

NEXT 10 DAYS - KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **BCA Quality Workshop: Wednesday 29 September 2021, 13:30-16.00.**
- **Supporting Staff with Long Covid and other chronic fatigue conditions: Friday 1 October 2021, 12:30-14:00.** Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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

**Also see the slide 6 for upcoming dates for September.*

FUEL ISSUES FOR KEY WORKERS

The latest information from the Council's Emergency Planning Team indicates that some recent deliveries have taken place to some fuel stations in the district. Ten fuel companies, including BP and Shell, have issued a collective statement saying that they expected demand to return to normal "in the coming days".

We are hoping that will see a positive change in fuel availability. We are also aware that any continued shortage may impact on your ability to provide services. Please ensure you communicate with people in receipt of support if you are aware their call(s) may be delayed due to issues with fuel. You should also review your Business Continuity Plan, in particular the potential for priority visits. We will ensure we keep you updated of the current situation and any further developments. It is worth reminding staff of some simple tips to help reduce fuel consumption:

- Wherever possible, do not let your fuel tank fall below a quarter full.
- If you are able to, try to car share with colleagues during visits, ensuring all IPC precautions are observed.
- Limit the amount of weight in the car, the more weight the greater the fuel consumption. Every 200 pounds of additional weight cuts one mile off fuel efficiency.
- Ensure tires are inflated to the manufacturer's recommended level. One underinflated tire can cut fuel economy by 2% per pound of pressure below the proper inflation level.
- Observe the speed limits. It is estimated a 10% to 15% improvement in fuel economy is achieved by driving 55 mph instead of 65 mph.
- If you have it, use the air conditioner system only when needed. The air conditioner puts extra load on the engine, forcing more fuel to be used and is one of the biggest drains on engine power and fuel economy.
- Anticipate traffic conditions and accelerate and decelerate smoothly — it's safer and uses less fuel.
- When climbing a hill, the engine is already working hard to overcome gravity. Pushing it harder by acceleration is a waste of fuel.

BOOKING A COVID-19 BOOSTER THROUGH THE NATIONAL BOOKING SERVICE

From 24 September, frontline health and social care staff will be able to book their appointment online [here](#) or by ringing 119. The vaccination programme also offers vaccinations at hundreds of walk-in centres across the country without the need to book in advance. Staff can visit nhs.uk/grab-a-jab to locate their nearest walk-in, mobile and pop-up sites.

Access to booster vaccinations at walk-in sites is subject to ID requirements set out below, and staff should be aware that walk-in sites and the National Booking Service will perform checks to verify vaccination history, to ensure a booster vaccine is due.

As part of the booking process, social care workers will need to self-declare they are a frontline health or social care worker. When booking, they will be advised on the evidence they will need to provide at the vaccination site as of proof of employment, otherwise they may be turned away. Proof of employment will be accepted, using one of the following: A workplace photo ID, A recent letter from their employer (last 3 months), or A recent payslip which shows their employer (last 3 months).

The vaccination programme, with your help, has protected those most vulnerable to COVID-19 during this pandemic, and as we enter into a new phase of the rollout, we're very grateful once more to you and your colleagues for your support.

GUIDANCE UPDATE

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for adult social care settings](#): Outlines the COVID-19 testing available for testing staff, residents and visitors for all adult social care settings.
- [Testing for professionals visiting care homes](#)

FREE THANK YOU CONCERT FOR CARE HOMES FROM BRISTOL BEACON AND LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

As a big thank you to care home staff and residents for their hard work and resilience during the pandemic, Bristol Beacon are to live stream the forthcoming London Symphony Orchestra concert with Sir Simon Rattle in Bath to care homes across the country.

For one night only, the concert will be broadcast live via YouTube at 7.15pm on Thursday 7 October.

Any care home in the country can tune in for free to this special thank you broadcast.

Care Homes are invited to screen the concert for staff and residents, and details of how to access the stream are provided below.

- To access the stream please click here [LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pj-jnh1e5w0>]
- In order to play the stream on your Smart TV, follow this instruction guide [LINK: <https://lso.co.uk/youtubeguide>]
- The stream will then be available for 24 hours only after the broadcast via the same link.



