

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.

PROVIDER BULLETIN

Tuesday 12 January 2021

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR SOCIAL CARE – PROVIDER ZONE

Please click on the below link and save as a bookmark for future reference. Any updates regarding vaccinations will sent via a flash email and be added here.

<https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/pr-ovider-zone/covid-19-vaccinations-for-social-care/>

GUIDANCE UPDATE VISITING CARE HOMES DURING COVID-19 UPDATED 12 JANUARY 2021

This guidance applies for the period of the national restrictions beginning 6 January 2021. This supplements the legal position set out in The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 3) and (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

To access, click [HERE](#)

CARE HOME BOGUS CALLER INCIDENT

A care home provider in the Bradford city centre area has informed the Council that their care staff were approached by individuals impersonating security staff recently. The callers wanted to access the care home in the early hours of the morning in late December. Staff were vigilant and this was reported to the Police.

Please remind your staff to always ask for appropriate ID and do not allow any unexpected people onto the premises until their identity is fully verified.

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FURLOUGH AND THE CORONAVIRUS JOB RETENTION SCHEME

Care Providers are able to furlough staff in one of two ways:

1. Furlough to stop work temporarily but stay employed
2. 'Flexibile furlough' to work some of their usual hours and be put on furlough for the hours they did not work

Click [HERE](#) to access ACAS guidance for more detail.

IMPORTANT: SERVICE UPDATE SYSTEM - VACCINATION PROGRAMME SUPPORT

The Bradford Service Update System, which is hosted on the Connect to Support website, has been updated to include status updates for the rollout of the Vaccination Programme.

For more information, see attached in the [Provider Zone](#)

NEW NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS



CORONAVIRUS TESTING IN BRADFORD DISTRICT

If you live or work in the Bradford District there are now several different ways you can get a test for COVID-19 including mobile testing units, home testing and lateral flow testing.

Find out more about where you can go to get tested and where home-testing teams will be visiting in over the next week.

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

The NHS have provided partners with information on the latest COVID-19 vaccines including a list of FAQs. This page will be updated as and when more information is made available.

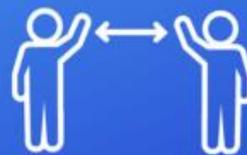
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Hands



Face



Space

REMEMBER: HAND, FACE, SPACE

- Maintain 2 metres social distancing from people you do not live with
- Wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in public places and where you can't keep 2 metres apart from others.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water when leaving the house and returning and regularly throughout the day. When soap and water is not available outside of your home use hand sanitiser.

EVERYONE URGED TO THINK TWICE ABOUT THEIR COVID ACTIONS

Bradford District is in a particularly critical period in the battle to beat COVID-19 and public health experts are calling on everyone to think twice about their daily activities.

Infection rates in the district in the week 5 January rose by 40% - from 199 per 100,000 population to 282 – and it is estimated that between 50 and 70% of new cases are of the new variant strain of the virus.

This is a worrying trend that we need to make sure does not follow London and other parts of the country where the new variant has really taken a hold.

Bradford Council's Director of Public Health and Council Leader have reinforced the message from England's Chief Medical Officer Chris Whitty, who said today that the country was entering the worst weeks of the pandemic for the NHS and urged people to stay at home and stop all unnecessary contact.

Sarah Muckle, Director of Public Health, said: "The new variant is very virulent - 50% more infectious than the original strain – and we need to do everything we can to minimise its spread. Where possible people should think and act as though they have COVID-19 to reduce potential transmission.

"The virus can be passed on in any place where people from different households meet, so everyone should think twice before they leave the house. Any single unnecessary contact with someone is a possible link in a chain of infection transmission that could lead to a vulnerable person.

"While local infection rates are nowhere near as high as in other places that may just be because there is a lag in the spread of the new variant as it was first detected in the South East.

Council Leader Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe said: "Our health services are at a critical point as they deal with increasing numbers of COVID-related admissions to local hospitals and, at the same time, roll-out more and more vaccinations to our most vulnerable people.

"The next couple of weeks are vitally important in slowing the rapid increase of the new variant, nationally and locally.

"It's everyone's responsibility to take all the precautions they can and help to keep our communities and our NHS safe. The more people who Stay at Home, and the more people who think carefully and focus on hands, face, space if they do need to go out, the better in the fight to conquer COVID-19."

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)

SECOND VACCINATIONS FOR COVID-19

Message from Ray Smith, Chief Medical Officer

Please be aware that we are not providing second vaccinations at present for COVID-19.

This decision from the UK Chief Medical Officers/NHS England and the Joint Committee on Immunisation and Vaccination will allow the NHS to get the maximum benefit for the most people in the shortest possible time and will help save lives.

Everyone who has had a first vaccination will be contacted in the coming weeks and provided with an appointment for a second vaccination.

Please do not ring the vaccination hotline or turn up at the vaccination centre as we are very busy.

Please do not attend the vaccine centre even if you have an appointment as we will not be administering second vaccinations at present.

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN CARE HOMES

WEBINAR, FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2021, 14:00-15:30

The Department of Health and Social Care and the Better Care Fund team are hosting a series of webinars on Infection Prevention and Control in Care Homes. During the COVID-19 pandemic, infection prevention and control has been a priority for care homes and local systems across England. While great progress is being made in testing and delivering a vaccination programme, the risks remain and the new variant of COVID potentially increases the risk as infection is spread more easily. The series will be made up of four webinars: a national webinar – to be held on 15 January 2021 – followed by three regional webinars, covering the North of England, the South of England and the Midlands region.

The webinars will look at the risk factors for the spread of infection in Care Homes, good practice in Infection Prevention and Control and provide the opportunity to share learning. Participants will:

- Learn about risk factors and the evidence base for Infection Prevention and Control
- Recognise the importance of multi-agency working to enable people to live and work safely in Care Homes
- Consider lessons learned over the last 9 months
- Share practice, learning and ideas

The webinars are open to all, but they are aimed primarily at care home providers and health and social care services involved in infection prevention and control in care homes. We will hear from speakers from across the sector, including representatives from the Department of Health and Social Care and Care Home Providers.

This event page is for the first webinar which will be held on 15 January, 2021, 14:00-15:30. Dates for the regional webinars are being finalised and will be published as soon as possible on the [Better Care Exchange](#).

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