

## NEXT 10 DAYS - KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 17 November 12:30 – 13:30 – BCA AGM**
- **Wednesday 17 November 13:30 – 16:00 – BCA Quality Workshop**
- **Friday 19 November – Infection Control and Testing Fund application deadline**

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

## EXTENSION TO ICTF SUBMISSIONS!

We previously launched the submissions for round three of the Infection Control and Testing Fund, this extension covers from the 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022.

**Due to a lower than expected response rate, we have decided to extend the availability to submit your response until 19 November 2021.** This will not impact submissions made for the original deadline, which will be processed and paid as previously outline in the guidance documents.

Please find more information on the funding and how to submit your request here:

<https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/adult-social-care-infection-control-and-testing-fund-extension-to-march-2022/>, please be aware of your relevant section and be sure to use the right submission link for your service.

For any queries, please contact the Covid-19 Support Team by email or by calling 01274 431999.

## BACES DELIVERIES TO CARE HOMES

From Thursday 11 November 2021 due to driver capacity BACES will be delivering on set days to Care Homes which will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. For any smaller items where they do not have to enter the care home, they will endeavour to deliver when possible

## VERIFY PLUS

Verify Plus is a cost & time effective, innovative, user-friendly digital tool to support you & your staff to ensure everyone who enters your Care Home are fully vaccinated or exempt.

The council will be using funds from our discretionary money to supplement the first year of costs for this.

For more information about this service please use this [LINK](#)



# WINTER —+— is —+— COMING

## **BUT SOCIAL CARE WILL CARRY ON...**

### Quality Workshop Agenda:

- Iain MacBeath - Working together to manage winter pressures across the health and care sector
- Q+A with CQC inspectors - Compliance + regulations over the winter period
- Introduction to BCA/BMDC Winter Planning Assessment Tool
- Local and national resources to support providers with challenging workforce issues & emotional wellbeing
- BCA useful resources

### AGM Guest Speakers:

- Iain Macbeath (Strategic Director, Health and Wellbeing)
- Helen Hurst (Chief Officer, NHSBradford District and Craven CCG)

WEDNESDAY 17th NOV

AGM - 12:30 - 13:30

Quality Workshop -  
13:30 - 16:00

EVENT BOOKING



[Click here to get your FREE TICKET from EventBrite.](#)

# GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE COVID-19 VACCINATION AS A CONDITION OF DEPLOYMENT FOR ALL FRONTLINE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE WORKERS

The vaccination as a condition of deployment (VCOD) policy will now be extended to all health and care staff. The Secretary of State has just announced this in the House.

Key points:

- Staff working face to face with patients or service users will need to be vaccinated against Covid-19 in order to be deployed, unless they are exempt.
- Covid-19 boosters and flu vaccinations are not included in the policy scope.
- Once the regulations have been laid and approved in Parliament, there will be a 12-week grace period before the regulations come into force. Therefore, the policy is expected to come into force in April 2022.

Additional information can be found in the below press notice. Further details can be found in the consultation response, published [HERE](#)

This policy does not supersede, but sits alongside, the previously announced regulations requiring anyone working in a CQC-regulated care home to be vaccinated by Thursday 11 November. The operational guidance for this policy can be found [HERE](#). The regulations that introduce VCOD across health and wider social care settings will include some amendments to the existing care home regulations. Once approved by Parliament, these amendments will take effect in the coming months:

- An unvaccinated new starter can be deployed in a care home 21 days after receiving one dose of an authorised COVID-19 vaccine
- Staff vaccinated overseas can be deployed but may need to receive a top-up vaccine dose, as per UKHSA advice. The government intends to run the self-certification process for people vaccinated in care homes until the end of the proposed grace period which is expected to be 1 April.
- Clinical trial participants will need to evidence their participation in order to be exempt from the requirement
- The definition of authorised vaccine will be aligned across the two policies

To read the full press release please use this [LINK](#)

## ADVERTISE YOUR VACANCIES!

If you are an organisation within social care that would like to advertise their vacancy with us, please email the [covid19supportteam@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:covid19supportteam@bradford.gov.uk), with the following information.

Subject Title: FAO Ben - Care Vacancy

You must complete the following documents (these will download and are not able to view online):

[Social Care Vacancies](#) (must be completed and returned)

[Jobs And Apprenticeships Template](#) (to be used if you do not have a live vacancy that can be linked to)

If you have any queries on this process, please call our duty number on 01274 431999.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SYSTEM ESCALATION GROUP

Lyn Sowray Deputy Director –Operations Health and wellbeing Department in Bradford Council and Louise Bestwick Bradford Care Association are both members of the System Escalation Group which meets weekly to manage/coordinate our collective response to health, social care and voluntary and community services demand/ pressures.

The group has been meeting throughout the pandemic.

We would like to thank you all for you are doing to support people across the District in what is a very challenging time for us all. We are committed to working together and supporting each other.

Services across the system are under severe pressure due to the level of requests for services /appointments and staffing vacancies and sickness. Yorkshire Ambulance service has been at its highest level of escalation for the past couple of months. GP practices as you will be aware are also under pressure. The acute hospitals and Care trust services are experiencing increased pressure also due to levels of Covid infection and backlogs of people waiting for assessment and treatment.

Adult Social care services in the Council are in the same situation as you will be as providers and we are having to prioritise hospital transfers and high risk assessments in the community for assessment/ support.

Staffing our services is an issue for us all. We thought we would let you know that you as providers are represented in our system discussions and we welcome your feedback and assistance. We are currently working together on updating our joint contingency plans for winter. Discussions which we hope you are involved in are ongoing.

