

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

STAFF SUPPORT FOR PROVIDERS INCLUDING THE VCSE SECTOR

We understand that there are staffing issues across all sectors. Our aim across the Health and Social Care sector is to support all Providers during this difficult period.

Where this is an issue within your organisation we would encourage you to use the following: [Urgent Contingency Support](#) and be sure to complete your Service Update System (SUS) profile if you need the team to contact you for further support. Should you be unable to log in to your SUS profile please email Covid19SupportTeam@bradford.gov.uk, they will be able to confirm your log in details.

For VCSE organisations you will be able to use the principles outlined in the document, available [HERE](#), relating to the prioritisation of service users, mutual aid and escalation to system partners work. The Covid-19 Support Team is also available to support you on staffing, testing, vaccinations and all Covid-19 matters, if you have any queries, please find our contact details here: <https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/covid-19-support-team-duty-desk/>

Should your service be experiencing staffing issues which are directly impacting on your ability to provide a service, please be sure to contact the Covid-19 Support Team at your earliest convenience, so that we can work with you to support you as best we can.

CARE HOME VISITING

We are aware that an increasing number of care homes are reporting outbreaks and we understand the impact with additional stress and demand that this is putting on you and your staff. Should you identify that you are under an outbreak, please ensure to contact the IPC Team, if you are unable to reach them, please call 01274 431999 and we inform the IPC Team to contact you to support and record the outbreak information.

The initial stages of an outbreak can be extremely busy, understanding how far infection has spread and taking steps to mitigate any further impact. The guidance encourages that essential care givers and professionals can visit under all circumstances, so it is important that should you delay visiting in the initial stages to communicate this, and why, with residents, family, friends and professionals. We understand that the reduction in staffing can also impact the ability to support visits, it is again important to communicate your visiting capacity.

We ask that when you are under an outbreak, you flag on your SUS profile how you are managing in relation to staff, testing and visiting capacity, to enable the team to understand where you are struggling and how we can support.

Guidance has recently changed in relation to visiting and professional visiting, please see amended support documents below.

[Care Home Visiting](#)
[Professional Visiting](#)

COVID-19 / INFLUENZA / ARI CARE HOME OUTBREAK STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE UPDATED!

- Update to testing Section to include introduction of LFD testing and guidance on testing within 90 days of a previous Covid-19 infection.
- SOP rewritten to include management if Acute Respiratory Infections and Covid-19, testing and treatment

All changes within the SOP from the previous version have been highlighted in the document. To access, click [HERE](#).

BCA UPDATES

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM BCA

Bradford Care Association - united, we make a difference. Join now and enjoy free membership

After a hugely challenging and unprecedented time, it's more important than ever that the care sector in Bradford is able to evolve, innovate and has a voice on the local and regional stage.

Jane Wood, Assistant Director at Bradford & District Council said:

"During the last 18 months the relationship between the commissioning and contracts team in the council and the BCA has developed immensely as we have had to pull together to maintain services. Working in partnership and co-producing solutions to the challenges adult social care faces is what we need to do."

In recognition of BCA's constructive influence, hard work and by way of a small 'thank you' to all the social care providers of Bradford, Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC) has agreed to fund BCA membership fees for all social care providers in Bradford until April 2022.

This fantastic opportunity means even more care providers throughout Bradford can have a voice, take advantage of best practice resources, and influence the care sector decision makers, as well as campaigning on key issues including the fair cost of care.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the BCA brochure where you'll find out more about the Bradford Care Association (BCA), our work, achievements, ambitions, and how by working together, we are making a difference.

If you would like to become a BCA Member for free and would like to start enjoying the benefits today, simply fill out the short [Membership Form \(CLICK HERE\)](#) - alternatively, email admins@bradfordcareassociation.org



**BRADFORD CARE HOME
RESOURCE PACK –
UPDATED 13 JAN 2022**

Click [HERE](#) to access!

