



For more information on the Council's current position, in respect of Covid 19 please use this website: [CLICK HERE](#) Please ensure any information you consult is from a reliable source, including the NHS, or Public Health England.

PROVIDER BULLETIN

Thursday 30 July 2020

To everyone celebrating Eid al-Adha...

Eid Mubarak!

INVOICES FOR PPE ORDERS

We have been made aware that some providers have received invoices for PPE from the Council and we are currently taking steps to clarify the position with our Procurement team colleagues. We will provide further information as soon as possible. In the meantime we advise that any provider who has received an invoice awaits further communications before making any arrangements to pay.



NHS SECURE MAIL

Thank you to all the care home and home support providers who have signed up to NHS secure mail. The target for our Bradford region has been met and we are nearly there in getting you all signed up. Please ensure you activate and use your shared secure email (see attached NHSMail user guide) so it remains active. If you require more users, send an email to: careadmin@nhs.net from your shared mailbox and in the body of the email (not as an attachment), state the reason you require additional accounts and provide the name, current email address and mobile number of the person/people requiring the account/s. An organisation can have up to a total of 10 individual user accounts and one shared mailbox.

For more details, see the [Provider Zone](#)

CARE@HOME NEWSLETTER

Edition 5 of the newsletter can be found in the provider zone and includes articles, links and guidance on:

- Gold Line Referrals
- Lasting Power of Attorney and advanced care planning
- Dignity in Care
- Reducing medicines errors
- Update of the ReSPECT process
- Palliative Care in Covid-19
- When to refer to Immedicare or a GP
- RESTORE
- Bradford Covid-19 test
- Discharge to Assess
- Lasting Power of Attorney and advanced care planning
- Training and education resources. The newsletter is in the [Provider Zone](#)



Two important 'Flash Emails' have been sent from Jane Wood and Bev Maybury today.

Please check your inbox. For more details, see the [Provider Zone](#)



IMPORTANT - TESTING UPDATE



As we move to systematic approaches for testing of asymptomatic residents and staff in line with the National arrangements, it is important that we understand the on-going demand for testing at a local level. For all care homes with over 65's and those with dementia, you should now have access to book regular testing through the national portals and it is therefore assumed that regular access to local test kits will no longer be required. We are aware of a number of care homes who continue to have problems accessing the care home portal and are continuing to provide those homes with tests via the Marley test facility and supporting with escalations. If you meet the eligibility criteria and have not been able to access the national portal and have not already alerted us to this via your dedicated liaison officer, then please do so as a matter of urgency so that we can ensure that your supply for tests is maintained.

For services that do not meet the current "eligibility criteria" for systematic testing via national portals e.g. care homes with mental health or learning and disabilities, supported living or extra care facilities, we are currently undertaking a number of pilots across these areas to support the delivery of a wider local offer which mirror the national arrangements e.g. weekly testing of staff and 4 weekly testing of residents and the future offer for testing will be communicated shortly.

For those care homes who are using the local testing facility at Marley stadium, please could you ensure that you seal the boxes with the security seal before you return them to Marley for onward transition to the lab. At the moment the Marley team have been using security seals from other tests, however this adds an extra admin burden and it also means those tests become unusable and the labs won't accept them without the seal which will impact on our capacity levels and may restrict further supply.

If you have any questions regarding the testing arrangements in place at Marley Stadium or have any specific testing requirements please contact a member of the team on 01274 437070 or email at

COVID19.stafftesting@bradford.gov.uk



THIS WEEKEND'S COVER PUBLIC HEALTH - IPC

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