

Tuesday 18 January 2022



ICTF ROUND 3 - FIRST REPORT DUE

Please ensure that your January report is completed and returned to Covid19SupportTeam@bradford.gov.uk by the latest 21 January 2022.

We will be confirming the next payment to your service later this week, with the plan to pay the second round (40%) next week.

For the returns and more information, please see:

<https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/adult-social-care-infection-control-and-testing-fund-extension-to-march-2022/>

HOME SUPPORT PROVIDER FORUM

Thursday 27th January 2022. All providers are welcome. The forum will be held via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting joining instructions:

- Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

- Or call in (audio only)

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Phone Conference ID: 455 415 104#

For further information contact Maria Greenwall on 07974 624023 or Maria.Greenwall@bradford.gov.uk

SELF-ISOLATION GUIDANCE

As you may be aware the self-isolation guidance has been updated so staff may be able to end their self-isolation period early. Staff can take a LFT from day 5 of their isolation period and another on day 6 at least 24 hours later. If both tests are negative then they can immediately end their self-isolation and return to work provided they meet the following criteria available with this [LINK](#).

Staff should not take a LFT before the fifth day of their isolation period and should only end their self-isolation following 2 consecutive negative LFD tests which should be taken at least 24 hours apart.

If you have any questions about this guidance please refer them to Covid19SupportTeam@bradford.gov.uk or 01274 431999

USEFUL DOCUMENTS (click [HERE](#) to access)

- ICS NLW Uplift Part B & Updated FAQs on the ICS NLW Uplift (.docx)
- VCOD2 Letter (.docx)
- 2022.01.18 Provider Update
- BCA Free Membership

ZOOM RECORDING FROM PROVIDER UPDATE/ IPC/ GRANTS + UPLIFT UPDATE / Q+A MEETING THIS MORNING



covid explained.

COVID EXPLAINED - FIRST RESULTS OF THE CAMPAIGN

The COVID Explained campaign was launched across Yorkshire and the Humber just before Christmas and the early results of the campaign are positive.

COVID Explained has been commissioned by the government with input and insight from the 15 local authorities across Yorkshire and the Humber and with support from the NHS alongside voluntary and community organisations across the region. All COVID-19 information has been sourced from gov.uk and nhs.uk. The campaign provides facts, guidelines, real people's stories and information, broken down into simple and easy to read advice in over 12 different languages. The campaign has been co-created with communities and designed by Magpie.

The campaign's introduction film has been viewed more than 305,000 times on [YouTube](#), there have been more than 20,000 visits to covidexplained.com, and resources have been distributed and shared across the region. On the Stakeholders Hub you will also find the campaign press release, for use on your own channels.

FIT NOTES FOR STATUTORY SICK PAY PURPOSES

The Department for Work and Pensions suspended the requirement for fit notes for benefit purposes between 17 December 2021 and 26 January 2022. Claimants whose fit notes expire, and those who make new claims due to a health condition between 17 December and 26 January (and are still ongoing), will need to provide medical evidence from 27 January, and may therefore contact their GP for a fit note in advance of this date. These should be issued. Fit notes for Statutory Sick Pay purposes will be required for absences which begin on or after 27 January and last for longer than 7 days. Individuals whose sickness began between 10 December and 26 January inclusive will continue to be able to self-certify their absence for up to 28 days.

A **Community Health Services Prioritisation Framework** has been produced to aid local decision making about service and staff prioritisation until 1 March 2022.

The decision about where community health workforce are re-deployed is a local one but is most likely to focus on the priority areas of supporting as many patients as possible to be discharged, admission avoidance work and supporting the COVID vaccination programme.

Read the framework [HERE](#).

HOME SUPPORT – HELP WITH PARKING AND TRANSPORT

Home Support Providers, please read info' on support for care workers:

- **Parking Permits:** The Provider can apply for a permit per vehicle for the carers under Health Visitor. This costs £10 annually, and one change of vehicle can be made per year. You can apply for more than 1 permit. The Health Visitor permit allows a 2 hour stay in limited wait bays and within resident permit areas. If a carer requires more than 2 hours then you can apply for a special permit. If carers apply directly themselves, a manager's letter will need to be uploaded. Please apply via this link: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/parking/parking-permits/>
- **Enterprise Car Club:** Enterprise Car Club is a national company with a large fleet of vehicles across a number of UK cities. Cars and vans are parked in their own designated bays and can be reserved by Car Club members for as little as half an hour, a day, or as long as needed. You can set up an account for staff to use. There are different packages to choose from. Please see link for details: <https://www.enterprisecarclub.co.uk/gb/en/programs/regions/north-east-england/bradford.html>
- **4X4 Volunteer Drivers:** Volunteers who will support you to drive to persons home to deliver a support package. They are happy to offer this to home support carers in emergency circumstances and work all year round. They have asked not to be used as a taxi service. They charge for mileage only and are happy to set accounts up directly with providers. The Chair Person is Paul Cartwright. Please email him on: Cartwright.paul@gmail.com

RECRUITING AN OVERSEAS CARE WORKER UNDER THE POINTS BASED SYSTEM SESSIONS - 21 AND 25 JANUARY 2022

Please find information below on a webinar scheduled to be hosted by the **Home Office** later this month:

The below sessions have been set up for the 21st and 25th January. These sessions will provide an overview of the points based system and the routes available for the care sector as well as how to become a sponsor.

