

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

Happy  
New Year

Thursday 31 December 2020

## WE STILL HAVE SOME VACCINE APPOINTMENTS FOR CARE HOME STAFF AVAILABLE

**Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at The Bradford Royal Infirmary**

To support you and your staff in the Covid-19 Support Team will be arranging all appointments on your behalf. When selecting/discussing with staff any potential appointment, **please make sure they are aware that the vaccine must not be given to anyone who;**

- **Suffers from Anaphylaxis**
- **Has received the current flu vaccine within seven days prior to their appointment**
- **Is symptomatic or unwell**
- **Has tested positive for Covid-19 within the last 28 days**

Guidance in respect of pregnant women has been revised, full details can be found [HERE](#)

**You will also have to consider that any staff who test positive for Covid-19 between their two vaccination appointments will have to wait 28 days before restarting their vaccination process.**

Below are links to both the Vaccination Request Form and a Consent Document you will need to complete with each member of staffs details, please evidence that staff give consent for their details to be shared with Bradford Council and Bradford Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust to arrange their vaccination appointment. **It is important all the information, especially the NHS Number and Date of Birth, are correct as any errors will result in a delay in processing the appointment. The spreadsheet must be returned to;** [covid19supportteam@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:covid19supportteam@bradford.gov.uk)

- [Covid-19 Vaccination Request Form](#)
- [Consent to Share Personal Information for Vaccination Form](#)

## PROVIDER BREXIT SURVEY – DEADLINE SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2021 – PLEASE COMPLETE IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY!

**The Council is undertaking contingency planning regarding Brexit and wishes to examine the potential risk of any disruption to our local care sector providers.** Please click on the link below to complete a survey, which will help us in supporting you. The Council wishes to work with its key supply chain to identify which suppliers may be affected and how by the UK exiting the EU at 11pm GMT on 31 December 2020.

<https://surveys.bradford.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=160856794926>

## LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING IN CARE HOMES

Given the recent Government advice in respect of the regular staff testing, using Lateral Flow Devices, we are aware that some care homes are beginning to implement this. The Covid-19 Support Team are working with colleagues in Public Health, the Bradford Care Association and operational services to develop a local protocol to support providers with this.

Our Director of Public Health, Sarah Muckle, has confirmed that Lateral Flow Devices are licenced for home use (i.e. staff self testing in their own homes prior to starting work) and Iain Macbeath, Strategic Director - Health and Wellbeing, has asked that the Department of Health and Social Care support this approach as part of the national guidance.

One of our local care homes has developed a Consent Form they have used within their service recently and is happy for us to share this template, it can be downloaded from the [Provider Zone](#).

## COVID 19 VACCINATIONS

The rollout of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine to care homes has now commenced in some of the larger care services. Initially, the vaccine could only be provided in a clinical setting so care home staff have been offered appointments at the Bradford Royal/infirmary in recent weeks. This will continue for the coming weeks and **appointment slots are still available**. See [first page](#). However, groups of GPs are now able to provide vaccinations to staff and residents at their care home.

As the rollout continues, it is important that you are prepared to support the vaccinations in your home. If there are any residents for whom you need to consult with family members about their wishes in line with a Lasting Power of Attorney for Health, or who may require a best interest decision, then it is necessary to begin having these conversations now, to ensure there is sufficient time to undertake and record the process properly. The appropriate form should be completed for each resident. The forms can be accessed via the [Provider Zone](#).

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIGITAL CARE HUB TEAM TO ALL CARE HOMES

Some care homes are not submitting their observations in a timely manner to the Super Rota. We absolutely understand the demand being placed on care home staff currently, however the sooner the Super Rota are informed of the clinical status and observations for the residents, the sooner positive interventions can be made to support both the resident and the care staff.

As you are aware the Super Rota requests that observations are e mailed in via the Digital Care Hub by 10.30am.

## CARE HOME OCCUPANCY SUPPORT SCHEME

Claim Period 3 of the occupancy support scheme ends this Sunday, 27 December. We have extended the deadline for claims slightly to end of the day on **Tuesday 5 January 2021**.

If you want to make a claim for this period, please ensure you submit the PERIOD 3 Application form to [HWB.Digital.Innovation@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:HWB.Digital.Innovation@bradford.gov.uk) by this date. **Please be aware - forms received after this date will not be processed.**

Application forms will not be sent out by email. You can download the application form, and access the guidance notes and further information here: <https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/occupancy-support-scheme/> (click on the orange 'Claim Periods' bar to find the application forms).

## SOCIAL CARE COVID-19 VACCINE Q&A

See attached in the [Provider Zone](#) for more details. Content includes:

- Accessing the vaccine
- About the COVID vaccine



Department of Health & Social Care

## DHSC CARE HOME TESTING UPDATE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRACE PERIOD FOR REGISTERING YOUR LATERAL FLOW TESTS, AND YOUR LATERAL FLOW QUESTIONS ANSWERED

See attached in the [Provider Zone](#) for more details.



