

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

Tuesday 08 December 2020

## COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AND CARE HOMES: PROGRAMME LAUNCH

A letter from the Minister for Care to Local Authorities, Directors of Adult Social Services and Managers of Care Homes for Older Adults.

Read the letter in full on [GOV.UK](#)

## USEFUL COVID-19 VACCINATION RESOURCES!

Please find attached documents in the [Provider Zone](#):

- **Key things to know about Covid19 vaccinations**
- **Covid19 vaccination update for care homes 08.12.2020**
- **FAQs**

United Kingdom Homecare Association  
The professional association for homecare providers



## PPE FOR AEROSOL GENERATING PROCEDURES (AGPS) – ENGLAND ONLY

A survey to help DHSC identify which CQC-regulated providers in England need access to PPE for AGPs has been sent out to the contact in your organisation who is registered to order from the PPE Portal.

For more details, see attached document in the [Provider Zone](#).

## BRADFORD CARE HOME RESOURCE PACK – UPDATED 3 DECEMBER 2020

Click [HERE](#) to access!

This guide is designed to complement and not replace local guidance and professional judgement and is a live document which will be updated at least fortnightly, 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](mailto:CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk)



## DAILY NEWS AND KEEPING WELL TIPS!

Inclusion North will give you the Government's big messages each week.

To access, see attached document in the [Provider Zone](#).

The poster can be downloaded via the [Provider Zone](#).  
Please share with your teams.



BRITISH ISLAMIC  
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

## SUMMARY OF BIMA POSITION STATEMENT ON THE PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE

Having taken all the available information into account including the increased risk from Covid-19 to those from an ethnic minority:

***We recommend the Pfizer/ BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine for eligible at-risk individuals in Muslim communities.***

### **Who was involved in the consultation?**

The British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA) has consulted Muslim experts in infectious diseases, virologists, pharmaceutical industry, clinicians, commissioners, public health and bioethicists.

### **Were Islamic scholars consulted?**

Yes. The detailed BIMA position paper was shared with scholars from all denominations & includes their feedback.

### **Why are you only mentioning the Pfizer Vaccine and not all other COVID vaccines?**

This is the only vaccine that has been approved in the UK currently. Each vaccine will be judged independently.

### **Does the vaccine contain any animal ingredients?**

There are **NO** animal products in this vaccine and no animal derived cells were used.

### **How do we know the vaccine is safe?**

It has been reviewed by the MHRA (Medicine & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency) – the UK **independent** regulatory body for medicines. Their review indicates that it is safe & there are no serious adverse outcomes.

### **What are the expected side effects?**

Reported side effects are same as for most vaccinations e.g. mild fever, but no reported major side effects.

### **Is the vaccination the solution to COVID-19?**

No. It is a very important part of the solution, but we will still need to practice elements of social distancing, hand washing and wearing masks in the medium term.

### **Why is this particularly important to the Muslim community?**

Many UK Muslims are from ethnic minorities at more risk from Covid-19 related complications / death, but also tend to be more vaccine hesitant. We need a clear and unified message coming from Muslim leaders & scientists.

### **Are there any concerns?**

This is a rapidly evolving field and therefore communication has not been ideal. More data & transparency helps increase trust and more informed decision-making. However, weighing up available evidence, all legitimate concerns vs. the risk posed by the virus, we recommend this vaccine to those eligible at risk in our communities.

### **Is this position permanent or under review?**

This is an evolving situation and this position will be reviewed every time any new information comes out.

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For the detailed position paper go to [bit.ly/bimapfizeravaxx](http://bit.ly/bimapfizeravaxx) For updates, [operationvaccination.com](http://operationvaccination.com)

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## SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES DURING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

An easy read version has been produced for this guidance which is primarily for supported living settings, but many of the principles are applicable to extra care housing for older people. It may also be a useful resource for the wider supported housing sector, such as retirement or sheltered housing.

The guidance and the easy read version can be found [here](#).