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**COVID-19
SUPPORT
TEAM
WEEKLY
VLOG**

The latest instalment of the weekly Vlog is available to view [HERE](#) or click on the video on the left!



UPDATE FROM GOV.UK FOR: EXTENDING FREE PPE TO THE HEALTH AND CARE SECTOR

The government hosted a [public consultation from 1 October to 31 October 2021](#) on whether to extend the central, free provision of all items of COVID-19 PPE provided to the health and care sector for a further year. This is the formal government response to that consultation.

Overall, the consultation responses showed that the overwhelming majority of health and care providers are strongly in favour of the option to extend the provision of free PPE.

The government has decided to extend free PPE to health and care sectors by up to one year to March 2023 or until the infection prevention and control guidance on PPE usage for COVID-19 is either withdrawn or significantly amended (whichever is sooner).



SURESCREEN RAPID LATERAL FLOW TESTS FOR CARE HOMES IN ENGLAND

As well as the Innova 25 rapid lateral flow test, care homes in England will soon begin to receive SureScreen rapid lateral flow tests as part of their standard order of rapid lateral flow tests for staff.

For more information, click [HERE](#).



HEALTHY MINDS | BRADFORD & CRAVEN

Do you deliver personalised care in Bradford or Craven? If you could increase your cultural competence and understanding of Equality and Diversity, check out these training sessions. [@network_race](#)

SKILLS FOR CARE HELPS SOCIAL CARE EMPLOYERS #PREPARETOCARE22



Skills for Care has launched a series of activity branded #PrepareToCare22 to support social care employers in planning for the new year.

As January begins, Skills for Care will be providing a series of articles and blogs, as well as social media updates, to support social care employers, managers, and their teams to prepare for the year ahead.

The #PrepareToCare22 activity will encompass top tips from Skills for Care, as well as insights from people working across the sector, and links to key planning tools and resources.

You'll find all of the activity on Skills for Care's dedicated webpage and updates will also be shared across social media using #PrepareToCare22.

Visit www.skillsforcare.org.uk/preparetocare



ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEW NATIONAL STANDARDS OF HEALTHCARE CLEANLINESS 2021?

Next Live Webinar: Monday 17th January 11:30-12pm

NHS England and NHS Improvement guidance states that compliance to the new National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness is mandatory by April 2022 (this includes acute hospitals, mental health, community, primary care, pharmacies, dental care, ambulance trusts, GP surgeries, clinics and care homes).

For more information, click [HERE](#).



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WORK WITH ME



A free training session about communicating with people who have learning disabilities, autism, a neurodiverse condition, sensory or speech impairment. This training is for those who need to be able to deliver personalised care, considering individual needs, preferences, and circumstances.

WHO IS THE TRAINING FOR?

This 2-hour interactive course is for people delivering personalised care and is suitable for health and care staff and volunteers in the statutory and voluntary sectors across West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

Meetings will take place in January, February and March 2022 on Zoom



HOW TO BOOK

Please follow this link to book onto the training:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/work-with-me-tickets-217551300797>

DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

DATA	LATEST	CHANGE
Deaths	0	0
Infections	177	117
Outbreaks	74	+24
Occupancy	80%	0%
Tracker completed	96%	4%

HOME SUPPORT PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Locality Providers	Other Providers
32	5	27

