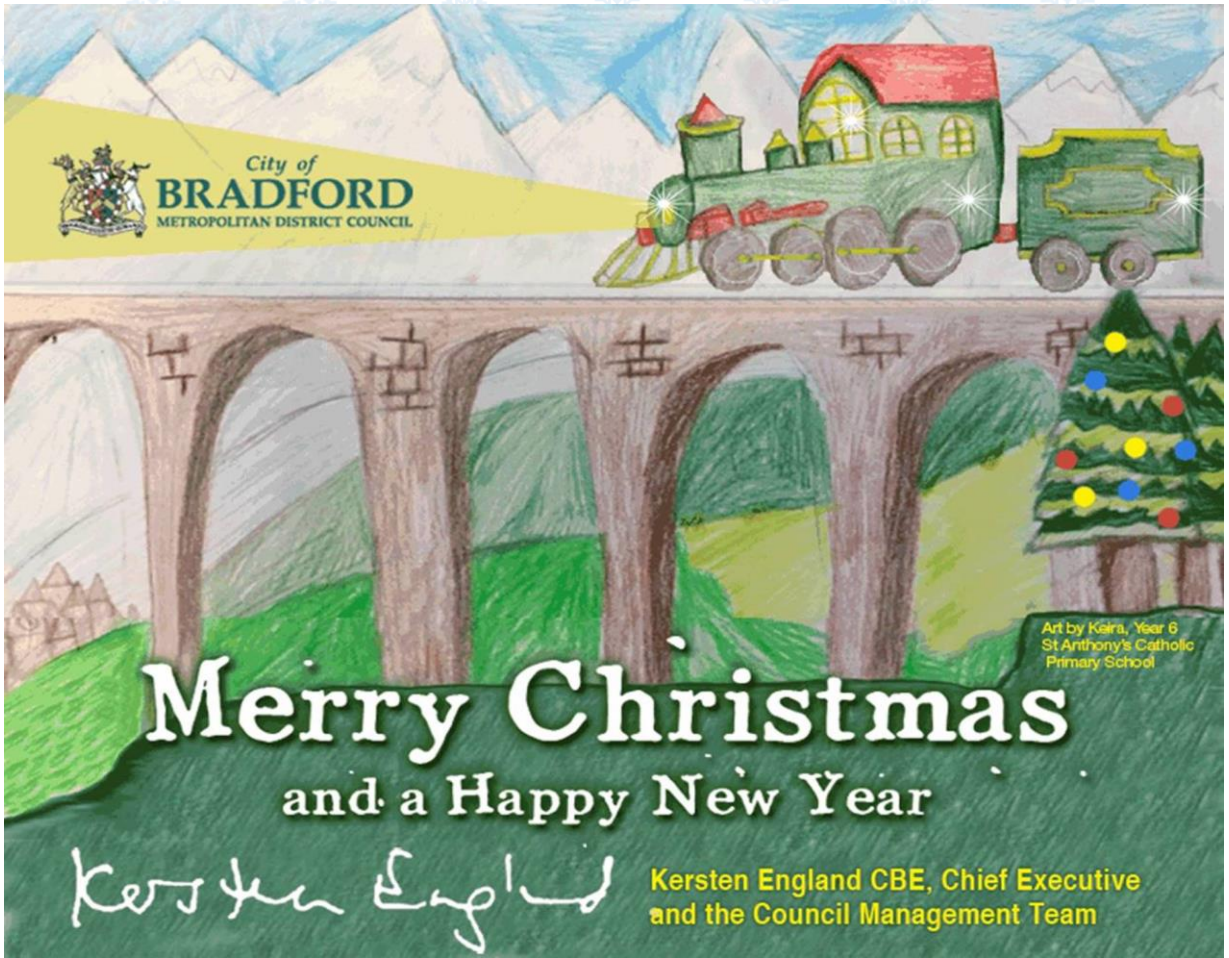




Thursday 23 December 2021

## IMPORTANT UPDATES

- **New Covid Treatments** are now being made available. This includes oral antivirals and intravenous monoclonal antibody treatments. Some care home residents, care recipients and some staff will be eligible for this treatment if unwell with COVID-19. We have also sent specific newsletters to settings which provides more detail for residential settings ([care home newsletter](#) and [Extra Care/Supported Living newsletter](#)). These treatments can help some people manage their COVID-19 symptoms and reduce the risk of becoming seriously ill. They are a further measure in addition to vaccinations, which remain the best way to protect everyone. There are now two routes available - with different criteria - for accessing new COVID-19 treatments for non-hospitalised individuals this winter, both of which are relevant to care homes and wider adult social care as well as the wider population; Participating in the [PANORAMIC national study](#) (over 50s; adults with underlying health conditions and all care home residents); or [Direct access](#) to treatments for those at highest risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19 (for individuals with specific listed conditions including down syndrome, MS and certain types of cancer).
- **Bradford Royal Infirmary** are now able to offer social care staff a 'walk in and receive a vaccination' service at the BRI site, in the lecture theatre. Appointments are also available on the National Booking System so if you would prefer to book an allotted time you can do so. BRI are open from 08:00 – 13:00 and 14:00 – 19:30 every day except for Christmas Eve (24 December), Christmas Day (25 December), Boxing Day (26 December), New Year's Eve (31 December), and New Year's Day (1 January). Please bring a form of ID and your NHS number to receive the vaccine.
- **Priority access to Covid-19 Booster vaccinations for social care workers:** DHSC has published the attached letter – "[COVID-19 Booster priority at vaccination centres for social care workers and unpaid carers](#)" – with information for system leaders and providers on how social care workers and unpaid carers can be prioritised for their booster vaccinations. Please circulate this letter as appropriate directly to your staff.
- **Guidance Updates:** We anticipate that several pieces of guidance may be updated in the coming days including testing guidance for most social care settings to reflect the increase in LFD testing, and updates to the admissions to care home guidance and designated settings guidance. We will circulate updates as we spot them. There may be other last-minute updates to other guidance and we will keep you informed.
- **Useful Links:** [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): adult social care guidance](#); [Infection Control and Testing Fund – Extension March 2021](#); [Professionals Visiting Care Homes](#). For more links, click [HERE](#) to access our Provider Zone.



