

## TESTING FOR PROFESSIONALS VISITING CARE HOMES

Community staff employed by Bradford District Care Foundation Trust will continue with lateral flow testing every 72 hours. Staff completing the test receive a confirmation email that details the result. This email can be requested as proof that a negative test has been performed in line with the new guidance from Monday 22 March 2021. Staff from Bradford Council's Health and Wellbeing Department will also undertake twice weekly lateral flow testing and provide proof of a negative test prior to any visit to a care setting

## OCCUPANCY SUPPORT SCHEME DEADLINE

Period 6 of the Occupancy Support Scheme ends this week. To make a claim, download the form [HERE](#) and send the completed application to [HWB.Digital.Innovation@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:HWB.Digital.Innovation@bradford.gov.uk) by 28 March 2021. Please remember that late forms will not be processed.

## FREE PPE FOR UNPAID CARERS

Bradford Council has signed up to support this scheme through the Local Resilience Forums, to access free PPE as an unpaid carer please visit our website [HERE](#)

## NHS MAIL BENEFITS LEAFLET

As all Providers are required to have a secure email account, we have uploaded a leaflet detailing the benefits of NHSmail to the [Provider Zone](#)

## COVID-19 VACCINE BOOKLET

An informative and easy to read booklet with everything you need to know about the coronavirus vaccine has been uploaded to the [Provider Zone](#)

# **PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS REASSURE PEOPLE IN WEST YORKSHIRE ABOUT VACCINE'S SAFETY**

The Directors of Public Health in West Yorkshire are urging people not to be put off from having the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine, which they say is not only safe but playing an important role in saving lives.

Some European countries have paused the use of the vaccine as a precautionary measure, following reports of blood clots in a small number of people who had recently had the vaccine. However, the five directors of public health have joined together to reassure people about the vaccine's safety and have issued the following statement:

"We are really disappointed that a number of countries have temporarily paused the use of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine against the advice of the World Health Organisation and the European Medicines Agency.

"There is no evidence that the vaccine can cause blood clots. There have been 37 reports of blood clots following over 17 million doses of the vaccine being given, which is actually fewer than you would expect to see just by chance in this number of people.

"As the UK regulator has said, the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine is an excellent vaccine and is helping us to fight back against Covid-19. It is safe and effective and we would strongly urge people to have the vaccine when they are offered it. Getting vaccinated is our best hope for returning to normal life and protecting ourselves and our loved ones against this awful virus."

## **NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY ALERT: SUPPLY DISRUPTION OF STERILE INFUSION SETS AND CONNECTORS MANUFACTURED BY BECTON DICKINSON (BD) (NATPSA/2021/001/MHRA)**

The alert requires organisations to review all IV products in use within the organisation. You should consider including your local pharmacy team, infection prevention & control and clinical speciality leads in your review so you can consider a range of options linked to your local protocols for resource shortage escalation or contingency.

For more information please see the documents uploaded to the [Provider Zone](#)

## **REGULAR TESTING FOR ADULT DAY CARE CENTRES IN ENGLAND**

DHSC announced the roll-out of weekly routine PCR testing for staff within eligible adult day care centres. This is a follow-up to raise awareness and ensure all day care centres have signed up to receive access to regular testing and are providing support as safely as possible.

Weekly routine staff PCR testing is currently available for all adult day care centres that are run by paid day care staff and deemed critical to be open during lockdown by Local Authorities. Services must be for adults over 18 and provided within non-residential care settings that support the health and wellbeing of adults.

Full information can be found [HERE](#)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!**

- Friday 26 March 2021 – Aspiring Leaders Application Deadline
- Sunday 28 March 2021 – Period 6 Occupancy Support Scheme Ending Date

### **COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM WEEKLY VLOG**

The 11<sup>th</sup> instalment of this series is now available to view [HERE](#)

### **IPC ON CALL THIS WEEKEND**

**Saturday 20 March 10am – 1pm**  
**Darren Fletcher – 07582102163**

**Sunday 21 March 10am – 1pm**  
**Michael Horsley - 07582 102117**

*Please note that with agreement from Sarah Muckle  
Director of Public Health the IPC weekend on-call will  
be stood down at the end of March*

# BCA UPDATES

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM BCA

## Digital Launch - Extended Provider Update - 23rd March

The Provider Update taking place next week (Tuesday 23rd March) has been extended from 10:30am - 12pm. Where we will launch some new exciting digital initiatives to support providers.

This will include

- DSPT (Digital Security Protection Toolkit) and how BCA will support you.
- The Digital Inclusion Project
- New Altura Learning Training Platform.

### Agenda:

- Normal Provider Update
- DSPT
- Digital Inclusion Project
- Altura Learning Training Platform

## Care Sector - Living Well Event 25th March

The BCA are hosting a Living Well Event, on Thursday 25th March from 1pm - 3pm. The event will focus on the general well-being, health and recovery of the people you support.