CARE HOME PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

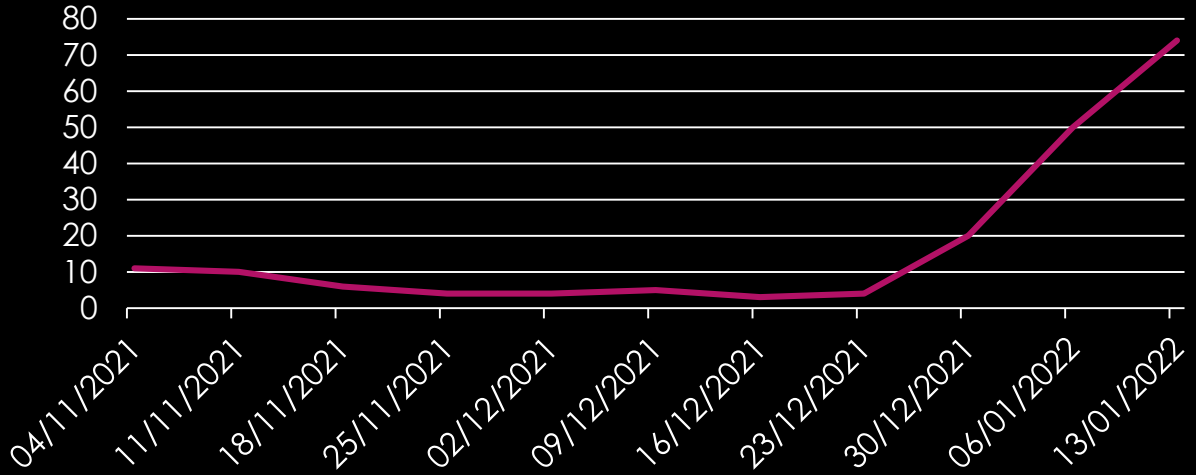
OPR2	OPN	Deferred
NA	NA	NA

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

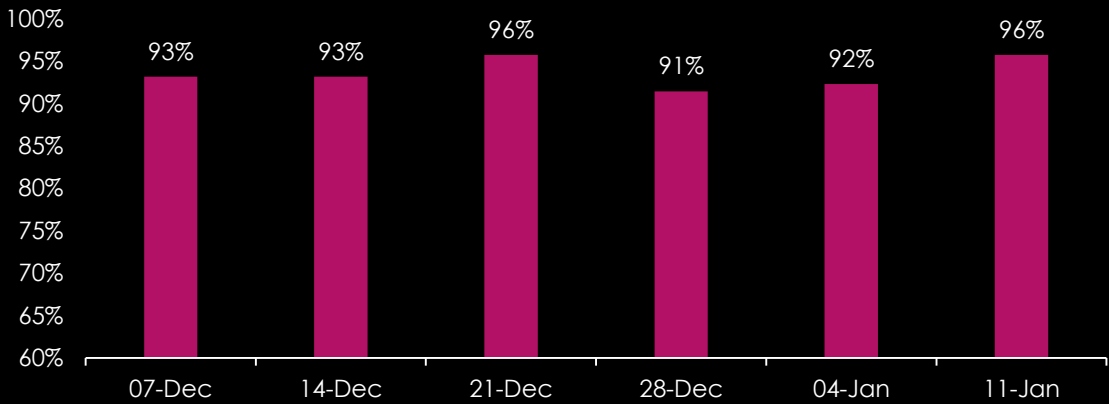
Care Home Occupancy Percentage	Number of Homes	Percentage of total homes
Under 25%	4	3%
26% to 40%	3	3%
41% to 60%	13	11%
61% to 80%	33	28%
81% to 90%	27	23%
Above 91%	37	32%
Total Homes & Mean %	117	78%

Vacancy Type	Declared Vacancies	Declared Total Beds	Declared Vacancies Closed	Occupied Beds	Occupied Beds Percent	Lost Capacity Percent
General Residential	128	1072	125	819	76.40%	11.66%
Dementia Residential	103	850	81	666	78.35%	9.53%
Dementia Nursing	63	328	6	259	78.96%	1.83%
General Nursing	63	619	65	491	79.32%	10.50%
Mental Health Nursing	37	119	1	81	68.07%	0.84%
Mental Health Residential	35	217	4	178	82.03%	1.84%
YPD - Young Physically Disabled	23	78	0	55	70.51%	0.00%
Learning Disability Residential	16	171	12	143	83.63%	7.02%
Learning Disability Nursing	5	24	0	19	79.17%	0.00%
TOTAL	473	3478	294	2711		

Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



Number of Covid-19 Infections

