

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 19 January 2021

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CARE HOMES



We recognise it's hard to keep track of all the various ways you can get funding from the Council to support with COVID-19 costs, so here is a quick reminder. If you have questions about any of these, please email [CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk).

**Occupancy Support Scheme:** Claim Period 4 of the occupancy support scheme ends this Sunday, 24 January. The deadline for claims is Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Claims must be submitted by this date on the PERIOD 4 application form available here:

<https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/occupancy-support-scheme/> (click on the orange 'Claim Periods' bar to find the application forms).

A proposal for further occupancy support funding to increase and continue the scheme will be discussed at the Council's executive on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

**Infection Control Fund 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> payment:** We will be making the second payment of the fund this week. The payment will include extra funding of £48.66 per bed from the discretionary element of the IFC to go towards the costs of delivering the vaccine programme. You do not need to claim this money as it will be paid automatically, but please remember you do need to fill in the Capacity Tracker at least weekly and complete the monthly snap surveys on how this money has been spent as a requirement of this funding.

**Care Home visiting - additional ICF grant:** Care homes in the district can still request up to £3,000 additional ICF grant to help cover costs of supporting visiting in their home. The process will remain open until 5 February 2021.

**Additional contingency payment:** Some care homes still haven't requested the additional contingency funding made available in December. If you would like to request this money, please email [CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk) to request a form.

Over the weekend the Government also confirmed that £149 million would be shared between local authorities to help fund Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) in care homes. 80% of the funding is to go care homes on a per beds basis, and 20% used at the local authorities' discretion to support the care sector in delivering additional LFT. The Government also announced a new £120million fund for local authorities to boost staffing levels. We'll share more information on both of these funds when we get it.

# CAPACITY TRACKER SERVICE UPDATE SYSTEM (SUS)

There has been a significant reduction in the number of providers not completing the above reporting systems fully and/or regularly. The information you report is important in that it helps us to support you. It is also a requirement linked to some funding sources and ensures we are able to continue to roll out the local vaccination programme as quickly and as smoothly as possible.

**PLEASE GET BACK INTO THE HABIT OF REGULAR REPORTING**

**If you need any support and advice please do not hesitate to give the  
Covid-19 Support Team a call on 01274 431999**



The National Care Forum now has a range of information and support for providers of social care specifically, relating to the Covid-19 Vaccinations. Click on any of the links below to access these.

- [COVID-19 vaccination programme](#)
- [Information from the NHS about COVID-19 vaccination](#)

A range of leaflets which providers may find useful to share with staff have been issued by Public Health England about COVID-19 vaccination. Accessible versions and translations are available in the links below:

- [COVID-19 vaccination: a guide for social care staff](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination: guide for older adults](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination: what to expect after vaccination](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination: women of childbearing age, currently pregnant, planning a pregnancy or breastfeeding](#)
- [Guidance, Safety of COVID-19 vaccines when given in pregnancy](#)



We are currently developing and revising the Covid-19 data we supply as part of the Thursday Provider Bulletin. We have, over recent months, refined and increased the sources from which information is collated. From next week, we aim to present this in what we hope will be a more visual yet contextual format.

## FURTHER VACCINATION INFORMATION

Below are some pieces of guidance and information that may be helpful for your employees (thanks to the NCF for the updates):

### Pregnancy:

- [Current advice for women of childbearing age, currently pregnancy or breastfeeding](#) - it is expected for more information to be added to this, we're aware it won't answer all questions you might face.
- [Regularly updated information from Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists](#)

### Jewish Community:

- [The Board of Deputies of British Jews](#) has praised the vaccine roll-out and called on the Jewish community to support the vaccine effort.

### Muslim Community:

- The British Islamic Medical Association has released detailed statements on both the [Oxford vaccine](#) and the [Pfizer vaccine](#) addressing concerns amongst Muslims and calling on the wider community to get vaccinated.



## ADULT SOCIAL CARE COVID-19 VACCINE Q&A

See attached document in the [Provider Zone](#) published by the National Care Forum.

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE

Advice for those working in adult social care on managing your mental health and how employers can take care of the wellbeing of their staff during the coronavirus outbreak.

The guidance published in May was updated last week taking into the national lockdown requirements.

To access, please click [HERE](#)

## COVID-19: SUPPORTING ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES AND AUTISTIC ADULTS

Guidance for care staff who are supporting adults with learning disabilities and autistic adults during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

To access, please click [HERE](#)

There is also more comprehensive guidance on the SCIE website, to access, click [HERE](#).



## EUROPEAN CERTIFICATE IN ESSENTIAL PALLIATIVE CARE

HEE have funded free places on the ECEPC programme that we run at St. Gemma's Hospice.

The free places are for registered non NHS staff in WYH

This is aimed at nurses working in care homes. I have sent it through our contacts within Leeds to ensure it gets out to care homes and I have sent it through Charlotte Rock for the wider WYH area.

Please see attached documents in the [Provider Zone](#) for more details.

## PAST COVID-19 INFECTION PROVIDES SOME IMMUNITY BUT PEOPLE MAY STILL CARRY AND TRANSMIT VIRUS

A recent study has found that past coronavirus (COVID-19) infection provides some immunity for at least 5 months, but people may still carry and transmit the virus.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## PULSE OXIMETRY TO DETECT EARLY DETERIORATION OF PATIENTS WITH COVID-19 IN PRIMARY AND COMMUNITY CARE SETTINGS

The guidance has recently been update. Click [HERE](#) to access.

## BRADFORD CARE HOME RESOURCE PACK – UPDATED 19 JANUARY 2021

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.

**We are happy to announce that the Home Support Resource Pack will be published next week!**

To provide feedback, report inaccuracies or to provide updates on this pack please contact:

[CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!**

- **Occupancy Support Scheme (claims deadline):**  
Sunday 31 January 2021
- **Infection Control Fund 2 – 2nd payment:**  
This week
- **BCA Registered Managers Reference Meeting:**  
Wednesday 20 January 2021 (15:30-16:30)
- **BCA IPC Meeting:**  
Tuesday 26 January 2021 (10:30-11:30)