## MESSAGE FROM IAIN MACBEATH

“I wanted to take the opportunity to wish everyone who is celebrating a very Happy Christmas! 2021 has continued to be a very difficult year for everyone in health and social care – both staff and people who use our services. It’s often felt like when we’ve conquered one problem, another one appears. We’re experiencing this again at the moment with Omicron and new rules come into force to reduce transmission. But I’m very grateful indeed for the commitment our staff have shown in Bradford and District and for the sacrifices they have made to keep people safe. I hope you get some time to spend with your family and friends over Christmas – or at least enjoy a quiet break. I wish you all the very best for 2022.”

## BOOSTING THE SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE

The recording for last week's Q&A webinar 'COVID-19: Boosting the Social Care Workforce' is now available to view [HERE](#)

## COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM WEEKLY VLOG

The latest instalment is available to view using this [LINK](#)

## SUPPORT OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD

The Covid-19 Support Team will be here for you over the festive period should you have any urgent emergencies/situations. We will have staff monitoring the team inbox ([covid19supportteam@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:covid19supportteam@bradford.gov.uk)) over the weekend and bank holidays. If you find yourself in a situation where you have any urgent concerns/queries/situations that need our support, please email the team.

Please see the newly created [Urgent Contingency Support](#) content page, with useful information, links and contact details for services that can offer additional help

For information and contact details for local NHS services that are accessible over the holidays please view this [document](#) which has been uploaded to the Provider Zone

### CAPACITY TRACKER – ARE YOU SHOWING THE CORRECT STATUS OPEN/CLOSED FOR YOUR BEDS?

Care Homes are asked to review their Capacity Tracker information and ensure that it accurately reflects the status of your bed types i.e., those beds that are closed to admissions are accurately showing as closed within the *Costs, Vacancies and Business Continuity* section of the system.

This will help prevent unnecessary calls to care home locations from discharge teams who need to know at speed if a bed is open and the home is able to accept a new resident.

### SUMMARY OF CURRENT GRANTS FOR THE INDEPENDENT CARE SECTOR

As requested at a recent BCA meeting, a summary of current grants for the independent care sector has been created and uploaded to the Provider Zone. You can download the spreadsheet with this [LINK](#)

### BRADFORD UNI URGENTLY NEED PLACEMENTS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OT) STUDENTS WITHIN THE INDEPENDENT CARE SECTOR.

