

PROVIDER BULLETIN

NEXT 10 DAYS - KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 7 December 10:30-11:30 – BCA IPC Meeting

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

VACCINATION UPDATE

Currently 13 people have Omicron in England. While scientists work to understand this new type of Coronavirus the government have announced they are offering the vaccine booster jab to more people.

This means:

- Everyone over 18 years who is entitled to a booster will be offered one before the end of January 2022.
- People will be invited for their booster earlier. This will be 3 months after their 2nd vaccine rather than 6 months.
- Boosters will be offered to those who are clinically vulnerable first. They will then be offered to people based on their age.
 - People with a particularly weak immune system, who have already had a booster, can get another one. We are being asked to wait until it is your turn for the booster. Do not try to book before this.

The Government has also said that children aged 12-15 years old will be invited for a 2nd vaccine, 3 months after having their 1st vaccine.

The new rules we updated you on earlier in the week still apply:

- People travelling from abroad must self isolate until they get a negative PCR test result.
- Anyone who has been in contact with someone with the Omicron type of Coronavirus must self isolate for 10 days, even if they have been vaccinated.
 - You must wear a face covering in all shops and on public transport if you can.

Ask someone you trust if you are unsure about how any of the changes affect you.

Updated Guidance for visiting professionals

There has been some important changes to this guidance, to review the changes, please click this [LINK](#).

CARE HOME VISITING AND THE OMICRON VARIANT.

As you are aware, last Friday there was a national update specifically around Care Home Visiting Guidance. This was compiled before the emergence of the Omicron variant.

The Guidance has been seen as setting a more relaxed tone to the way providers should approach visiting in their care homes.

Michael Horsley Nurse Manager Infection Prevention at CBMDC has said today:

'Understandably there has been some nervousness amongst social care providers in relation to how they should interpret this guidance in light of new variant of Covid-19. We are aware that the Government is planning further updates to its guidance across a whole range of areas as further information is available on the Omicron variant. I am in regular contact with Sarah Muckle, Director of Public Health who is in agreement that at present we will support providers to continue to work to the guidance from 25 November until any updates are released. Providers should also bear in mind the changes to the national guidance in England on mask wearing and the strengthening of the messages on hand hygiene and social distancing. Visiting should continue to be supported in all care homes in accordance with the dynamic risk assessments providers have in place, the only exceptions being where homes are in an outbreak situation.

Providers should continue to communicate and consult clearly with their residents and family carers/visitors in relation to any changes to visiting protocols that reviews of dynamic risk assessments suggest. The Infection prevention and the Covid-19 Support teams will continue to support homes in any arising situations of concern. Any updates to guidance will be shared with providers as so as they become available'

ADVERTISE YOUR VACANCIES!

If you are an organisation within social care that would like to advertise their vacancy with us, please email the covid19supportteam@bradford.gov.uk, with the following information.

Subject Title: FAO Ben - Care Vacancy

You must complete the following documents (these will download and are not able to view online):

[Social Care Vacancies](#) (must be completed and returned)

[Jobs And Apprenticeships Template](#) (to be used if you do not have a live vacancy that can be linked to)

If you have any queries on this process, please call our duty number on 01274 431999.

COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM WEEKLY VLOG

The latest instalment of the Covid-19 Support Team's weekly vlog series is now live.

To access the video use this [LINK](#) or click on the video to the right!



BCA UPDATES

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM BCA

FESTIVE FUN



Digital Eagles – Guide To Entertainment

Learn how you can still experience the magic of the festive season from the comfort of your home. We'll show you how you can: stay in touch with your local community, have fun with the people you love, and stream festive events, all while helping you stay safe online.

Including how to:

Live stream festive concerts, performances and faith services

Set the scene use online videos like log fires or fireworks

Find inspiration online for festive crafts and activities

Enjoy virtual family fun with festive filters and online games.

Dates the sessions will be on:

Tuesday 7th December - 1:30-14:30 pm

Tuesday 14th December - 1:30-14:30 pm

Tuesday 21st December - 1:30-14:30 pm

Thursday 9th December - 10:30-11:30am

Thursday 16th December - 10:30-11:30am

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For further information or if you're having trouble booking please contact:
admins@bradfordcareassociation.org



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REGISTERED MANAGERS WHATSAPP GROUP

It is an opportunity to link with others so we can learn from each other's experiences, share good practice and importantly contribute to shaping how the sector collectively responds to our new normal. The invitation is open to all Registered and Senior Managers.

SEND YOUR NUMBER, NAME
AND ORGANISATION TO
07807799456 TO JOIN!

BCA MEETINGS + ZOOM INFO

You can access all BCA's Meetings using the Zoom information below.

Meeting ID: 933 772 1608
Password: Bradford20

Provider Update - Tuesday 10:30-11:30

IPC Meeting - Tuesday 10:30 - 11:30

Please note the Provider Update and IPC run alternative to each other

IT'S DECEMBER, THEREFORE CHRISTMAS IS AROUND THE CORNER!

