

NEXT 10 DAYS - KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 12 October 2021 10:00–11:30 – IPC Meeting
- Friday 15 October 2021 – Complete Infection Control Fund Survey and return to IPCGrant@bradford.gov.uk

Upcoming events can also be viewed in the '[EVENTS CALENDAR](#)' within the Provider Zone.

INFECTION CONTROL FUND

The Government has announced a further extension to the Infection Control and Testing Fund alongside some additional funding to support flu vaccinations.

You can read the announcement [HERE](#). We are awaiting full guidance and allocation details, and will write out to providers once we have this and reporting on the current fund is complete.

In the meantime, please ensure you complete the reporting survey for the Fund which ended on 30 September. You must complete the survey by 15 October 2021. Any questions, please email IPCGrant@bradford.gov.uk

EXTENDING FREE PPE DHSC CONSULTATION

DHSC is seeking views on whether it should extend the provision of free PPE to the health and care sector after 31 March 2022.

For further information including how to respond please use this [LINK](#)

ADVERTISE YOUR VACANCIES!

We are currently planning a significant recruitment campaign within the Bradford District, working in partnership with One Workforce, the colleges and you, the care providers! To support this campaign and enable people to quickly view the jobs currently available in social care, please can you complete the spreadsheet here: [Social Care Vacancies](#). Once you have included your vacancies on the spreadsheet, please return to Covid19SupportTeam@bradford.gov.uk with the subject header 'FAO Ben – Vacancies'. There is no deadline for this, however those that are submitted sooner will be accessible to the Job Coaches at SkillsHouse before the campaign.

Parkinson's in West Yorkshire



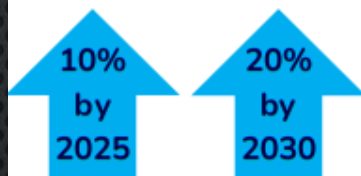
4,650

People living with Parkinson's

580

People aged over 45 diagnosed with Parkinson's each year

This is likely to increase:



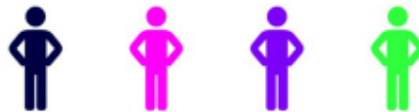
PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

For more information please contact your Area Development Manager
Helen Sturman 07768834115
hsturman@parkinsons.org.uk



10%

of people with Parkinson's living in Bradford are Black, Asian or Mixed Race



14%

people with Parkinson's are under 65

42%

people with Parkinson's are 70-79

17%

people with Parkinson's are over 85

895

People are members of Parkinson's UK

6

volunteer-led Parkinson's UK local groups

8

Parkinson's Nurse Specialists



23%

of people with Parkinson's are living in the most deprived areas

Estimated
10-15%

of the Parkinson's population live in care homes

DO YOU CARE FOR SOMEONE WITH PARKINSON'S ?

Use this [LINK](#) to find training and educational resources for professionals working in social care

MIGRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – CALL FOR EVIDENCE

A reminder that MAC are calling for evidence regarding the impact of Brexit on social care.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-impact-of-the-ending-of-freedom-of-movement-on-the-adult-social-care-sector>

The deadline for submitting your responses to the call for evidence questionnaire is 29 October 2021 with MAC due to report in April.

Employers can report here:

https://homeoffice.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_56GLlruxt8BY5E

Care Associations can report here:

https://homeoffice.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9SvbehmEKoGXxhs

Your clients / residents may like to report here:

https://homeoffice.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1NSDXA7wmnD5u2G

HOSPITAL DISCHARGE PROGRAMME EXTENDED

The Secretary of State announced a £478m funding package to continue the hospital discharge programme until 31st March 2022 so that patients can leave hospitals as quickly and as safely as possible, with the right community or at-home support.