Does your Care service employ an OT (part-time or full time)?  
Could you offer a 6 week placement from January 2022 to a 2<sup>nd</sup> year OT student?

Financial payments are made and support is given to the care setting providing the placement.

Are you able to help? Contact Vikki Carter at Bradford Uni by email  
[v.carter@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:v.carter@bradford.ac.uk)



**Above you can see the team at Beanlands Nursing Home in Cross Hills dress up for Elf Day, a national fundraising campaign run by the Alzheimer's Society.**

**On the left, the Elf on the Shelf visits residents at Brookfield Care Home in Nab Wood, Shipley.**

**The great work by the people in these photos helped to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.**

## **RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING PROVIDERS – URGENT RETURNS NEEDED FOR INCLUSION ON THE PROVIDER LIST**

We are still waiting to hear back on a number of clarifications, and several contracts that have not yet been returned. Can you please check YORtender to see if that applies to you and respond urgently.

The Council are moving to a new tendering platform and the old one will be closed. If this happens, you may have to resubmit your application which I am sure we would all like to avoid.

## **BRINGING FORWARD THE UPLIFT IN THE NATIONAL LIVING WAGE**

### **Quick summary**

- The funding is to bring the 59p uplift in the National Living Wage (NLW) from 1st April 2022 forward to 1st December 2021.
- The focus is on frontline care staff – but funding will be available to maintain differentials with other staff. Admin costs will also be covered .
- The funding covers 1st December 2021 – 31st March 2022.
- Funding will be distributed based on where you are CQC-registered.

**For more information, please see attached document [HERE](#)**

## **BCA POSTERS AND MESSAGE**

We would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and hopefully a brighter 2022. The BCA has worked extremely hard this past 12 months support our Members through these difficult times and we hope you have found that support useful. We can all be proud of what we have achieved through what has been a difficult and challenging year for the care sector. We are not through with Covid-19 yet and further challenges lay ahead. The BCA looks forward to helping and supporting all members and exerting even greater influence over the decision makers in this country.

Here's to a better, brighter 2022 !

Yours sincerely

BCA Board



- [DIGITAL EAGLES – GUIDE OVER CHRISTMAS](#)
- [STAY FRAUD FREE THIS CHRISTMAS!](#)



# IF YOU ARE FEELING THAT YOU CAN'T COPE, OUR STAFF SUPPORT LINE AND LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINES ARE OPEN AS NORMAL THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD.

Call **0808 196 3833**. Open 8am to 8pm 7 days a week,  
including all bank holidays.

## Local 24/7 crisis lines:

Leeds **0800 183 1485**    Bradford **0800 952 1181**  
Calderdale, Kirklees & Wakefield **0800 183 0558**

Night OWLS is a new service for children and young people experiencing a mental health crisis. Available 8pm to 8am every day Night OWLS is a confidential support line for children and young people, helping them, their parents and carers.

Call **0300 2003900**    Text **07984 392700**  
Chat on [www.wynightowls.org.uk](http://www.wynightowls.org.uk)



## CHECK-IN.

Looking after each other

[workforce.wyhpartnership.co.uk](http://workforce.wyhpartnership.co.uk)

# DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

DATA	LATEST	CHANGE
Deaths	0	0
Infections	12	4
Outbreaks	4	1
Occupancy	78%	1%
Tracker completed	96%	3%

