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PROVIDER BULLETIN

TUESDAY 12 MAY 2020

URGENT RECALL OF EYE PROTECTION

We have been informed by Department of Health and Social Care that a recent supply of 'Tiger Eye' (eye protection product) does not meet the current requirement for splash protection required in BSN 166 (including certain testing requirements documented in BSN 168).

The general advice on PPE is for staff to wear either goggles or a face shield/visor with a face mask when dealing with suspected or confirmed cases.

If you <u>are able</u> to identify the 'Tiger Eye' brand of eye protection products and you have an alternative supply to replace these you should dispose of the Tiger Eye stock.

If you are <u>not able</u> to identify the 'Tiger Eye' product or cannot replace them with an alternate supply we can offer face visors as an alternative to the goggles until such time as a new supply of eye protection can be procured.

Please read Article A in the Provider Zone

STAFF COVID-19 TESTING

We are aware of the roll out of the National program for Covid-19 testing of residents and staff, both symptomatic and asymptomatic, in Care Homes, as well as our locally developed program for care home staff (both symptomatic and asymptomatic) tested via the Marley Fields Centre. We would like to encourage you to use the national program to arrange testing for your residents, but continue to use the local program, through the Marley Fields Centre (described in the Communications you were sent this morning) for all of your Staff. By using the Marley Fields offer for staff we can establish a regular retesting regime and ensure ongoing testing for care home staff members.



COVID - 19 TESTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARE HOMES

We are now able to offer Covid-19 testing to your Asymptomatic Staff. Please read **Article B in the Provider Zone.**



This Thursday 14 May 2020 from 11-12, we will be running an interactive session 'Conversation about COVID for clinicians and carers' focused on Carer Support and Distress Behaviours.

Please do join us! For more information see Article D in the Provider Zone.



BANK STAFF

To support you during the Covid-19 pandemic, Bradford Council have set up two new services, both of these services are managed through our Skills House service.

The full details can be found at Article C in the Provider Zone.

SKILLS FOR CARE - ADVICE LINE

Our advice line and email inbox can support those managing CQC regulated adult social care services through the current crisis.

Get in touch and find out more.

Telephone: 0113 241 1260

Email: RMAdvice@skillsforcare.org.uk

COVID 19 - BRADFORD COUNCIL

For more information on the Council's current position, in respect of Covid-19 please use this website:

https://www.bradford.gov.uk/health/health-advice-andsupport/coronavirus-covid-19- advice/

Please ensure any information you consult is from a reliable sources, including the NHS, or the Public Health England.