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REMINDER

Including:

- Quality Assurance
 - Well Led
- Mental Health and Well Being
 - Support Systems
- Continuous Improvement Plan

WEDNESDAY 29th SEPT 13:30 - 16:00

EVENT BOOKING

[Click here to get your FREE TICKET from EventBrite.](#)

If having any problems booking your place please email
admin@bradfordcareassociation.org

SOCIAL CARE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION

The past year has been a difficult time for the entire adult social care workforce, which is why a [Social Care Day of Remembrance and Reflection](#) has been launched, hosted by [The Care Workers' Charity](#) and fully endorsed by the Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care, Deborah Sturdy in this [heartfelt post for the DHSC Social Care blog](#).

The day, announced during this year's [Professional Care Workers' Week](#), will take place in March 2022. [Find out how you can pay tribute to colleagues past and present](#)

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM CARE HOME PROVIDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A SMALL SCALE 'RITA IN CARE HOMES PILOT'

RITA stands for Reminiscence Interactive Therapy Activities and is an all-in-one touch screen solution which offers digital reminiscence therapy – the use of user-friendly interactive touch screen monitors and tablets to blend entertainment with therapy and to assist residents/patients (particularly with memory impairment) in recalling and sharing events from their past through listening to music, watching news reports of significant historical events, listening to war-time speeches, playing games and karaoke, watching old TV shows, watching full length feature films and sporting events, producing digital life stories, viewing old maps and photographs, making video calls and watching films.

Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust have acquired RITA bundles for use with service users receiving care on the Dementia Assessment Unit (DAU) and on Bracken Ward. The team are keen to evaluate the impact of RITA deployment within a small number of Bradford care homes in supporting enhanced care and support for older people living with dementia and/or other mental health conditions using this digitally enabled interactive therapy approach. The aim is to understand the role of RITA in supporting more continuity of person-centred therapeutic care and support for people living with dementia, especially among those who require admission and care within more than one health and/or social care setting during their dementia journey, for example those who require admission to the DAU and/or a Local Authority assessment bed and/or those who go on to receive care in one of Bradford's care homes.

Funding is available through Public Health Bradford to support a Local Authority assessment bed facility and one care home provider to receive a RITA care bundle which consists of a large 24" screen on a portable trolley and up to two 10" portable tablets. If your care home has a primary role in providing care for older people living with mental health conditions and dementia (i.e. those traditionally referred to as EMI care facilities) and you are interested in taking part in this innovative pilot, please complete the attached 'Expression of Interest' form in the [Provider Zone](#) and return to Sarah De Biase, at sarah.debiase@bdct.nhs.uk on or before the 1st October 2021. More information about RITA and the project can be found in a RITA in Care Homes Bradford Pilot: Supporting Information' document available.

Date:
Friday 8th October 2021

Time:
8.30am – 10.00am

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Attenti Consulting Event

The Voice of Social Care in ICS Health and Care Systems

Register

Click the button to confirm your attendance at this online event

Attenti Consulting is bringing together a panel of esteemed leaders from Social Care and Health who will be exploring the topic of ICS Health and Care Partnerships ensuring the voice of social care is heard. In this hour and a half roundtable discussion a panel made up of some of the most compelling and sometimes controversial speakers from the sector will be expanding on the most prominent ICS themes currently trending, including:

- ICS Health and Care Partnership; new name same premise but how will we make it work this time?
- Equalising the footing between Care and Health
- Creating positive and enduring place based partnerships
- The importance of data integration and getting it right

This is a free event aimed at Social Care and Health Leaders and as this is an occasion for shared learning there will be an opportunity to feed into the session by completing the 'top 3 priorities on the integration journey' section on the registration page. There will also be a live chat option on the day to facilitate any pressing or emerging queries.

Chair

Gill Vickers – Interim Director, Brent Council and former Deputy Chief Executive & DASS

Panel

Dr Carolyn Kus – Corporate Director of Population Wellbeing, Luton Council

Dr Lisa McNally – Director Public Health, Sandwell Council

Abbie Murr – Social Care & Health Transformation Consultant

Andrew Davies – Head of Commissioning, Brent Council

Sarah Farragher – Single Coordinator, North Cumbria

Graham Taylor – Associate Director for Integration, Surrey and Sussex Healthcare system

Belinda Schwehr – CEO, CASCAIDr

Hayley Connor – Director of Children's Commissioning, Surrey County Council

Catherine Whalley – Assistant Director Adults (Deputy DAS), Cumbria County Council