TESTING POLICY

The United Kingdom Homecare Association (UKHA) wrote a letter to the Minister for Care, Gillian Keegan MP, to call for a move to twice-weekly LFD tests, in line with most of the NHS.

You can read the full letter using this [LINK](#).

BENEFITS OF STUDENT PLACEMENTS FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROVIDERS

Many health and social care courses at Bradford University and the Colleges require that the student undertakes time in a work placement to gain real experience and learn relevant skills.

Placements can be short, e.g. one week, or much longer, e.g. 2 days a week for an academic year.

Bradford University and our 3 Colleges (Bradford, Keighley and Shipley) are all looking for adult social care providers to provide placements for their students.

This has a range of benefits such as gaining a part-time staff member, or showing CQC you are involved in the community.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity and possibly applying then please download the guide and application form with this [LINK](#). You can find the PDF version of the guide and application form with this [LINK](#).

REAL TIME SERVICE USER FEEDBACK

Following on from updates at SAB Board and Sub Groups, the Real Time Service User Feedback Project is live. At the end of each service user's safeguarding journey they will receive a copy of the feedback questionnaire with a covering letter explaining why we need their help in completing this.

They will receive this questionnaire on closure of their case either:

- Handed in person to them by the Social Worker.
- Posted to the individual if not seen in person at the point of closure.

There will be a variety of ways in which the individual can respond to BSAB:

- **By post** – by completing the questionnaire on the reverse of the letter and posting it to us in a pre-paid envelope which is included in the pack.
- **Emailing** – joanne.hirst2@bradford.gov.uk to ask for a copy of the questionnaire to be sent, so that they can email their answers back to us.
- **Call 07812 490695** – (Jo Hirst) with the request to leave a message if I am unable to answer the phone.
- **By emailing to ask for a telephone appointment** so that Jo Hirst can call them.
- **Snap Survey** – Complete the questionnaire on-line by scanning the QR Code at the bottom of the page or by going to <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/r1ejfh> to submit their answers on-line.

Responses from all response mechanisms will be collated by Jo Hirst and any issues or themes reported to Rob Studzinski. Quarterly updates will be provided to relevant Sub Groups and SAB. As this is a pilot project, adaption may be required and response rate/ comments on completion of the questionnaire etc. will be closely monitored and action taken as necessary following discussion with involved parties. Obviously, one risk of this project is that we may not get any or very few responses as there is no incentive - other than a willingness to help service users of the future.

Please could we ask that professionals within your agency or organisation promote the survey when they have contact with service users to explain that they may be given/ sent this questionnaire at the end of their safeguarding journey, along with highlighting the potential for implementing change/ improvement as a result of their feedback.

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



INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CHANGES IN GUIDANCE COMING

The Department of Health and Social Care intends to introduce changes to Infection Prevention and Control guidance at the end of the month. This is separate from the review of the [Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections](#) which we anticipate will be published for consultation in the coming months.

The draft social care infection prevention and control guidance appears to be general and non-prescriptive, leaving providers to risk assess and decide for themselves what measures to take.

Separate guidance for COVID-19, which will cover PPE and testing will follow.

PUBLIC INQUIRY

Infection control and PPE are bound to feature strongly in the Public Inquiry into the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you wish to comment on what the inquiry should look into and how it should act, please complete the Inquiry's draft terms of reference survey [here](#) by 7 April.



Social Care Day of Remembrance and Reflection

17 March 2022

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RememberSocialCare

Social Care Day of Remembrance and Reflection

The Social Care Day of Remembrance and Reflection is taking place on **17 March 2022**. 21 social care organisations have worked together to organise this day to pay tribute to the incredible work of the dedicated people working across social care during the past two years of the pandemic, and to remember those social care colleagues we've sadly lost to COVID-19.

Social Care Day of Remembrance and Reflection will remember these people as well as reflect on the work of everyone working in social care, with a [virtual memorial wall and tribute wall](#) where messages can be dedicated to members of our social care workforce. We're encouraging everyone impacted by social care to share their messages on the virtual walls.

An event will be hosted on the day which will include stories from people working across social care and drawing on care and support, plus the reading of a specially written poem dedicated to our workforce and the screening of an exclusive film with people from the sector sharing their own experiences. There is a [fundraising pack and resources](#) which you can use, to help with your own commemoration

You can join the event virtually on the day by registering using the link below. We'd love as many people as possible to join in virtually and share in the stories and experiences being discussed.

As well as joining the event we're also encouraging people to get involved by taking part in any activity of your choosing to pay tribute to our social care workers – that could be planting a tree, hosting a coffee morning, or creating flower displays.

