

## PPE UPDATE FOR ALL PROVIDERS

This is a reminder to providers that you may need to order more PPE:

- Everybody will probably need more visors
- Home care providers need to ensure that they have a mask for every visit
- Care home providers may need some more masks, as PPE may be changed more frequently

Free PPE is still available through the PPE Portal however it is important to be aware that this is currently set to finish at the end of June, although the scheme will be reviewed again in April to determine the provision of PPE beyond the end of June.

## COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM WEEKLY VLOG

The latest instalment of the weekly vlog has been uploaded and is available to view [HERE](#)

## NEW GUIDANCE FOR BRADFORD DISTRICT CARE HOMES AS VISITS RESUME

Please see the latest press release from Bradford Council with regard to visits resuming in Care Homes

[HERE](#)

## VACCINATIONS FOR AGENCY STAFF

Please be aware that agency staff are eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine and therefore entitled to book in using the [National Booking System](#) as part of priority group 2

## **PROVIDERS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Bradford's statistics for vaccine take up in our care services is being reported lower than the regional average. We believe that this is not necessarily the case and know how hard you have all worked to make sure people are as safe and protected as possible.

The Capacity Tracker is the only statistical report that is used when calculating the uptake for Covid-19 vaccinations for social care staff.

We really need your help to ensure your profile and the vaccination status of your staff are up to date and reflect the real current position of your service.

We are confident that our vaccine uptake is higher than 70% of staff in care homes and 60% for community providers. That said, without your support in regularly completing the Capacity Tracker with this information Bradford will remain a below average area with regard to vaccinations.

Please take some time to review your data ASAP and let's make sure Bradford is given the recognition it deserves.

Don't forget the individual award for your service will be issued shortly, we want to encourage you to 'go for gold' or even platinum!

## **GUIDANCE ON VITAMIN D SUPPLEMENTS FOR CARE HOMES**

As you will be aware, all care homes have received a supply of daily Vitamin D supplements. Several questions and concerns have been raised by some local providers and in response, the Medicines Optimisation Team have produced some further, updated guidance on the management and administration of your supply.

Please find the revised guidance document using the following [LINK](#)

The Covid-19 Support Team is here to support you if you have any questions.

Please also note that there will be a specific discussion and Q&A session at the next BCA provider update meeting on 6 March 2021, 10:30-11:30 where colleagues from the Medicines Optimisation Team will be present to answer any questions you may want to ask.

## **TISSUE VIABILITY TRAINING**

Free training on Microsoft Teams with different topics each session including skin integrity, moisture lesions, and skin tears.

A training flyer has been uploaded to the Provider Zone with dates of the sessions but if you still require further details please contact:

[Janine.bowshall@bdct.nhs.uk](mailto:Janine.bowshall@bdct.nhs.uk)

## **RESTORE2MINI ONLINE TRAINING**

This modular course will cover how to spot the early signs of deterioration and their clinical significance and will also share some useful practical tools to take back and adopt in your care homes. To book a place please contact Bradford and Craven CCG:

[qualitytraining@bradford.nhs.uk](mailto:qualitytraining@bradford.nhs.uk)

You can see the training flyer with more details on the Provider Zone

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!**

- Tuesday 16 March 2021 10:30-11:30 – BCA IPC Meeting – Agenda Available on the Provider Zone
- Friday 26 March 2021 – Aspiring Leaders Application Deadline

## **IPC ON CALL THIS WEEKEND**

**Saturday 13 March 10-1pm  
Michael Horsley- 07582 102117**

**Sunday 14 March 10-1pm  
Michael Horsley- 07582 102117**

*Please note that with agreement from Sarah Muckle Director of Public Health the IPC weekend on-call will be stood down at the end of March*

## 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 or circulate to staff by email



HM Government

**Every covered face is making a difference**

Covering our mouth and nose is helping stop the spread of Covid-19.

**Let's keep going**

**NHS**

**STAY HOME  
PROTECT THE NHS  
SAVE LIVES**