



BCA Provider Meeting
Tuesday 4th August 2020 10:30am - 12:00pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 993 772 1608

MINUTES

Attendees: 31 participants

Louise Bestwick, Konrad Czajka, Sam Dawson, Alex Lorrison, Ann, Ben Byrne, J Wilsher, K Halpenny, Leon Berry, Paresh Mistry, Park View, Danielle Teasdale, Rachael Ross, Sally, Sue Kershaw, The Glen Nursing Home, Tolu Pguntimhin, Wellington, Christine, Elaine Ingleton, Administrator, Mike Reynolds, Ellie Binks, Karen Thornton, Nada Green, Shabir Hussain, Tracey, Suzanne Mcpadden, IHDF Limited, Ben Redhead

1. COVID

- Bradford are now under Enhanced Monitoring
- In Bradford Shielding is on pause as per National Guidance, however all Providers are advised to do a risk assessment to any shielders returning. However, there is a possibility that shielding may be reimplemented in Bradford so please take a cautious approach, BCA to give updates as and when they are available.
- Communications on this will be locally based and door to door testing or leaflet mobile testing unit will be supported out by VCS. This should be up and running in next 24 hours.
- Bradford have seen infection increase over the last few weeks, however the vast majority appear to be asymptomatic
- Visiting – No visiting in Care Homes is permitted currently as per new restrictions– Visiting professional should still be allowed access to the home if telemeds etc. cannot be used
- Regular visiting professionals to care homes such as district nurses, GPs, Physio etc. will have regular weekly tests as per guidance – Please feedback any issues with BCA
- Care Home Resource Pack will be released very soon and will also be a resource for social workers etc. too understand the procedures that the care sectors will be following
- CQC inspections - Rachael from Skills For Care will follow up nationally to see how these will be going forward with new guidelines

2. Funding

- **Void**s- Deadline for submitting voids claims for Care Homes was last week. Initial indications are out of the 93 Care homes 70 have submitted a claim, some Providers may have received payment already and remaining will be getting

remittance tomorrow. 22 Care Homes are operating at less than 70% of occupancy and of those only 8 got any support from LA as voids were mainly all CCG and self-funding. Of the voids, 16% CCG, 10% LA and 10% self-funders. There is a commitment to look at future void packages going forward from working through the data.

- **Care Home Resilience plan** – This will hopefully be signed off and sent out over the next week – BCA have inputted to this and ensured the whole sector is covered within it
- **IPC Funding** – All Care homes should have received their grant now – any issues please flag with commissioning team
- **IPC 25%** for Extra Care / Home Support: Initial tranche has gone out and everyone had until end of last week to submit any claims – If you have submitted, they will be working on getting it allocated. You will be contacted if you have not sent your declaration through. Also Leeds Council have advised they won't pay for service users where the Provider is registered in Bradford - If this affects you, please contact the BCA for support
- **COVID Cost Payment** – Paid up until 3rd May only and BCA have highlighted the gap numerous times and will continue to push – Updates to follow

3. PPE

- **Government PPE Portal** – The national portal is now accessible for all homes, check your emails for invitations to use the service. As of 3rd August any residential homes with 10 or more beds can have 300 type 2 masks, 600 aprons, 12,000 gloves and 1 box of 50 visors

4. Testing

- **Government Testing Portal** – All Providers will have received a notification from DHSC advising of the anticipated delays of the roll out of whole home testing. This is not expected to be completed for over 65 Care homes until 7th September. Most have managed to successfully re-register on the portal however majority have received tests. However, we anticipate that Bradford Providers will not be sent a second round of whole home tests kits until after 7th September. Reigniting the use of Marley for whole home testing as going forward in around 2-3 weeks majority of Government Portal tests will run out for all Providers.
- Care Home liaison officer will be ringing regarding routine testing and programme this week, this info will then be assessed by Marley to assess how they can provide for Bradford care homes – information from commissioning inbox this
- **Rapid Test** – Get results in 90 minutes being developed in 2-3 weeks, BCA will update as and when
- **Anti-body** – Gearing up for the testing, the task has been given to the Airedale and BRI so keep an eye out for updates

5. Guidance

- **Visiting guidance** – Visiting is on pause for all settings except exceptional circumstances – Visiting Professionals should continue to be allowed into the care home, however all alternatives to face to face visits should be explored in the first instance

6. Staffing

- **Pool of staffing** – Still available now from Local Authority should you need additional staffing and Skill House for recruiting (info in bulletin)
- **Annual Leave** - No exemption for Social Care workers for 14-day quarantine from infected countries – even if they are tested and negative result they cannot go back to work until the 14 days are complete

7. General

- **Registered Managers Reference Meeting** – The group meets every fortnight and has a new meeting time and highlights issues key issues e.g. CHC assessments with Nadine and Sara from CCG and they will now continue to work with the group to improve going forward – please contact BCA if you would like to join
- **Care@Home Newsletter** – BCA advise you to read the information on RESPECT plan – it is around emergency planning document e.g. if the client wants to be in hospital at home etc. there will be work books and training to come
- **IPC** – Training for Home Support and Supported Living to be announced soon
- **Home Support Forum** – 17th September keep it in the diary
- Invoices from BCA for membership have been sent out to all Providers please send back your payment or email admin@bradfordcareassociation if you have not received it

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