

## FRONTLINE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE STAFF CAN AVOID SELF-ISOLATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

This morning DHSC released a [press release](#) stating that double vaccinated NHS and social care staff in England who have been told to self-isolate will be permitted to attend work in exceptional circumstances by using testing mitigations. This includes those who have been contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace and those 'pinged' by the app.

Those that are told to self-isolate must take a PCR test and then daily negative lateral flow tests for a minimum of seven days, and up to ten days or completion of what would have been the self-isolation period. These changes only apply to frontline staff where their absence may lead to a significant risk of harm. Do note that this "decision is subject to a risk assessment by an individual(s) nominated by the organisation's management, and authorisation by the organisation's local Director of Infection Prevention and Control and/or the lead professional for health protection and/or Director of Public Health relevant to the organisation."

The [guidance](#) has also been updated to reflect this - see the grey box at the top. Please note that the rest of the guidance hasn't been updated and section 9.1 as a result may clash with the update.

## BACES EQUIPMENT REVIEW

BACES are experiencing delays in being able to supply new equipment to the sector due to various supply chain issues. Would it be possible to put a message in the bulletin asking all providers to review all their BACES equipment and notify BACES any equipment that is no longer required and so it can be returned urgently.

## EXTENDED INFECTION CONTROL AND TESTING FUND

Just a quick reminder, if you are based in the District, please return your signed declaration to [IPCGrant@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:IPCGrant@bradford.gov.uk) by **Friday 23 July** to receive Infection Control and Testing extended funding.

## **SNAP SURVEY – SUPPORTING PROVIDERS ANTICIPATING A LOSS OF THEIR REGISTERED MANAGER**

Now England has reached the final stage of the governments roadmap out of lockdown, the country has been launched into a new normal. As we enter this stage of recovery we understand that some members of your workforce might be planning to leave the care setting, and this survey has been created to understand how we can support you if the Registered Manager has left or has plans to leave. Please can all services complete this survey using the following [LINK](#)

## **COMMISSIONING LETTER TO THE MAC FOR THE REVIEW OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

The Minister for Future Borders and Immigration has written to Professor Brian Bell to commission the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to undertake an independent review of adult social care and the impact that ending freedom of movement has had on the sector. You can view the letter [HERE](#)

## **TELEMEDICINE REVIEW**

We are facilitating a review of the existing Telemedicine Service on behalf of our area to try and get a better understanding of what Care Homes and wider services need from this type of service in the future to improve outcomes and experience for residents and staff in Care Homes so we can continue to have this service across our area.

This review involves collecting a series of data to inform the future modelling. To support this we hope can provide a case study example of a time when you have used the Telemedicine service to support one of your residents. We have developed a one page template to hopefully make this easier and we would be really grateful if you could complete the form to share your experience.

The form is available to download [HERE](#). Please return it to [Covid19SupportTeam@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:Covid19SupportTeam@bradford.gov.uk) upon completion

## **FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME**

Over the weekend DHSC announced this year's flu programme. They have confirmed that frontline health and adult social care staff will be eligible for a free jab as part of this programme. The jabs will begin to be offered from September 2021. You can read the details [HERE](#)

# GUIDANCE UPDATES

## PPE GUIDANCE

The PPE guidance for [care homes](#) and [domiciliary care](#) has been updated. The changes mostly relate to wording and legal changes. The guidance as a result remains the same. The domiciliary care guidance has also been updated to state that of masks Type I, II or IIR masks can be used for domestic duties.

## ADMISSIONS TO CARE HOME GUIDANCE

The [admissions to care home guidance](#) has been updated to clarify that where a resident is being admitted from another care home or care facility, care home managers should undertake a risk assessment to determine whether self-isolation is required.

Please be wary of the 'summary of changes in this version' section as it is misleading. It lists all the changes made to guidance not just those made over the weekend.