We want to support you in implementing the Care Home legislation re vaccination of staff and visiting professionals which comes into force on the 11 November 2021. If you have any concerns or issues about visiting professionals or how things could be improved in working with you as partners, please let you COVID-19 Support Team Council Liaison Officers have details. We will liaise with our colleagues in the escalation group.



# REQUIREMENTS FOR VISITING PROFESSIONALS

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS VISITING CARE HOMES

VISITING PROFESSIONALS **MUST** PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THEIR COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS

We are committed to keeping people safe! If you are a professional visiting this care home, please make sure you can provide evidence of your Covid-19 vaccination status, otherwise you will be refused entry.

If anyone attempts to enter this care home without evidencing their Covid-19 vaccination status, we are required to follow a reporting protocol via The Covid-19 Support Team who will liaise with the person's line manager and Public Health at Bradford Council.

**NO EVIDENCE! NO ENTRY!**

## DOWNLOAD THIS POSTER

If you wish to download this poster to print off and display in your care home you can now do so with this

[LINK](#)

After following the link, right click on the poster and save it, then you can print it.



# DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

DATA	LATEST	CHANGE
Deaths	0	0
Infections	21	6
Outbreaks	10	-1
Occupancy	77%	1%
Tracker completed	91%	-1%

## HOME SUPPORT PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Locality Providers	Other Providers
19	11	8

## CARE HOME PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

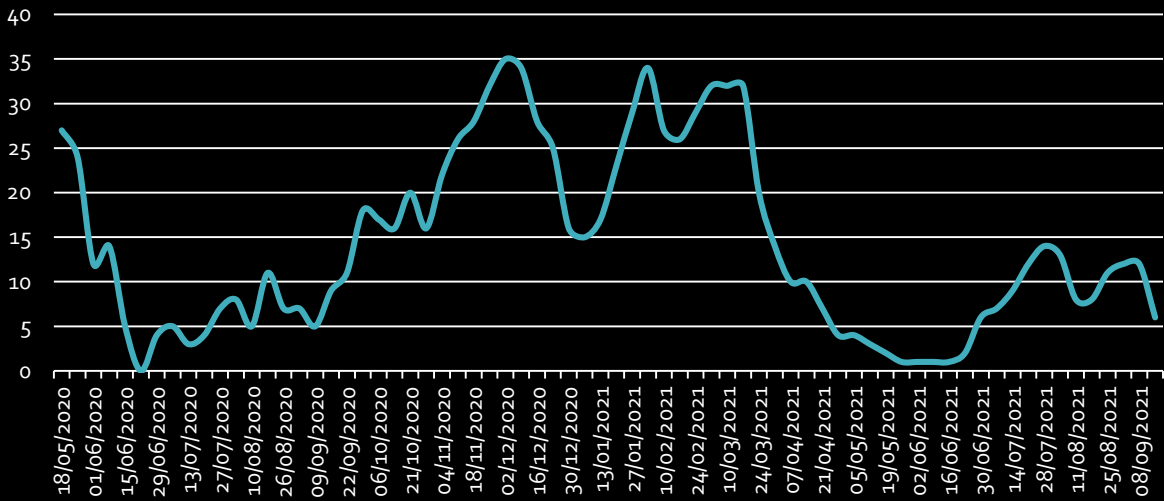
OPR2	OPN	Deferred
6	2	5

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

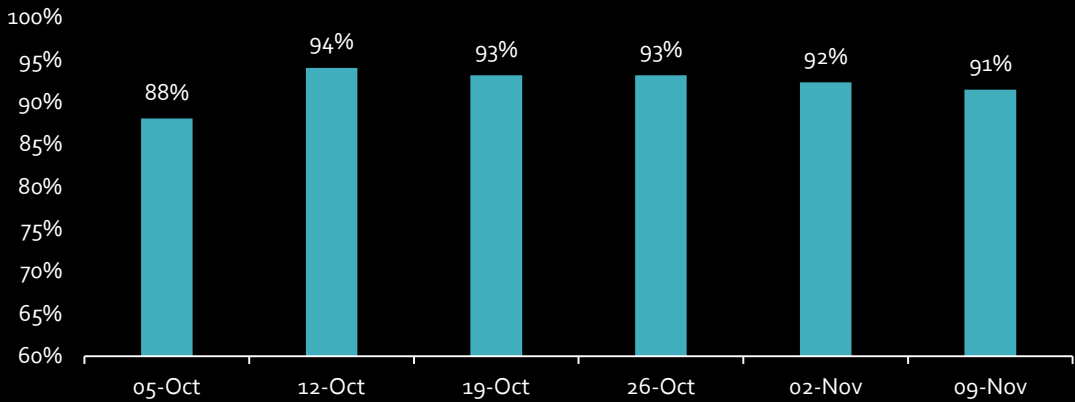
Occupancy Level	Number of Homes	% of Homes
<b>Under 25%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>26% to 40%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>41% to 60%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>61% to 80%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>81% to 90%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Above 91%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>32%</b>

Vacancy Type	Declared Vacancies	Declared Total Beds	Declared Vacancies Closed	Occupied Beds	Occupied Beds Percent	Lost Capacity Percent
General Residential	170	890	26	694	77.98%	2.92%
Dementia Residential	139	757	27	591	78.07%	3.57%
General Nursing	85	593	0	508	85.67%	0.00%
Dementia Nursing	71	327	0	256	78.29%	0.00%
Mental Health Nursing	37	142	0	105	73.94%	0.00%
Mental Health Residential	18	169	0	151	89.35%	0.00%
Learning Disability Residential	15	161	8	138	85.71%	4.97%
YPD - Young Physically Disabled	15	68	0	53	77.94%	0.00%
Learning Disability Nursing	0	2	0	2	100.00%	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>3109</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2498</b>		

## Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



## Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



## Number of Covid-19 Infections

