



We are holding weekly **BCA Provider Zoom** meeting **every Tuesday at 10.30am** to provide you with further updates and allow providers to ask questions and raise any issues that you would like our support with. Representatives from the council commissioning team and CCG will also attend each weeks provider zoom update.

The minutes from each week's call will available on the Provider Zone at the end of that week.

The **BCA Zoom** meeting is **open to ALL** social care providers of Bradford & Craven not just BCA members, we hope you are able to join us each week.

Providers can continue to email any concerns or issues you are experiencing to the BCA so we can work through them with our system partners:

Louise@bradfordcareassociation.org

Keep up the amazing work you are all doing to support the people of Bradford.

Regards,

BCA Board

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Bradford Care Association (BCA) – Zoom meeting held 19.05.2020

Chair: Louise Bestwick

Present: 19 BCA members

MINUTES

1. Funding —
 - a. Additional 600 million allocated to Local authorities for Care homes – awaiting clarification on how that will be allocated Bradford's allocation will be around 5 million – work on going. 75% to go direct to care homes based on the number of registered beds
 - b. Initial contingency payments from local authority were made up to beginning of May and BCA are seeking for further one's to be made to cover the remainder of May and self-funded service users – CCG 10% notification been sent out to all homes.
 - c. FNC backdated monies should have come through for all providers
 - d. BCA has written to the CCG – FNC / Local authority fees now higher than CHC! Asked CCG to look at this increase.
 - e. Payments for voids – We know this is a significant issue for providers. BCA are working with council on this. We have highlighted a few risks / issues working on that at the moment –clarification coming through – Voids as a whole, not just COVID voids as reduction of referrals / occupancy levels and increase in deaths.
2. Thursday 21st May Provider forum 10 – 12 update from CCG / Local authority for all providers – Invite coming out via commissioning inbox
3. Staffing – Local authority staff pool ready – contact them if you need access to staff via commissioning inbox and/or highlight in capacity tracker. Mutual aid between care homes, how can we offer help to each other? Would this benefit sector? Some homes are needing staff other are well staffed. Some care homes concerned about having to lay off staff due to empty beds – Interim voids payment coming through. To explore this idea further – to include care staff and Registered Nurses helping home ie: staff pool.
4. PPE – This is still a challenge trying to source from a variety of suppliers at often inflated prices and having to make payments in advance. Leon Berry has a contact who has a large stock of masks – Leon to share this centrally for all providers, masks approximately 40p per mask. Ongoing issue with masks and whether they are fluid resistant and up to standard. All homes are doing the best they can. Council getting PPE from local resilience disruption centre and own procurement. Council can help provide PPE via RAG rating / Capacity tracker, once you put an alert as Amber rating on RAG rating system – Council will be in touch to offer help with PPE. Still extremely hard to get PPE in Bradford and the BCA are calling for a long term centralised supply chain for all providers in Bradford at regulated prices.

5. Testing – Remains very difficult / lots of issues. Staff can get tested locally at Marley, Keighley but not Residents – For Marley, form to complete from local authority – for all staff on provider bulletin with / without symptoms from new Government portal for Care Home tests – Very early days so not working as well as we would like. Staff to be tested regular intervals 2 weekly ideally through Marley. All care homes could be allocated test days on a rolling schedule, still to clarify details. Louise will follow up.
6. New Discharge Testing pathway- Rights and Responsibilities – will be rolled out to all Homes soon – including testing of Residents coming out to care homes. Hospital are testing all patients before they leave hospital. All patients coming from hospital must be isolated in your home for 14 days. Bev Gallagher shared new discharge from hospital to care home pathway flow chart. The hospital has clear responsibility to receive test results before someone is discharged. The hospital discharge team can move patient to a local authority home for a short period until the results are back. All care homes should receive new pathway shortly. Bev suggested sending pathway out for all on this Zoom call to comment on and then feed back to Bev and then roll out to all care homes. Testing / tracking regularly now needs to start – awaiting guidance as soon as possible.
7. Approximately 30% - 44% of care homes have / have had COVID in their homes.
8. Immedicare (telemed) / out of hours GP – Seems to be working well, generally across district. Feedback to Bev Gallagher what is working well and what is not working well – This mechanism to do this is in provider bulletin.
9. Support to recognise deterioration – stop and watch / Sbar tool generally used in care homes. Monitoring tools to recognise general deterioration in Residents. Twice daily temperature monitoring being done in some homes. We all need to be using some consistent tool kits for recognising / responding to softer signs of deterioration. When people have COVID in home – Infection control team are ringing the affected homes daily / (Mike Horsley and Darren Fletcher). All willing to look at different pathways and review, give our perspective. Everyone to confirm email to Louise. Leon asked about consenting for testing when residents have Dementia / Cols in place – Deborah Green will speak to dols team about this – Dols have zoom meeting Thursday
10. Rachel Ross from Skills for Care has – Free workbooks available on Sbar tools and stop and watch tool. She will send these to Louise Bestwick. These can be sent out to this group to look at.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 26th May 2020 @ 10.30am