

UPDATED OCCUPANCY SUPPORT SCHEME

Care Homes were emailed this week about changes to the Occupancy Support Scheme. This is a reminder that Period 5 ends this week and the deadline for claims is 28 February 2021.

If you want to make a claim for this period, please ensure you submit the new PERIOD 5 Application form to HWB.Digital.Innovation@bradford.gov.uk by this date. **Please be aware - forms received after this date will not be processed.**

You can download the application form, and access the guidance notes and further information here: <https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/occupancy-support-scheme/>

PLEASE NOTE: It is important that on the claim form you give average occupancy rate for January to March 2020 as a percentage figure (cell I15)

Flu Campaign Survey

Department of Health and Social Care is seeking feedback about the flu vaccination campaign. The survey can be accessed via this [LINK](#). It should take no longer than 10 minutes.

UKHCA Insurance Survey

The UKHCA are asking for their members to complete a survey regarding insurance. It should take no longer than 10 minutes and is available [HERE](#)

DWP WORK ACADEMY PROGRAMME

The Department for Work and Pensions is running a sector based work academy programme for care , to upskill jobseekers to who are interested in working in care. The academy is starting in March and will run for two weeks.

If you would like to interview any candidates who complete the academy or if you would like to discuss the academy in more detail please do not hesitate to get in touch with Stephen Byrd by email stephen.byrd@dwp.gov.uk or by telephone 01274 336610

If you are interested, all they will need from you is your job description and the number of jobs you would like to interview for.

WALKING IN MY SHOES ONLINE TRAINING

This training is available for all our health and social care support staff and is funded through West Yorkshire and Harrogate Support Staff Workforce Development Funding (SSWDF).

This fantastic interactive training session will last for 2 hours and will be running from 1 March. The session sets an empathetic tone, whilst recognising the hard work and dedication of all support staff. Within the session, support staff will recognise what it is like to 'walk in service users' shoes', taking responsibility to get it right first time!

For more information, please visit the Provider Zone.

COVID-19 VACCINATION LEAGUE TABLES

Watch this space!

Bronze, Silver, Gold and even Platinum awards are set to be distributed to homes based on staff uptake of the Covid Vaccine.

Don't forget to update Capacity Tracker with your vaccination data to boost your chances of success!

Changes to Coronavirus Outbreak Testing in Care Homes + Changes to 90-day retesting policy

From 22 February, during a new outbreak, residents should be tested using LFD at the same time as the outbreak PCR tests on day 1 and again between day 4-7 and daily staff LFD testing is being extended beyond day 7 if positive tests are still occurring.

With immediate effect, care home outbreak PCR testing for staff and residents at the start of a new outbreak is moving from Pillar 1 (local PHE and NHS labs) to the usual care home testing process through Pillar 2 (the National Testing Programme).

The following pieces of guidance have been updated to reflect the changes:

[Care Home Testing Guidance - Page 39](#)

[Outbreak infographic guidance](#)

Care home residents will continue to get monthly testing. There are no longer plans to move to weekly resident testing.

Page 9 of the care home testing guidance details changes to the 90-day retesting policy:

"From now on, if someone tests positive with a PCR test, they should not be tested using PCR or LFD for 90-days, unless they develop new symptoms during this time, in which case they should be retested immediately using PCR. This 90-day period is from the initial onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic when tested, their positive test result."

A letter from DHSC has been uploaded to the Provider Zone detailing the changes. It is vital that you read this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

- Sunday 28th February - Occupancy Support Scheme Period 5 Application Deadline
- Tuesday 2nd March 10:30-11:30 – BCA IPC Update
- Tuesday 9th March 10:30-11:30 – BCA Provider Update