Good News Stories

We want to share your good news stories across this festive period. To support this we ask that you send in your Festive/Christmas pictures to the covid19supportteam@bradford.gov.uk inbox and we will showcase the best ones in the bulletin!

Elf on a Shelf - Social Care

To support sharing the positives of social care across December, we would like you to encourage staff to share festive pictures whilst reflecting on "how social care has made a difference to me?". We would like to ask you and your staff to use Social Media to reply to the question and to post an image of an elf helping you provide care.

Some examples may be:

- Elf wearing PPE (see picture for example)
- Signing into Verify Plus
- Getting their Covid test results

For all social media posts, please make sure to use the #BradfordCares and #MadewithCare, we will review these across the platforms and will promote the most creative and most inspiring posts!

BCA/IPC - Christmas Visiting

Make sure you attend next Tuesday's (7 December) BCA/IPC meeting for information and ideas on care home visiting around Christmas!



UPDATE BOOSTER VACCINES ON CAPACITY TRACKER

Please can all providers ensure that the figures for booster vaccines on Capacity Tracker are up to date. Ensuring your reports are up to date will prevent follow up queries from NHSEI and or DHSC as they look to ensure a positive uptake in booster vaccines across the sector.

Please book your booster via the [National Booking System](#) or, for residents, contact your local PCN,

DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

| DATA | LATEST | CHANGE |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| Deaths | 1 | 1 |
| Infections | 7 | 1 |
| Outbreaks | 2 | -2 |
| Occupancy | 77% | 0% |
| Tracker completed | 91% | -6% |

HOME SUPPORT PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

| Total Placements | Locality Providers | Other Providers |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 27 | 5 | 22 |

CARE HOME PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

| OPR2 | OPN | Deferred |
|------|-----|----------|
| 8 | 2 | 0 |

CARE HOME VACANCY DETAILS (last 7 days, both Residential and Nursing)

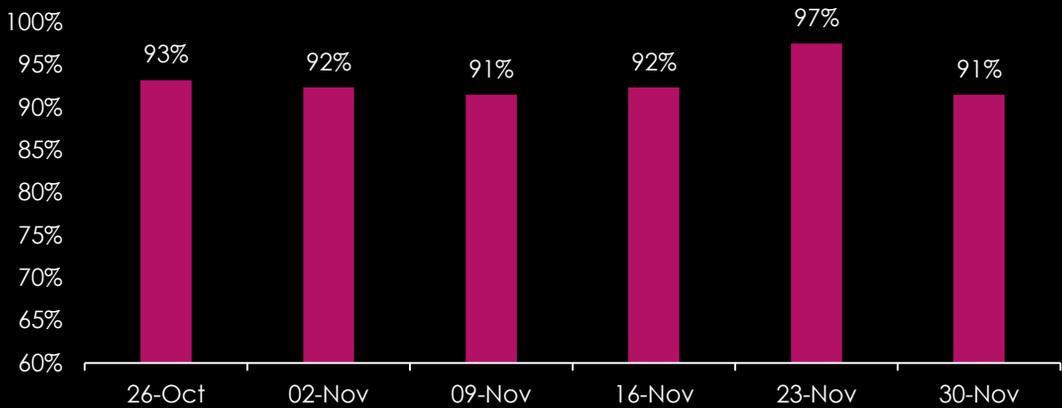
| Care Home Occupancy Percentage | Number of Homes | Percentage of total homes |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Under 25% | 4 | 3% |
| 26% to 40% | 3 | 3% |
| 41% to 60% | 14 | 12% |
| 61% to 80% | 30 | 26% |
| 81% to 90% | 28 | 24% |
| Above 91% | 38 | 32% |
| Total Homes & Mean % | 117 | 78% |

| Vacancy Type | Declared Vacancies | Declared Total Beds | Declared Vacancies Closed | Occupied Beds | Occupied Beds Percent | Lost Capacity Percent |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| General Residential | 200 | 910 | 10 | 700 | 76.92% | 1.10% |
| Dementia Residential | 136 | 678 | 19 | 523 | 77.14% | 2.80% |
| General Nursing | 111 | 566 | 3 | 452 | 79.86% | 0.53% |
| Dementia Nursing | 71 | 352 | 1 | 280 | 79.55% | 0.28% |
| Mental Health Nursing | 38 | 145 | 0 | 107 | 73.79% | 0.00% |
| Learning Disability Residential | 25 | 178 | 0 | 153 | 85.96% | 0.00% |
| Mental Health Residential | 24 | 200 | 0 | 176 | 88.00% | 0.00% |
| YPD - Young Physically Disabled | 12 | 18 | 0 | 6 | 33.33% | 0.00% |
| Learning Disability Nursing | 3 | 12 | 0 | 9 | 75.00% | 0.00% |
| TOTAL | 620 | 3059 | 33 | 2406 | | |

Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



Number of Covid-19 Infections