## SUPPORTED LIVING VISITING

The guidance for [supported living visiting](#) has been updated to clarify the policy on limiting close contact and visiting in and out of supported living settings. From today, there are no restrictions on the number of people individuals can meet. Nevertheless, it asks for dynamic risk assessment for the overall setting and individualised risk assessments to continue to be created for individuals. It continues to suggest a number of measures to mitigate risk - including testing although this isn't a requirement for visitors or those supported by care.

## CARE HOME VISITING GUIDANCE

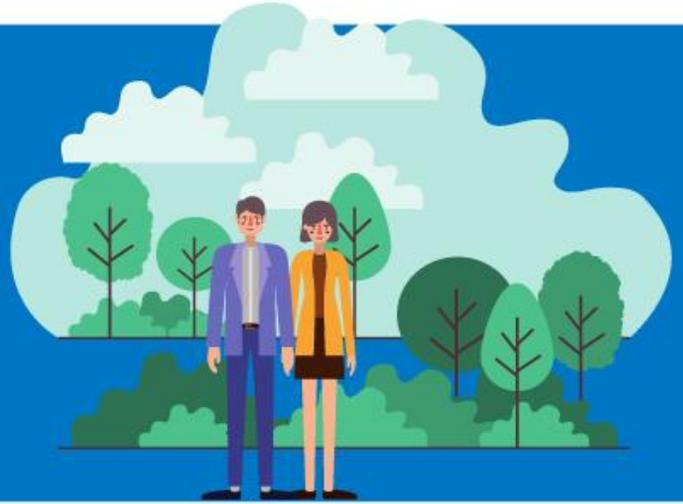
A PowerPoint with information all about care home visiting has been uploaded to the Provider Zone and is accessible with this [LINK](#)

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**WE UNDERSTAND  
THAT OUTSIDE THINGS  
ARE CHANGING**



**HOWEVER, OUR COLLEAGUES  
ARE STILL WEARING THEIR  
FACEMASKS TO PROTECT YOU**

**WE REQUIRE YOU TO CONTINUE  
TO WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING  
WHILE USING HEALTH AND CARE  
SERVICES ACROSS BRADFORD  
DISTRICT AND CRAVEN**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

# CONNECT TO SUPPORT – SOCIAL CARE DIRECTORY

The [Social Care Directory](#) is a new eMarketplace on Connect to Support, replacing the previous Search and Shop. The proposed roll out for the new Social Care Directory is as follows:

Stage 1: Sign up of Social Care Providers, to started June 2021 until the 31 July 2021. (you can continue to sign up after this date)

Stage 2: Advertise to Social Care Professionals (i.e. Social Workers), to start on the 01 August and end on the 31 October 2021.

Stage 3: Advertise to people in receipt of services and to members of the public, to start 01 November.

We are currently in stage one and ask you as care providers to ensure that you are included on this new part of our website, to register your service, please use the online form [HERE](#) or call 0333 600 6330.

Please note that the online form can sometimes show as a blank page on Google Chrome. To fix this, either delete your Cookies or use an alternative Web Browser.

## Help stop the spread of COVID-19



# BCA KEY DATES IN JULY

Meeting	Date	Time
Provider Update session	Tues, 27 <sup>th</sup> July	10:30 – 11:30
DSPT Drop-in session (join if you have any queries or questions about the DSPT)	Tues, 27 <sup>th</sup> July	11:30 – 12:00

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## OUTSIDE...THERE ARE **BIG CHANGES**

- Meet as many people as you are happy to see
- 'One metre plus' rule scrapped
- Face coverings advisory indoors
- Mass events restart and no limit on the numbers at weddings and funerals
- Voluntary to scan QR codes
- Work from home 'where possible' scrapped

## WHEN USING HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES ACROSS BRADFORD DISTRICT AND CRAVEN... **IT'S NO CHANGE**

- Our services look after the MOST vulnerable people
- Community infection rates are rising
- If our staff have to self isolate, we have to reduce our services
- If we have more people with COVID-19 in hospital, we have to postpone other services including operations



HANDS



FACE



SPACE