**NICE** National Institute for  
Health and Care Excellence

### ADULT ORAL HEALTH IN CARE HOMES: TOOLKIT

Public Health England and stakeholders have produced a toolkit to support care homes and commissioners to implement the [NICE guideline \(NG48\): Oral health for adults in care homes](#). The toolkit also contains useful links for care home staff, residents, their families and friends to support good oral health and reduce oral health inequalities.

For more information, click [here](#).

### EUROPEAN CERTIFICATE IN ESSENTIAL PALLIATIVE CARE

*(8-week distance learning course for  
healthcare professionals 19th April-16th June  
2021)*



This course is suitable for medical and nursing staff, paramedics, allied health professionals including nursing and physician associates from acute, community and hospice settings. All candidates should have direct contact with patients receiving end of life care.

Please see attachments in the [Provider Zone](#) for further information. Contact and Registration details are within each attachment.



## CHECK YOU ARE READY FOR COLD WEATHER - WINTER PLANNING TIPS AND FACTSHEET

With colder weather expected in many parts of the UK, it's time for home care providers to make final preparations. Here is a **checklist** of things to consider:

1. Sign up for severe weather warnings and weather forecasts.
2. Check your emergency plans and make any last minute revisions.
3. Make sure staff have essential supplies and can handle emergency medication issues.
4. Check whether your vulnerable clients have essential provisions and can keep warm.
5. Review care plans and rotas; arrange who will support vulnerable clients if you can't visit.
6. Risk assess access to clients' homes for potential slipping risks.
7. Liaise with your local council under emergency planning protocols. Agree how council contracts and reciprocal plans will be fulfilled to visit users in remote areas;
8. Consider what happens if key managers or staff are unable to get to work;
9. Check your office building is ready for cold weather and your remote operation is running smoothly;
10. Identify which staff may have difficulty with transport and plan how you can help;
11. Make sure your staff contact list is up-to-date and distributed to those who need it;
12. Check careworkers' vehicles are properly maintained and equipped, and your staff have appropriate clothing and footwear for the risks identified;
13. Line up alternative transport for inaccessible areas.
14. Be aware of road closures and delays in general;
15. Review your lone working policy and ensure you can support your staff fully in adverse weather.

There is more information in [UKHCA's winter planning factsheet 2020](#), which focuses on cold weather issues rather than those arising from the pandemic.

**24** days to go

# BREXIT

The UK transition:  
time is running out!

There are new rules for businesses and citizens from 1  
January 2021.

Support is available in Bradford – Click on  
the link below:

**BREXIT - WHAT YOU  
NEED TO KNOW!**

## INFORMATION REQUEST

If you have any specific issues/concerns, please  
email [ali.gul@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:ali.gul@bradford.gov.uk)

Department of Health and Wellbeing, Bradford Council.

# EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME IMPORTANT INFORMATION



If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, you and your family members need to apply to the **EU Settlement Scheme** to continue living in the UK beyond 30 June 2021.

For more information and to apply, visit  
[gov.uk/eusettlementscheme](https://www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme)

## MARLEY FIELDS TESTING CENTRE

Marley Fields Testing Centre and the testing administration team will be closed on Christmas day and New Year's day and as usual on Sundays. This team will be contacting providers who have test collections booked on these days to arrange another suitable day.

Date	Marley Fields operational times	Testing administration team
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Morning	8.30am – 12.30pm
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2021	Morning	8.30am – 12.30pm
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2021	CLOSED	CLOSED
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021	Normal service resumes	8.30am – 4.30pm



COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM

Supporting people to support others

### NEW VIDEOS RELATING TO COVID-19

#### Covid-19 Support Team YouTube Channel

(please consider subscribing and clicking on the 'Bell Icon' to receive notifications when we upload a new video):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtRZcw3M8YN0wOFTIeIJqaQ>

### COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM DUTY DESK

Please don't forget the Covid-19 Support Team now has one central contact number:

**01274 431999**