

PROVIDER BULLETIN

Tuesday 08 September 2020



URGENT UPDATE SYMPTOMATIC TESTING

We have today been made aware that there are issues affecting access to national testing sites for staff who are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 as a result of a backlog of tests that still need to be processed by the national labs, which also explains why some results have been taking longer than usual. NHS have updated their websites to explain the delays and are asking those who are "self referring" to continue to try and access a test where they are not successful on their first attempt or to travel to a venue outside of the area they live.

Please note that there is available capacity for testing of "symptomatic" workers via our local facility at Marley Fields Testing Centre. If you have any staff members who are displaying symptoms please make a referral by completing a referral form (see the [Provider Zone](#)).

For any urgent queries, please ring the Council's central testing team on **01274 437070**.

BRADFORD CARE HOME RESOURCE PACK

We are pleased to publish the first interactive care home resource pack for providers, which brings together clear guidance and good practice to be used locally. [Click HERE to access!](#)

This Bradford guide is designed to complement and not replace local guidance and professional judgement.

This is a live document and will be updated as a minimum, every 2 weeks, to align with other national and regional guidance. To provide feedback, report inaccuracies or to provide updates on this pack please contact:
CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk

FUTURE PPE DISTRIBUTION ROUTES FROM 11 SEPTEMBER 2020

Following a recent Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) update last week, the Council has been informed of changes to the PPE supply route. Effective 1 September 2020, the following sectors are able to access PPE supplies from the National PPE Portal: -

- Adult social care homes and domiciliary care settings
- Children's care homes and secure children's care homes
- Children's residential special schools
- Primary Care (GP practices, optometrists, dental practices including urgent dental care centres)
- Community pharmacies
- Substance misuse services

The DHSC are considering increasing order limits and working to add other PPE items to the Portal to meet all of the Covid-19 PPE requirements of the above sectors. They do not anticipate the need to continue supplying these service providers via the Local Resilience Fund (LRF) or local authorities in the future.

Additionally, the DHSC are working to determine the most effective ways to ensure continued access to Covid-related PPE for the following sectors:

- Local authorities (including children and adult social care workers)
- Mental health community care
- Personal assistants
- Domestic violence refuges
- Rough sleeping services
- All education (and childcare) services

The Commissioning Team will continue to provide emergency PPE support to those services in the Bradford district that will not be supplied via the PPE Portal.



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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR CONTINENCE AWARENESS AND MANAGEMENT

The BDCFT Continence Service work closely with Essity (Tena) using their products and resources.

Essity is delighted to support the continuing professional development of Healthcare Professionals and Care Home Staff members through e-learning at TENA Academy.

Accessed via www.tenanet.co.uk learners can self-register for 7 modules exploring various aspects of incontinence which can be studied at each learner's own pace, and accessed at any time.

A certificate of learning is available following the completion of each module.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

On-going support information regarding TENA products, training and services is available from Essity's local Account Contracts Manager- Sharon Jackson on 07342087176.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the information relating to Tena Academy.



**healthy
minds**

We're still here to help keep your mind healthy

You might be feeling worried about coronavirus and how it is affecting your life. It is understandable to be anxious at this unsettling time.

Your mental health and wellbeing is important, and we're still here to help people in Bradford and Craven keep their minds healthy.

See the [Provider Zone](#) for more details.

You can now use our [interactive map of the district](#) to check which wards are under local restrictions and which are under national restrictions.

Click [HERE](#) for more information!



NEW ONLINE WORKSHOPS! VALUES-BASED APPROACHES TO RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

The Skills for Care Yorkshire and Humber and the North East team is delighted to invite you to two new virtual events taking place via Zoom:

✦ **Stage 1: Articulate**, Monday 14 September from 14:00 – 16:00hrs, and

✦ **Stage 2: Attract**, Tuesday 29 September from 10:00 – 12:00hrs

These free online workshops will help you get started with values-based recruitment and retention.

See the [Provider Zone](#) for more details.



HOME SUPPORT PROVIDER FORUM

**Next Thursday 17 September 2020
10.00-12.00**

More Information To Follow!

