



BCA Provider Meeting
Tuesday 2st June 2020 10:30am - 12:00pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 993 772 1608

Attendees: 38 participants

MINUTES

1. Finance

- Care Home Resilience Action Plan has been completed and has been signed off by both Chief Executives from CCG and Local Authority – Available on Council website
- Care Home voids scheme had sign off in principle from Gold – Details TBC – BCA requested all voids are covered
- IPC funding 600M from government Bradford local authority has been very good to react much– Already paid 75% in full to care homes (70% and then retained 5% until you sign and send declaration back needs to be done **by 4th June**)
- Other 25% of the IPC grant can be allocated at the Councils digression – will be used for home support / supported living (could be based on number of hours they have provided) BCA will work with Local Authority to cover this
- COVID contingency cost – previous 7 week payment – BCA have highlighted the gap for self-funders, it has only been paid for CCG or Local Authority placements - no support for additional COVID costs incurred from self-funded service users
- BCA written to CCG to ask them to review CHC funding in light of the FNC increases- No response but Louise will chase
- CCG already made payments for any back dated FNC for last year and this year

2. PPE

- **PPE** – Back up from Local Authority for 7 days-worth of stock is available should provider not able to get it through usual channels. Hope of future centralised procurement offer – Meeting with Council - Ian Westlack on Thursday (Head of procurement) – Louise will push for centralised procurement at regulated prices for all providers
- PPE Portal – Government funded for PPE – Only for care homes with under 24 beds or home support with 100 clients or less

3. Testing

- By 6th June all first round of testing should be complete for care home testing– Ongoing challenges
- If you are having problems with the portal Commissioning team can now register on your behalf for Government portal to speed it up – Bradford suggest you use portal for residents testing and use local solution (Marley) for staff testing
- Please note: If you order 75 test through portal delivery they will likely send you 150 test do not send any back – keep hold of them to retest after around 2/3 weeks and these can be returned Marley if they are ‘Randox’ branded tests for **retests only** or you can use courier service to collect
- Testing being expanded for all asymptomatic care workers including home support- Referral forms to be updated and sent in bulletin
- It becomes a duty of care for staff to be tested in order to ensure their safety
- Guidance was sent out for mental capacity act and residents to testing to support
- Help is available to support whole home testing – There is a community MDT to support any issues can be tracked through commissioning inbox or via Telemeds (mental health / local authority / district care trust / GPs)
- Provider has had advise from solicitor that if staff refuses to be tested it is in their rights to cut their hour’s / garden leave. Another provider HR department stated you can discipline staff if they refuse
- Test and Trace – guidance will go out in today bulletin – should only occur in minimal situation as majority PPE will have been worn within a care setting
- Number of cases in care home is reducing but we are seeing asymptomatic coming through because whole testing

4. Staffing

- Work is continuing to potentially open up NHS pool staff / student nurses / one barrier is an MOU to be signed off - Rachael Ross and Louise have meeting this afternoon on it
- Information is available at Provider Zone / bulletin for providers to promote well-being of staff e.g. psychological helpline
- Mutual aid discussions are continuing – potentially as an incentive furlough unwanted staff could be offered to work in another care home for 1-3 weeks (effectively receiving double pay) – However guidelines on funding may rule that option out
- Furlough scheme will not receive need entrants therefore Furlough needs to be set up by 10th June (Guidelines has not been fully released but interim has been sent)
- Full wage for staff with COVID is just a recommendation – consider to use ICP funding for this (Government guidance suggested)
- Care Association Alliance (CAI) – Group care associations have flagged this full pay could lead to obligation to do that going forward – obligation to back date etc.
- Telemeds: Document will be shared of simple pathway highlighting escalating needs to direct provider whether they should telemeds or GP

- Registered Manager Network Meeting– All registered managers or senior managers to attend if possible Thursday 2-4pm Zoom meeting

Query - No clarity on CQC's inspection approach going forward

Deborah Green: CQC are planning to complete phone calls to all providers for one hour with a one-page report and we will invite Lead inspector from CQC to Provider Update