## HOME SUPPORT PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Locality Providers	Other Providers
35	18	17

## CARE HOME PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

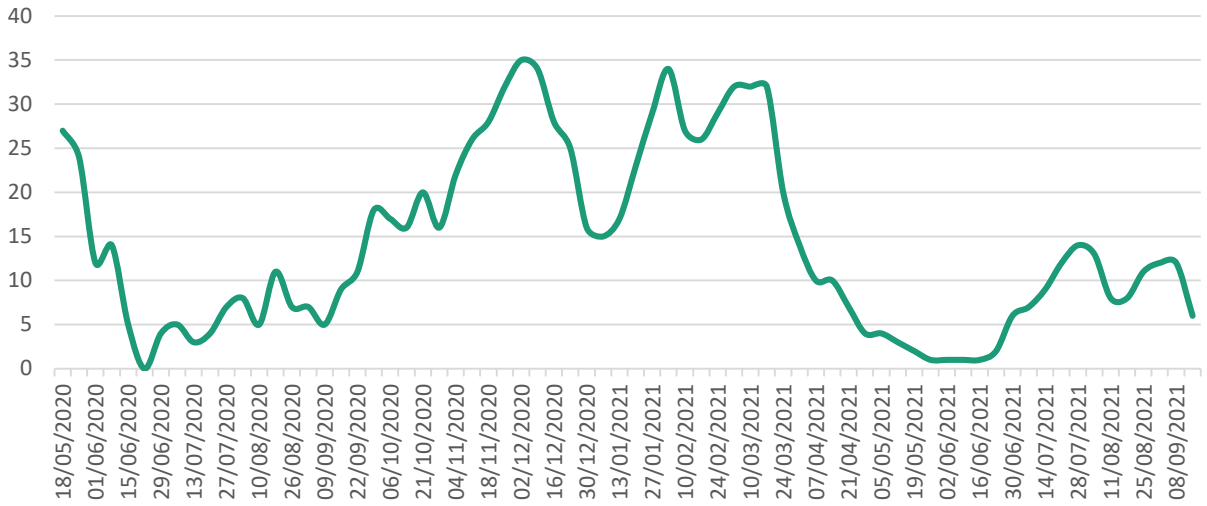
OPR2	OPN	Deferred	PDN
Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable

## CARE HOME VACANCY DETAILS (last 7 days, both Residential and Nursing)

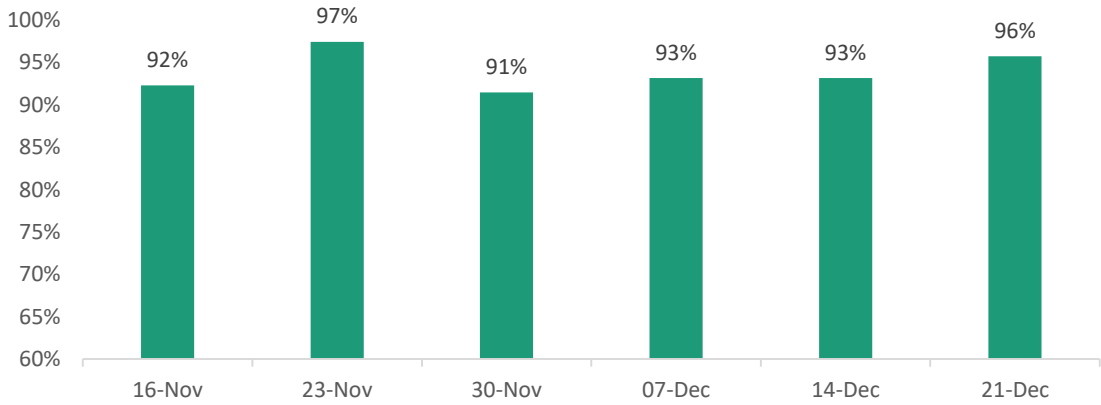
Care Home Occupancy Percentage	Number of Homes	Percentage of total homes
<b>Under 25%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>26% to 40%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>41% to 60%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>61% to 80%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>81% to 90%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Above 91%</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Total Homes &amp; Mean %</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>78%</b>

Vacancy Type	Declared Vacancies	Declared Total Beds	Declared Vacancies Closed	Occupied Beds	Occupied Beds Percent	Lost Capacity Percent
General Residential	200	1042	41	801	76.87%	3.93%
General Nursing	136	671	8	527	78.54%	1.19%
Dementia Residential	129	755	40	586	77.62%	5.30%
Dementia Nursing	74	346	2	270	78.03%	0.58%
Mental Health Nursing	42	151	0	109	72.19%	0.00%
Mental Health Residential	23	203	3	177	87.19%	1.48%
YPD - Young Physically Disabled	18	73	0	55	75.34%	0.00%
Learning Disability Residential	14	174	10	150	86.21%	5.75%
Learning Disability Nursing	3	12	0	9	75.00%	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>3427</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2684</b>		

### Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



### Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



### Number of Covid-19 Infections

