

ROUTINE TESTING FOR SUPPORTED LIVING AND EXTRA CARE

Information about testing for SL and EC settings can be found [HERE](#)

You must attend the webinars for this, to sign up click [HERE](#)

ICF2: WHAT CAN THE FUNDS BE SPENT ON?

Two documents have been uploaded to the Provider Zone detailing what the fund can be spent on by care homes and community providers

UBER TAXI REDUCTION FOR NHS AND CARE HOME STAFF

Uber is running an Uber Medics scheme offering 25% off all Uber rides for NHS and care home staff, for more information and info on how to sign up visit [HERE](#)

COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM WEEKLY VLOG

The latest instalment of the vlog series has been uploaded and is available to view [HERE](#)

NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE IS GOING UP!

Understanding what counts as working time is important to ensure you're paying the correct National Minimum Wage. Sometimes even employers who are paying above minimum wage rates can make a mistake leading to underpayment.

HMRC has made available to employers and commissioners in the Social Care sector a webinar covering the aspects of working time that cause the most confusion to employers, with a focus on time spent travelling, waiting and on breaks. Register to watch [HERE](#)

COVID-19 VACCINATION AWARDS

Following on from our previous Bulletin, please see below the current figures, collated from Capacity Tracker, for vaccination uptake in Care Homes.

Award	No. of Homes
Bronze	20
Silver	22
Gold	17
Platinum	11

For your home to receive their award, you must send an email to the Covid-19 Support Team with the following included:

1. Evidence of updating capacity tracker with your most up to date vaccination data.
2. If relevant, the number of people within your service that are not eligible for the vaccination and the reasons for this. We will not count these staff in your overall total, which may increase your level of award.
3. For staff that are eligible, but remain hesitant, please state their reasons why and any potential action you will be taking to mitigate the risk.

We will review your submission and award the relevant certificate to you. As previously mentioned, those that receive a gold or platinum award will also receive a letter of commendation from Iain Macbeath, Strategic Director of Health and Wellbeing, and Sarah Muckle, Director of Public Health, at Bradford Council.

There is no deadline for these awards and should your service become eligible for a higher award, we will issue your new award once the evidence stated above is submitted. **For all other services, the team will contact you shortly via flash emails to support your award schemes**, please be patient as we are staggering our approach as to not inundate the team with requests.

WALKING IN MY SHOES ONLINE TRAINING

This training is available for all our health and social care support staff and is funded through West Yorkshire and Harrogate Support Staff Workforce Development Funding (SSWDF). Within the session, support staff will recognise what it is like to 'walk in service users' shoes', taking responsibility to get it right first time.

This fantastic interactive training session will last for 2 hours and will be running from 1 March. The session sets an empathetic tone, whilst recognising the hard work and dedication of all support staff. Within the session, support staff will recognise what it is like to 'walk in service users' shoes', taking responsibility to get it right first time!

For more information and course dates please go [HERE](#) and to book a course email walkinginmyshoes@shIPLEY.ac.uk

ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING FOR PERSONAL ASSISTANTS

We are pleased to announce that Personal Assistants in England now have access to regular weekly asymptomatic coronavirus testing via NHS Test and Trace. Personal Assistants will be able to apply for 4 test kits to be delivered to their home address every 28 days.

For more information please sign up for one of our Personal Assistant webinars. The live webinars will:

- Talk you through the end-to-end process for personal assistant testing
- Include a live question and answer session with the personal assistant team, who will be happy to answer your questions

You can sign up for the webinars [HERE](#), all of which have now been recorded and are instantly available once you are signed up

MOVEMENT BETWEEN SETTINGS DURING COVID-19

Care home providers should continue to limit all staff movement between settings unless absolutely necessary to help reduce the spread of infection.

The Government has this week issued new guidance detailing what's expected of providers on the routine movement of staff, and how to manage the risk of individuals who work in multiple settings. You can access the new guidance [HERE](#)

CARE HOMES DIGITAL INTEGRATION PROJECT UPDATE

Please could we ask all care homes that haven't yet completed their digital survey, to do so ASAP.

You can access the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L5BGDVJ>

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and is incredibly important for us to gain an understanding of how we can best support your home with the resources available to us.

As part of the survey, we are asking all homes to nominate a 'Digital Champion' as a point of contact for us to work with throughout the project, so please have a think about who would be the best colleague within your home to undertake this role.

As always, if you have any questions about the project or survey, please contact marianne.millward@nhs.net.

Digital Survey Topics

Connectivity
within the home
(Broadband/Wifi)

Current hardware
within the home

Digital
competence/
confidence of
staff

DSPT compliance
status

NHS mail
registration
status and use

Current remote
monitoring
capabilities

Current approach
to patient
admin/records

Digital methods
of
communication
used

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

- Tuesday 9 March 10:30-11:30 – BCA Provider Update

IPC ON CALL THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 06 March

Jacqui Elliott 10-1pm

07813 394841

Sunday 07 March

Mike Horsley 10-1pm

07582 102117

BRADFORD CARE HOMES COVID-19 TRACKER

These 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



THIS WEEK'S POSTER

This poster is available to download from the Provider Zone so you can print it off and display in staff rooms or circulate to staff by email



HM Government

NHS

**Every
opened window
is making
a difference**

Blowing Covid-19 particles out of our homes is helping stop the spread.

Let's keep going

**STAY HOME
PROTECT
THE NHS
SAVE LIVES**