THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF ENTRY TO A CARE HOME

Care Home Visiting and the Admission of Residents

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Friends or relatives who are visiting a resident should be allowed entry into a care home if:

- they provide evidence of a negative lateral flow test

For visitors that could self-test at home before a visit, you may wish to supervise some self-tests on site beforehand. Providing support to ensure visitors can carry out the tests correctly.

All testing must be done on the day of the visit. Once the visitor has reported the test, they will receive confirmation of their result by text message (SMS) and/or email to show proof of result. Visitors must show proof of a negative test result before every visit, such as:

- an email or text from NHS Test and Trace
- a date-stamped photo of the test cartridge itself

PROFESSIONALS

Professionals who are visiting a care home should be allowed entry if:

- they provide evidence of a negative lateral flow test
- they provide evidence of their vaccination status

Professional visitors MUST evidence their COVID-19 vaccination status unless the Senior staff on shift has approved them for emergency assistance or maintenance (please ensure this is recorded and evidenced).

Anyone who tries entering a care home without evidencing their COVID-19 vaccination status will be reported to the Covid-19 Support Team who will liaise with the person's line manager and Public Health at Bradford Council. Please ensure all refusals to entry are reported the Covid-19 Support Team.

ADMISSION OF RESIDENTS

Newly admitted residents to a care home from an interim care facility or transferring from another care home do not need to self-isolate upon arrival if:

- the person admitted is fully vaccinated, wherever possible
- local guidance from the director of public health about community transmission of variants of concern is followed
- the person admitted has no known contact with a COVID-positive person
- the care home has taken into account the circumstances at the care home or interim care facility from which they are transferring, prior to admission
- the person is subject to an enhanced testing regime consisting of a PCR test before admission (within 72 hours), a PCR test on the day of admission (day 0) and a further PCR test 7 days following admission (day 7). Additionally, we recommend daily rapid lateral flow testing until the day 7 PCR result has been received

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- the person admitted has no known contact with a COVID-positive person
- the person receives a negative PCR test result following their return to the care home

Care home residents discharged from hospital following an admission for emergency care should self-isolate, upon arrival, for 14 days, within their own room.

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YOU CAN ALLOW ENTRY INTO THE INDOOR PREMISES OF THE CARE HOME IF:

- They are a resident
- They can present their evidence using the NHS COVID Pass
- The Registered Manager has approved them for emergency assistance or maintenance (please ensure this is recorded and evidenced)
- They are a friend or relative of the resident they are visiting
- They are under the age of 18

AND THEY HAVE A NEGATIVE TEST

YOU MUST REFUSE ENTRY INTO THE INDOOR PREMISES OF THE CARE HOME IF:

- Someone who needs to evidence their vaccination is unable to do so. Professional visitors MUST evidence their COVID-19 vaccination status. **NO EVIDENCE, NO ENTRY!**

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