

PROVIDER BULLETIN

NEXT 10 DAYS - KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 14 January - LD Providers Covid-19 and IPC Webinar
 - Tuesday 18 January – BCA IPC Meeting

Upcoming events can be viewed in the '[EVENTS CALENDAR](#)' within the Provider Zone.

DELAYED PCR TEST RESULTS

We are aware that a number of Bradford's providers have experienced delayed PCR test results. We have now been informed by UKHSA that the backlog has been cleared and all results should have been received by 7 January from tests taken over the first weekend of January. If you have still not received your test results then please contact the Covid-19 Support Team on 01274 431999 so we can escalate the issue.

ORDER HOME TEST KITS

If you require LFTs for use at home they can be collected from local pharmacies or ordered online using the following [LINK](#)

COVID FUNDING GRANTS

We have sent reminders to all providers who haven't yet claimed some or all of the grants available. If you've had a reminder, please return the relevant declarations by this Friday. We have also just received guidance on the new Omicron Support Fund which can be used for IPC measures. We'll provide more information on this shortly. In the meantime, you can find out about the current grants by downloading this [spreadsheet](#).

Vaccines as a Condition of Deployment 2

Hosted by Louise Bestwick (Chief Executive Officer at Bradford Care Association)

Date: 06/01/2022

Time: 11:00am – 12:30pm

Location: Zoom

VCOD 2

Please click on the video on the left to watch our full webinar on VCOD 2 for wider social care. You can also read our resource pack using this [LINK](#)

KEY UPDATES

Guidance

Covid-19: management of staff and exposed patients or residents in health and social care settings

TESTING

SEE [HERE](#) FOR FULL GUIDANCE

- Staff are no longer required to have a follow-up PCR test. If a staff member receives a positive LFD or PCR test result, they must stay at home and self-isolate immediately.
 - Managers can undertake a risk assessment of staff who test positive between 10 and 14 days and who do not have a high temperature, with a view to them returning to work depending on the work environment.
 - Asymptomatic staff, patients and residents who do not have severe immunosuppression, and who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 by LFD or PCR test should be exempt from routine testing by PCR test within 90 days from their initial illness onset or test date.
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SELF-ISOLATION

SEE [HERE](#) FOR FULL GUIDANCE

- Staff may be able to end their self-isolation period before the end of 10 days.
 - The isolation period includes the day the symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they do not have symptoms), also described as Day 0.
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OUTBREAKS

SEE [HERE](#) FOR FULL GUIDANCE

- UKHSA have moved Omicron outbreak management in care home in line with that of Delta/Alpha. All staff and residents should be tested with PCR 14 days after the last resident or staff had a positive test result or showed coronavirus-like symptoms. Following the results, and a risk assessment, an agreement can be made for restrictions to be stood down.
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TRAVEL

SEE [HERE](#) FOR FULL GUIDANCE

- Health and Social Care Staff entering from any country not on the red list are no longer required to take a daily LFD test until day 10 after return from travel.
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For more information on Covid-19 updates. Guidance and support, please see our Provider Zone [HERE](#)

ADVERTISE YOUR VACANCIES!

There are some new recruits coming through SkillsHouse so remember that if you are an organisation within social care that would like to advertise their vacancy with us, please email the covid19supportteam@bradford.gov.uk, with the following information:

Subject Title: FAO Ben - Care Vacancy

You must complete the following documents (these will download and are not able to view online):

[Social Care Vacancies](#) (must be completed and returned)

[Jobs And Apprenticeships Template](#) (to be used if you do not have a live vacancy that can be linked to)

If you have any queries on this process, please call our duty number on 01274 431999.

SERVICE UPDATE SYSTEM REMINDER

Please remember to log in and update your service update system profile with you current RAG rating in line with the guidance below. When you report an amber or red status the team will know to contact you to offer support, you can also request support when green by using our contact details here: <https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/covid-19-support-team-duty-desk/>. Please ensure to review your reported status often, as the team will be monitoring the dashboard regularly (see below)

<p>Red</p> <p>Service concerns within the next 48 hours</p>	<p>Insufficient availability of staff to maintain current care rotas.</p> <p>Insufficient Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for staff currently delivering care.</p> <p>Insufficient PCR or LFD testing for staff, and/or residents, resulting in failure to follow testing protocols.</p> <p>Provider contingency plan already in place, but will still be unable to deliver essential service.</p> <p>Unable to deliver current planned personal care, medication and nutrition services to some service users, with no alternative provision from e.g. friends and family in place.</p> <p>Safeguarding concerns about people you support which you are unable to address.</p> <p>Safeguarding concerns about people you normally support who have turned down support in the current situation.</p> <p>Over Five Covid cases at the service for both staff and residents/clients.</p> <p>The death of a person within your service due to Covid-19.</p>
<p>Amber</p> <p>Service concerns within the next five days.</p>	<p>Insufficient availability of staff to maintain current care rotas within the next five days.</p> <p>Provider contingency plans are enacted and sufficient to provide essential service delivery.</p> <p>Unable to deliver current planned personal care, medication and nutrition services to some service users from the start of next week, with no alternative provision from e.g. friends and family in place.</p> <p>Any new Covid cases at the service, also to be used when current cases have been previously confirmed and followed up.</p> <p>Have ordered personal protection equipment, or PPE, but not yet received this.</p> <p>Limited supply of PCR/LFD testing, which would result in failure to follow testing protocols within the next five days.</p>
<p>Green</p> <p>No concerns for service delivery</p>	<p>Do not meet any of the red or amber criteria.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Has received a follow up call from the Covid-19 Support Team and are satisfied with the plan put in place and/or the action agreed. If the previous update was Red or Amber, but has now changed, please update your status to Green, if you are still operating at Amber/Red, please ensure to record this in the description box on your submission.</p>

BCA UPDATES

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM BCA

JOIN OUR SOCIAL CARE SUPPORT COMMUNITY!

BCA WHATSAPP GROUP

The BCA WhatsApp group has proved to be a great success with over 120 Providers being part of it. It allows for 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 - Keep up to date with the latest guidance and updates!

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

BCA PROVIDER UPDATE MEETINGS

The BCA Provider Update Meetings take place fortnightly on Tuesdays from 10:30 - 11:30am. BCA will update on all latest information such as Covid-19, funding grants and much more. This meeting will allow people to share good practice and discuss issues that can then be brought to attention.

**EMAIL ADMIN@BRADFORDCAREASSOCIATION.ORG
TO GET YOUR MEETING INVITES!**