

PROVIDER BULLETIN

INCREASED THREAT OF CYBER ATTACKS

The current situation in Ukraine is at the centre of our thoughts, and the increasing use of sanctions against Russia is causing concerns amongst data security professionals that they may retaliate with cyber attacks against UK infrastructure and businesses.

NHS Transformation Team and Digital Social Care have updated their alert on the cyber security threat posed by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. For more information about the situation and the actions you should take please download our useful guide with this [LINK](#) or alternatively visit <https://www.digitalsocialcare.co.uk/cyber-aware-issue-russian-cyber-activity-in-and-around-ukraine/>

NEW WORKFORCE BULLETIN COMING SOON!

Keep your eye out for the new workforce bulletin, coming very soon. It will have content specifically for our amazing workforce including money saving deals and exciting events.

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT EVENT – 11 MARCH

A recruitment even specifically aimed at Home Care providers/managers/HR leads/commissioners etc. is taking place on Friday 11 March from 10am-12pm.

The booking link is now live [HERE](#)

LAMP TESTING

We have had reports that some District Nurses have been refused access to care homes so please remember that Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust have transitioned from LFT testing to LAMP testing. Please make your staff aware of this change and that this is a legitimate form of testing.

COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM SURVEY

With the Covid-19 Support Team ending on 1 April, we would like to hear your thoughts and feelings on how useful the team has been to you during its existence. We would also appreciate your feedback on which areas of work you would like to see continue. You can access the survey with this [LINK](#)

REGULATIONS MAKING COVID-19 VACCINATION A CONDITION OF DEPLOYMENT WILL END

- **Regulations requiring COVID-19 vaccination to work in Care Quality Commission registered care homes to be lifted from 15 March**
- **Legal requirement for health and social care staff to be double jabbed from 1 April to be removed**
- **Health and Social Care Secretary reminds the minority of unvaccinated health and care workers of their professional responsibility to be vaccinated**

Regulations making COVID-19 vaccination a condition of deployment in health and social care will be revoked on Tuesday 15 March.

Following a public consultation, where 90% of responses supported the removal of the legal requirement for health and social care staff to be double jabbed, the government is revoking the regulations.

When the original decision was taken to introduce COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of deployment, Delta was the dominant variant. This has since been replaced by Omicron which is less severe, with the percentage of those requiring emergency care or hospital admission approximately half that of the Delta variant. Thanks to the vaccination programme, the immunity built up in the population and our new antiviral and therapeutics tools, we are now in the strong position of learning to live with COVID-19. The latest data from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) shows that five to nine weeks after getting a booster, you are at least 85% less likely to end up in hospital than if you are unvaccinated.

While the vast majority of NHS, social care and other healthcare staff have been double jabbed, the government is clear those working in health and social care who remain unvaccinated still have a professional responsibility to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and Get Boosted Now. The government's priority is to ensure the most vulnerable to COVID-19 remain protected through vaccinations, antivirals and therapeutics.

The government is continuing to work closely with Royal Colleges and professional regulators to strengthen guidance and consult on updating the Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections in relation to COVID-19 requirements for CQC registered providers of health and social care in England.

Health and Social Care Secretary Sajid Javid's written ministerial statement is available [HERE](#)

The lifting of regulations follows a consultation announced [HERE](#)

The consultation response is available [HERE](#)

PROMOTE THE VOTE

May 5th 2022 is local election date across Bradford and district. As in previous years, social workers in Bradford are taking part in the *Promote the Vote* campaign in the run up to the local elections. The campaign aims to ensure that adults with learning disabilities understand their right to vote and that they are supported to do so when they choose to exercise that right.

People with disabilities are less likely to vote in local and national elections. There is growing evidence that people with a learning disability often don't know about their right to vote, and there is still a misunderstanding that adults who lack 'capacity' cannot vote. Section 73 of the Electoral Administration Act (2006) abolished mental incapacity as grounds to prevent someone from being able to participate in elections.

Bradford believe that the ability to cast your vote is central to rights based practice, and the support offered by social workers through this campaign is key to making explicit the connections for people between voting and the right to make other decisions about their lives, being able to choose how to spend the day and being able to decide where you want to live and who to live with.

Social workers will be contacting support living providers to arrange visits to come in and speak to residents and staff about voting, ways to vote and the support available. They will also be distributing a set of easy read resources and a voting passport for individuals. This document sets out the kind of support that someone might need if they decided that they wanted to vote. Ideally, we would like to see all adults having a support plan with voting rights included.

For more information, please contact Clare Reeves, Department of Health and Wellbeing: clare.reeves@bradford.gov.uk



**I SHOULD'VE GOT THE VACCINE
INSTEAD I GOT REALLY ILL**

If you're unvaccinated, you're about 8 times more likely to be hospitalised with Covid-19 than if you've had both doses of the vaccine and the booster.