You can join the event virtually by registering online:

<https://events.skillsforcare.org.uk/memorialday2022>

Find out more about how to get involved with the day:

<https://www.thecareworkerscharity.org.uk/covid-19-tribute-involved/>



BOOST YOUR IMMUNITY THIS WINTER



WITH YOUR FLU VACCINE
+ COVID-19 BOOSTER

Don't delay, get your free vaccines now.

CAPACITY TRACKER PROVIDER TRAINING SESSIONS

Capacity Tracker set up a number of 30-minute training sessions for those providers who are new to the Capacity Tracker, or who need a refresher. The sessions will cover how providers can register and log on to the Capacity Tracker, where and how to update their information, and how to find additional help. Providers only need to attend one session for that provider type as the information will be the same during both dates.

Provider	Date	Time	Teams Link
Care Home	22nd March	1pm	Click here to join the meeting
Home Care	17th March	1:30pm	Click here to join the meeting
Home Care	29th March	11am	Click here to join the meeting
Hospice	10th March	2pm	Click here to join the meeting
Hospice	31st March	12pm	Click here to join the meeting

Pathways to Employment courses in March



Self Esteem

Monday 14th March (11am - 12pm)

Assertiveness

Wednesday 16th March (1pm - 2pm)

Conflict Resolution

Thursday 17th March (1pm - 2pm)

Managing Change

Monday 21st March (11am - 12pm)

Building Resilience

Wednesday 23rd March (1pm - 2pm)

Planning for Progression

Thursday 24th March (1pm - 2pm)

Register now:
www.thecellartrust.org



HOMECARE ASSOCIATION FUEL PRICES SURVEY

The United Kingdom Homecare Association (UKHA) would greatly appreciate you completing their survey on fuel costs, which have a particular impact on homecare services. It should take no longer than five minutes.

Please fill in the short survey using this [LINK](#).

LIVING WITH COVID - WEBINARS FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Following discussion at the living with COVID working group, the Health Protection Team have agreed to host several webinars aimed at adult social care to outline the plan to manage COVID cases safely as we transition from a pandemic response to a more business as usual approach from early April 2022.

The webinars will include a summary of current guidance in relation to adult social care, expectations around managing cases, clusters and outbreaks of COVID-19 safely, and provide an opportunity for a question and answer session.

The webinars will be take place on 23rd and 24th March. There are three sessions but attendees only need to join one of them. Booking is online via Eventbrite - links below.

In addition, we would like attendees to submit any burning questions they may have so we can address them through the sessions, or via the Q&A at the end. Please send any questions to Caitlin.Lawton@phe.gov.uk by Friday 18 March.

Session 1: 23rd March at 1400 - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/290360384727>

Session 2: 24th March at 1030 - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/290361217217>

Session 3: 24th March at 1400 - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/290362280397>

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM GOV.UK FOR: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

[Visiting arrangements in care homes](#)

Page summary:

Sets out how care homes can support families and visitors to visit residents.

Change made:

Updated section 1.3 to reflect regulations revoking vaccination as a condition of deployment came into force on 15 March 2022. People working or volunteering in care homes are no longer required to have received a COVID-19 vaccine to enter the premises.

Time updated:

9:08am, 15 March 2022



SAVE THE DATE



Brightening Minds Training

WORKFORCE QUALITY WORKSHOPS:

- **Part 1 - Recruitment & Early Retention
(Tickets + Date below)**
- **Part 2 - Retention, Training & Development
(In May - Tickets and dates TBC)**

PART 1:

**WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH
13:30 - 16:00**

EVENT BOOKING

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

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



BCA UPDATES

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM BCA



CARE FOR UKRAINE



Launching a Care Sector Employment Scheme

Let's use our skill, resilience and compassion to support the people of Ukraine.

The Care Sector always rises to any challenges, with this in mind BCA would like to extend an offer of employment in the Care Sector to Ukraine refugees in the Bradford District - Working with System Partners to match skills and training of job roles within the Care Sector.

More details to follow soon on how Bradford Care Providers can pledge an offer of employment to Ukraine refugees.



OUR MEMBERS FACEBOOK PAGE IS LIVE! CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE PAGE

REGISTERED MANAGERS WHATSAPP GROUP

It is an opportunity to link with others so we can learn from each other's experiences, share good practice and importantly contribute to shaping how the sector collectively responds to our new normal. The invitation is open to all Registered and Senior Managers.

SEND YOUR NUMBER, NAME AND ORGANISATION TO 07807799456 TO JOIN!

BCA MEETINGS + ZOOM INFO

You can access all BCA's Meetings using the Zoom information below:

Meeting ID: 933 772 1608
Password: Bradford20

Provider Update - Tuesday 10:30-11:30

IPC Meeting - Tuesday 10:30 - 11:30

Please note the Provider Update and IPC run alternative to each other