Please note that the IPC update on Tuesday 23rd February has been CANCELLED

IPC ON CALL THIS WEEKEND

**Saturday 20 February 10-1pm
Darren Fletcher-07582 102163**

**Sunday 20 February 10-1pm
Jacqui Elliott- 07813 394841**

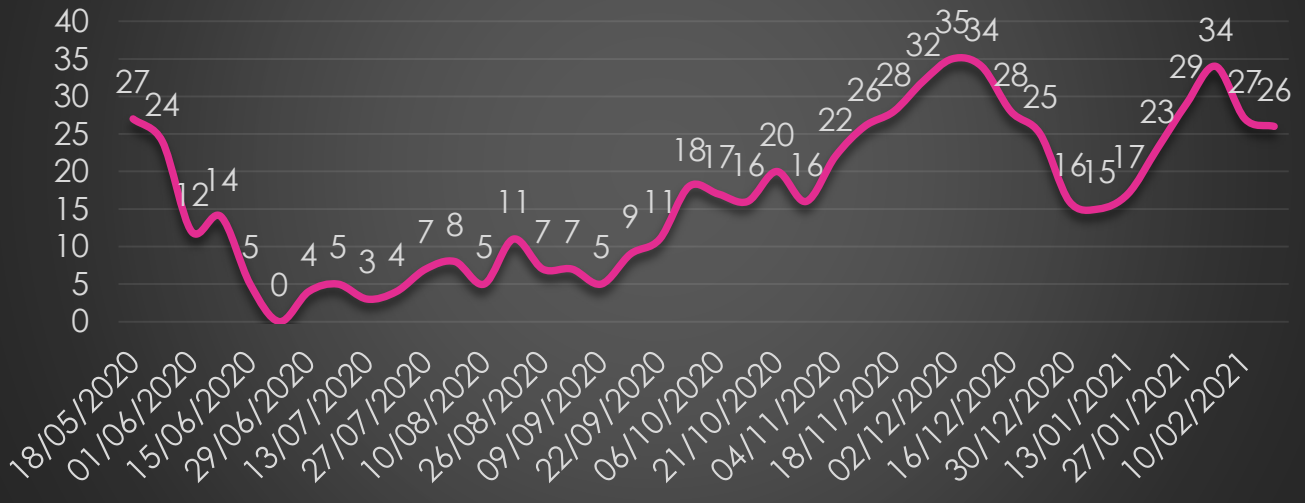
A big welcome also to a new member of the IPC team,
David Macaffrey.

David is an experienced Infection Prevention nurse who has worked in both hospital and community settings. His contact number is 07974 623989

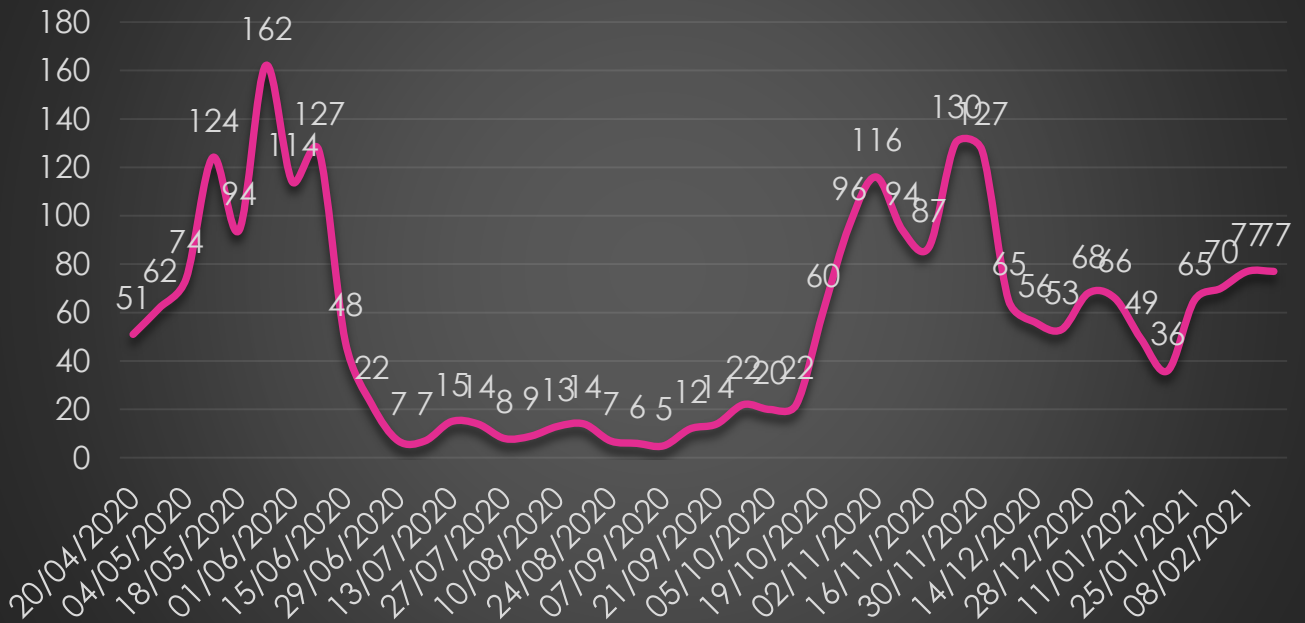
BRADFORD CARE HOMES COVID-19 TRACKER

These and other graphs are available in the Provider Zone. The Covid-19 Support Team are currently working with our intelligence data colleagues to develop a clear, concise, yet informative weekly presentation of the current situation in respect of several areas relating to the current pandemic. We will be liaising with BCA colleagues to ensure this data is useful and accurately reflects the situation here in Bradford. We are aware that some of this data is extremely sensitive and we are working to develop a more secure route for provider access only. More information to follow next week.

Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



Number of Covid-19 Infections



THIS WEEK'S POSTER

This poster is available to download from the Provider Zone so you can print it off and display in staff rooms

#AfterYourVaccine
Please continue with
your routine COVID
testing



Thankyou



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