GET VACCINATED NOW

DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

DATA	LATEST	CHANGE
Deaths	1	-1
Infections	144	-30
Outbreaks	17	-15
Occupancy	81%	1%
Tracker completed	93%	5%

HOME SUPPORT PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Locality Providers	Other Providers
34	15	19

CARE HOME PLACEMENTS (previous 7 days)

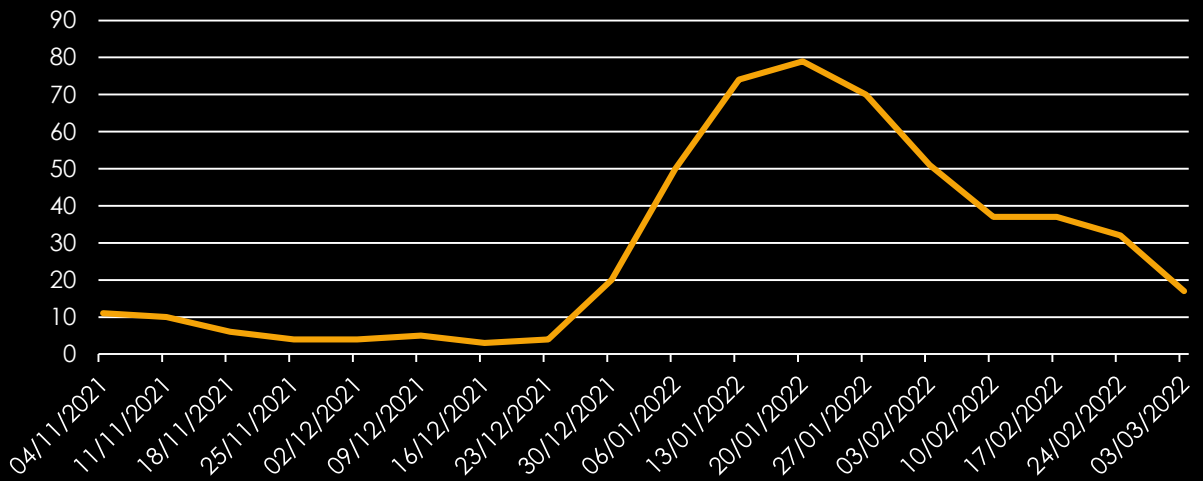
OPR2	OPN	Deferred
7	5	2

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

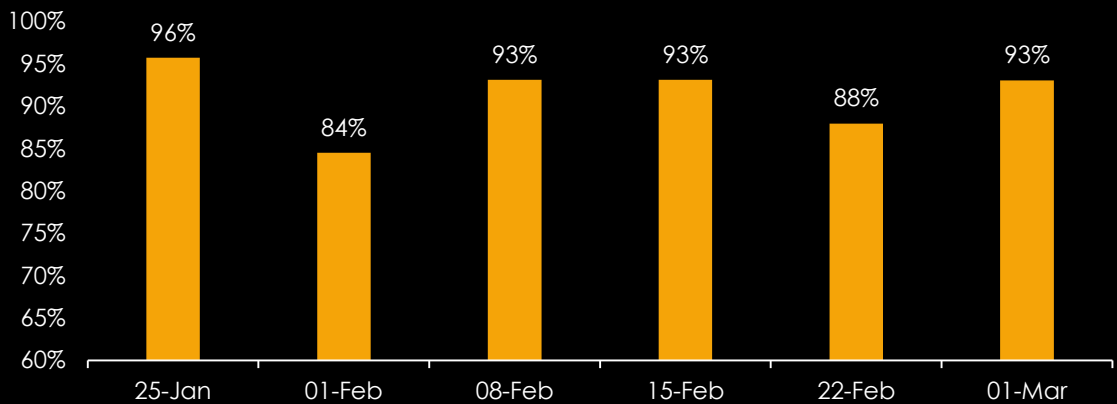
Care Home Occupancy Percentage	Number of Homes	Percentage of total homes
Under 25%	0	0%
26% to 40%	7	6%
41% to 60%	15	13%
61% to 80%	26	22%
81% to 90%	28	24%
Above 91%	39	34%
Total Homes & Mean %	115	79%

Vacancy Type	Declared Vacancies	Declared Total Beds	Declared Vacancies Closed	Occupied Beds	Occupied Beds Percent	Lost Capacity Percent
General Residential	116	774	63	595	76.87%	8.14%
General Nursing	92	478	10	376	78.66%	2.09%
Dementia Residential	44	551	48	459	83.30%	8.71%
Mental Health Residential	23	151	0	128	84.77%	0.00%
Learning Disability Residential	22	181	8	151	83.43%	4.42%
Mental Health Nursing	16	168	13	139	82.74%	7.74%
Dementia Nursing	15	260	21	224	86.15%	8.08%
YPD - Young Physically Disabled	7	17	0	10	58.82%	0.00%
Learning Disability Nursing	0	2	0	2	100.00%	0.00%
TOTAL	335	2582	163	2084		

Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



Number of Covid-19 Infections