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# CARE

## COVID-19: SELF-ISOLATION PAY FOR CARE WORKFORCE

It is vital over the winter months that care workers continue to receive their normal wages when self-isolating. This protects care users by ensuring workers are incentivised to stay at home when necessary, and means no care worker is financially penalised for doing the right thing by adhering to Government guidelines.

See attached letter addressed to all adult social care providers in the [Provider Zone](#) for more details.

**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.**

## EVIDENCE SUMMARY FOR LATERAL FLOW DEVICES (LFD) IN RELATION TO CARE HOMES

This summary follows the release of [visitor testing guidance](#) that supports friends and relatives to visit care home residents and provides clarity on the available evidence to support safe visiting as part of our overall approach to promote the health and wellbeing of care home residents.

Friends and relatives tested immediately before their visit can demonstrate they are likely to be free of risk of transmitting COVID-19 by having an LFD negative result. Testing must be done directly before the visit takes place and must be undertaken in combination with other infection prevention and control measures.

To access, click [HERE](#)

**01** day to go

# BREXIT

The UK transition:  
time is running out!

There are new rules for businesses and citizens from 1  
January 2021.

Support is available in Bradford – Click on  
the link below:

## **BREXIT - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!**

- **Preparing for EU Transition In Adult Social Care**
- **UK: EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement and the Government's preparations for end of the EU transition period**

**Please find attached letters in the [Provider Zone](#)**

### **INFORMATION REQUEST**

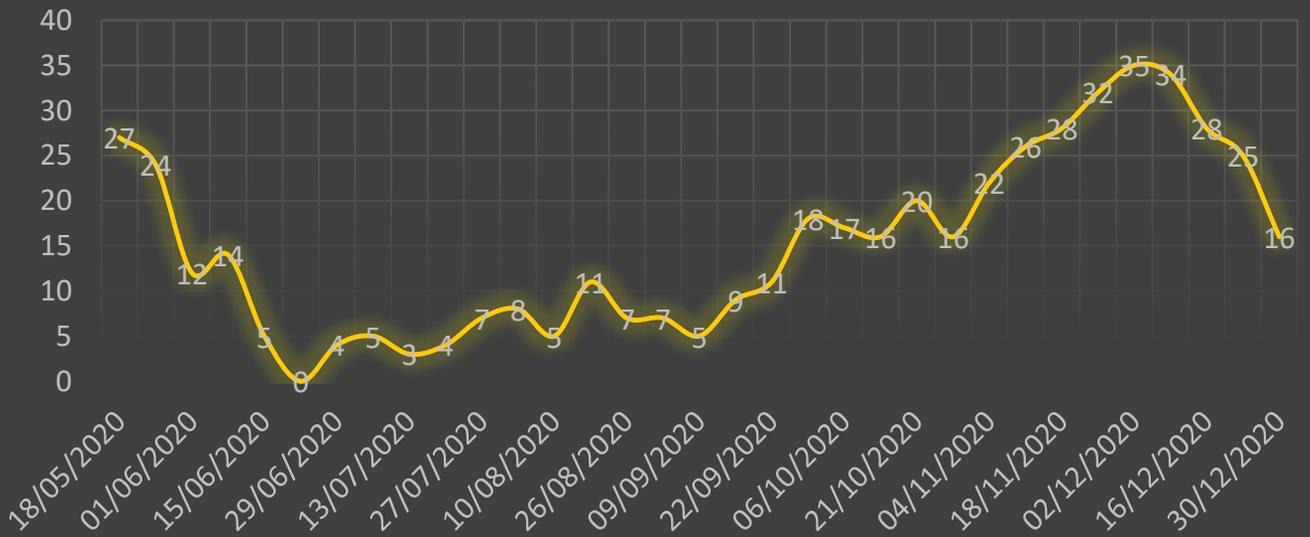
If you have any specific issues/concerns, please  
email [ali.gul@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:ali.gul@bradford.gov.uk)

Department of Health and Wellbeing, Bradford Council.

# Bradford Care Homes Covid-19 Tracker

This and other graphs are available in the [Provider Zone](#). The Covid-19 Support Team are currently working with our intelligence data colleagues to develop a clear, concise, yet informative weekly presentation of the current situation in respect of several areas relating to the current pandemic. We will be liaising with BCA colleagues to ensure this data is useful and accurately reflects the situation here in Bradford. We are aware that some of this data is extremely sensitive and we are working to develop a more secure route for provider access only. More information to follow next week.

## Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



## Number of Covid-19 Infections