With the announcement of care workers being added to the shortage occupation list from mid-February, we are running two information sessions.

On the 1st January 2021 free movement ended and the UK introduced a new points-based immigration system. The new system treats EU and non-EU citizens equally and has transformed the way in which all people come to the UK to work and study. Anyone coming to the UK to work or study, excluding Irish citizens, will need to apply for permission in advance.

Please join officials from the Home Office's Engagement and Policy teams for a short webinar providing an overview of the points-based immigration system for the Social Care sector.

This will include new information about the Migration Advisory Committee's recent recommendation to add Care Workers and Home Carers to the Shortage Occupation List and the Health & Care Visa.

The session will also include updates on the following:

- Skilled Worker visa
- Health and Care visa
- Recruiting an overseas care worker from mid-February 2022
- How to become a Home Office sponsor
- Other Immigration Routes
- Right to Work checks
- EU Settlement Scheme
- Support available
- Q&A

During this event you will be given the opportunity to ask questions via Sli.do. In addition we would also value your feedback & experiences of using the new system.

To register for one of these events please use the links below:

[Social Care: Recruiting an overseas Care Worker under Points Based System Tickets, Fri 21 Jan 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

[Social Care: Recruiting an overseas Care Worker under Points Based System Tickets, Tue 25 Jan 2022 at 15:30 | Eventbrite](#)

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO CAPACITY TRACKER SCHEDULED FOR EVENING OF MONDAY 24 JANUARY 2022

- **Vacancy Type Reasons for closure:** Providers will be able to record additional information, i.e. closure reasons against bed types that are marked closed to admissions on Capacity Tracker. The new functionality will be available to Care Homes, Community Rehab, Hospices and Substance Misuse providers. Those providers already declaring bed type closures prior to 24/01/22 who do not update their closure information will be prompted to select a closure reason(s) prior to their Business Continuity information update being saved.
- **Updated validation to COVID vaccination BOOSTER in the UK field:** Updated validation will enable Providers to record all their staff, including staff self-certifying as being fully vaccinated abroad, in the COVID vaccination BOOSTER in the UK field.
- **Occupancy Report:** In line with our commitment to continuous improvement the layout to the Occupancy Report will be changed with new functionality added. Users will be able to filter their selection to a specific date and out of hours admissions fields.
- **Capacity Tracker/CQC Reconciliation:** The next update from CQC into Capacity Tracker is scheduled for 21st January 2022. Following this update, users may notice some changes to denominators within reports.
- **Help & Guidance:** Help and guidance will be made available in the What's New section of the Capacity Tracker Resource Centre.



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BRADFORD ARTIST CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

A Bradford woman who painted hundreds of landscape pictures and Yorkshire landmarks, many of which adorn the walls of local homes, has received a special message from Buckingham Palace after celebrating her 100th birthday.

May Monk celebrated her big day with her family and the team at Brookfield Care Home in Nab Wood near Shipley where she has lived for the last nine years.

Originally born in Hull, May left school and enrolled at a local art college, when she was just 11. However, her mum voiced concerns about the lack of career prospects for a budding artist so at the age of 14, May went to work in one of the city's department stores. Then in 1941, during World War Two, she was conscripted into the Army, where she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service and spent the next four years driving ambulances and armoured vehicles.

Afterwards she married husband Richard, who was nicknamed Dick, and the couple had five children. Dick's sales job meant the family moved around the country and over the next few years they lived in Scotland, Cumbria, Surrey, East Yorkshire, Halifax and returned to Hull, before settling in Bradford during the 1960s. It was around this time that May rekindled her love of painting, and she went on to create hundreds of pictures, that she would occasionally exhibit as well as gifting to family and friends.

She has 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren and in 2019 decided to put a lot of her artwork up for sale at the Saltaire Arts Trail and donated the proceeds to the RNLI in recognition of her Hull roots and the city's maritime history. Commenting on her centenary birthday, May said: "Celebrating my 100th birthday with my family and receiving a message from the Queen has been fantastic. The team at Brookfield Care Home made it extra special, with a wonderful cake, and it really was a day to remember."

Managing director, Konrad Czajka, from Czajka Care Group, which owns and runs Brookfield Care Home, said: "May has lived an amazing life and is clearly someone who is much-loved by her family and friends and puts others first, from doing her bit in World War Two to selling her artwork for charity. She thoroughly deserved her big day, and it was a pleasure for our team to pull out all the stops for her."