### Topics Include:

- Frailty
- Nutrition
- Vitamin D Supplement
- Tissue Viability
- Long Covid
- Activities coordinator group
- Health + Wellbeing Boost Week
- Mental Health Training for Staff



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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\*

Registered Managers Reference Meeting - takes place on the third Wednesday of every month 15:30 - 16:30

# BCA MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting	Date	Time
RM Ref Meeting	Wed, 17 <sup>th</sup> March	15:30 – 16:30
Provider Update	Tues, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	10:30 – 12:00
Living Well Event	Thurs, 25 <sup>th</sup> March	13:00 – 15:00
IPC Update	Tues, 30 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30 – 11:30
Provider Update	Tues, 6 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30 – 11:30
IPC Update	Tues, 13 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30 – 11:30
Provider Update	Tues, 20 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30 – 11:30
Quality Workshop – Part 1 - CQC	Wed, 21 <sup>st</sup> April	13:30 – 16:00
IPC Update	Tues, 27 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30 – 11:30



# CARE SECTOR LIVING WELL EVENT

THURSDAY 25 MARCH | 1PM - 3PM

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ZOOM



TRAINING + INFORMATION

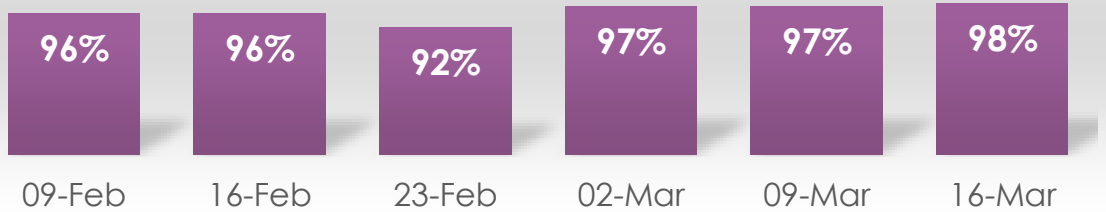
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ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR GROUP - MENTAL HEALTH

# DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

Please note that from next week we will also be including data on placements made in Care Homes and Home Support.

DATA	LATEST	CHANGE
Deaths	4	+3
Infections	44	-23
Outbreaks	32	0
Occupancy	73%	-1%
Tracker completed	97%	0

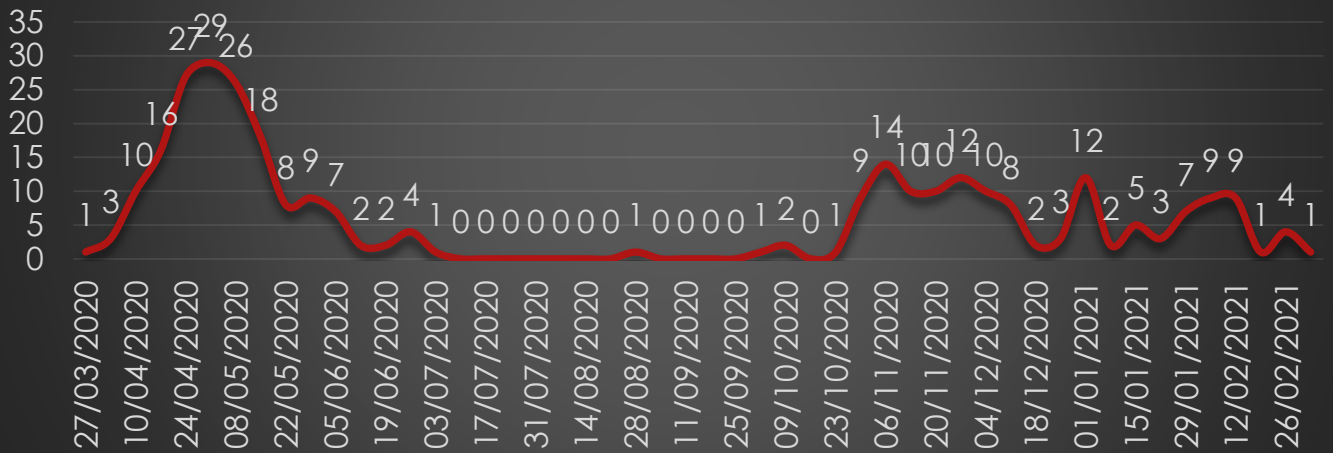
Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



Vacancy Type	Declared Vacancies	Declared Total Beds	Declared Vacancies Closed	Declared Total Beds Closed	Occupied Beds	Occupied Beds Percent
General Residential	304	1024	54	151	720	70.31%
General Nursing	199	728	18	75	529	72.66%
Dementia Residential	157	579	14	46	422	72.88%
Dementia Nursing	49	256	9	34	207	80.86%
Mental Health Residential	38	194	0	2	156	80.41%
Learning Disability Residential	32	125	0	0	93	74.40%
Mental Health Nursing	30	174	7	35	144	82.76%
Young Physically Disabled	8	57	0	0	49	85.96%
Learning Disability Nursing	3	14	0	0	11	78.57%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>3151</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>2331</b>	



# Registered Covid 19 Deaths in Care Homes by Week Ending Date



# Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



# Number of Covid-19 Infections