This additional funding is to ensure health and social care systems are able to respond to demand for services over the winter period. This includes the continued use of designated settings, which have been vital in our response to preventing COVID-19 outbreaks in care settings. The government's position remains that any patient who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days should not be discharged into a care home. The discharge funding should be used to ensure each local authority has access to designated settings provision. To continue to support those designated settings that are unable to obtain sufficient insurance cover to accept COVID-19 patients on discharge from hospital, the Government is extending the Designated Settings Indemnity Support (DSIS) until 31st March 2022. Decisions should continue to be made at a local level about how best to deliver designated settings over the coming months, including where such settings are shared with neighbouring authorities, in partnership with the NHS.

ACCESSING PUBLIC LIABILITY AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Association of British Insurers and the British Insurance Brokers' Association have produced a very helpful document for care providers that are finding it more difficult to access public liability (PL) and employers' liability (EL) cover for their needs in the current circumstances.

You can access the document using this [LINK](#) to find guidance on improving your ability to access insurance cover through risk management, sharing of information etc.

STAFF VACCINATION STATUS

The [NHS COVID Pass](#) system went live on the 30 September 2021, all staff will need to use this to provide evidence of status.

FULLY VACCINATED

All staff that have both initial doses of the vaccine or have received permanent exemption from the vaccine.

No further action is currently required. Staff to apply for booster vaccine after 180 days from their second dose. You should record details of the [NHS COVID pass](#) evidence for all relevant staff.

Staff that received their second dose of the vaccine over 180 days ago (six months) can either book their booster vaccine via the [National Booking System](#) or attend a 'walk-in' centre, for your nearest centre, see here: www.nhs.uk/grab-a-jab

TEMPORARY EXEMPTIONS

Staff with temporary exemption have until the 28 October 2021 to receive their first dose, in order to be fully vaccinated for the 23 December 2021.

You should keep records of all staff who have submitted temporary exemptions and ensure to track their current progress in relation to their vaccination status.

Staff that are pregnant are also eligible for a time-limited exemption through the [Form for Medical Exemption](#). Should pregnant staff take this route, their exemption will expire 16 weeks post-partum (after birth) to allow them enough time to be vaccinated.

NO EXEMPTION/VACCINATION

Staff without temporary exemption and either of their Covid-19 vaccine doses, will be unable to enter the care home from the 11 November 2021.

Staff who have had their first dose, that do not have temporary exemption, will be unable to work from the 11 November until they have received their second dose.

For staff who are potentially eligible for permanent exemption from the Covid vaccinations, it should be encouraged that they utilise the local AGH exemption pathway.

Further details can be found here: [Covid-19 Vaccination Exemptions](#)

Staff without temporary exemption would need to be redeployed or given notice for the 11 November 2021.

For staff with a temporary exemption, but with no intention of receiving their Covid-19 vaccine, will need to be redeployed or given notice for the 23 December 2021.

Staff with no intention of having the Covid-19 vaccination risk contract termination, this is due to not being able to legally carry out their duties, because of the the mandatory vaccination legislation.



COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM

Supporting people to support others



The [Adult Social Care Update for 1:10:2021](#) provides further information on exemptions to mandatory vaccination for those deployed in care homes. Those unable to receive the vaccine can apply for an NHS COVID Pass to prove their exemption status by calling 119 from 30th September. Anyone applying for exemption should also complete a self-certification form. Self-certification will be recognised in this way until 23 December 2021, after which exemptions can only be verified using the NHS COVID Pass.

The [self-certification process for people vaccinated abroad](#) continues to be the only way exemptions can be demonstrated for this group.

Details on the [NHS Covid pass can be found here](#) and you can get more [information on how to get a vaccination exemption here](#).

In Bradford we encourage you to still use the exemption pathway at Airedale General Hospital where there are no delays and staff can be seen almost immediately. Airedale are also opening their vaccination hub again and will be providing 1st, 2nd and 3rd vaccines by the end of the week.

For further information about vaccine exemptions in Bradford please use this [LINK](#) and to see the image above in greater detail use this [LINK](#)