

To submit any material for the bulletin, the deadline is 5pm the day before the next edition is due. Please ensure any information you consult is from a reliable source, including the NHS, or Public Health England.

PROVIDER BULLETIN

Thursday 14 December 2023



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSURE

Most Council services, apart from frontline and emergency provision, will be closed between Christmas and New Year, Wednesday 27 December - Friday 29 December 2023.



The Commissioning Inbox will be monitored periodically on these days.

COVID-19 & FLU VACCINATIONS – SOCIAL CARE STAFF

Join the Local Authority & Bradford Care Association in promoting your organisation for high vaccination figures.

Now Winter is upon us, there is a critical need for social care employees and people who receive services to get their vaccinations. By being vaccinated, members of your staff team protect themselves, as well as the people they support every day.

The Local Authority have created a series of vaccination certificates which we will award to your organisation for meeting various vaccination benchmarks this winter:

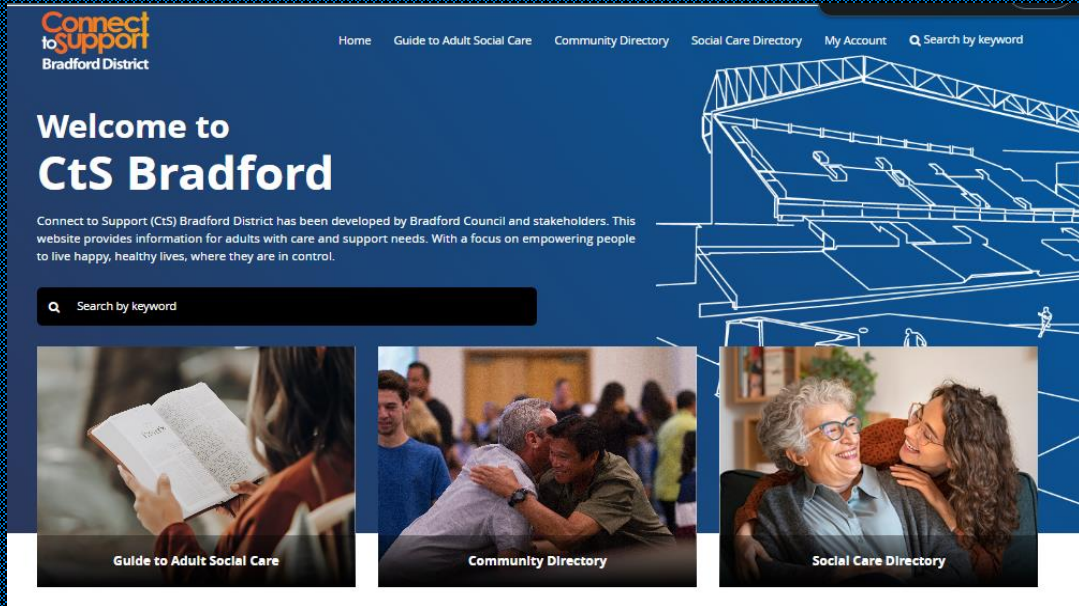
- **BRONZE** Vaccination Certificate – awarded in recognition of over 70% of staff having had a Covid-19/ Flu Vaccination.
- **SILVER** Vaccination Certificate – awarded in recognition of over 80% of staff having had a Covid-19/ Flu Vaccination.
- **GOLD** Vaccination Certificate – awarded in recognition of over 90% of staff having had a Covid-19/ Flu Vaccination.
- **PLATINUM** Vaccination Certificate – awarded in recognition of over 100% of staff having had Covid-19/ Flu Vaccination.

There are two sets of certificates up for grabs, one for meeting a benchmark for Covid-19 vaccinations, and the other for meeting a benchmark for Flu vaccinations. To claim your certificate(s), simply email commissioninginbox@bradford.gov.uk with evidence of your vaccine status and we'll distribute this year's edition of vaccine certificates for you to add to your portfolio.

The CQC keeps a close eye on providers' vaccination status during the colder months; by promoting vaccinations across your staff team you will be contributing towards a demonstrably safer working environment, which can now be evidenced by certification. All providers are

Connect to Support has been updated!

New Website, Same Location!



Connect to Support (Bradford District) has launched a new design and layout, all with the intention of making the website, information and advice, more accessible and user friendly!

<https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/> (Homepage)

Main page for connect to support, this link remains unchanged.

<https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/directory-search/?searchTab=communitySearchTab> (Community Directory)

Low cost, or free, groups and activities across the Bradford District, this directory has received an update to help you search the listings more easily.

<https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/directory-search/?searchTab=socialCareSearchTab> (Social Care Directory)

'Traditional' care services are advertised here.

<https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/> (Provider Zone)

This area is for information, advice and guidance for care services working within the Bradford District.

<https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/guide-to-adult-social-care/guide-to-adult-social-care-1/> (Guide to Adult Social Care - new)

This area is to help people who are unsure of what they are looking for or are new to social care in Bradford.

<https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/bradford-district-information-hub/> (Information Hub – new)

This area is for useful links with other relevant websites and information for people living, working or support those that live in the Bradford District.

Hospital Discharges - In the run up to Christmas and New Year, providers are asked to support discharges from hospital as swiftly as possible. It's all hands-on-deck! Please ensure your teams are ready.

Junior Doctors Strike - The British Medical Association (BMA) has announced that junior doctors will be taking strike action from 7:00am on 20 December to 7:00am on 23 December 2023
And
7:00am on 3 January to 7:00am on 9 January 2024.

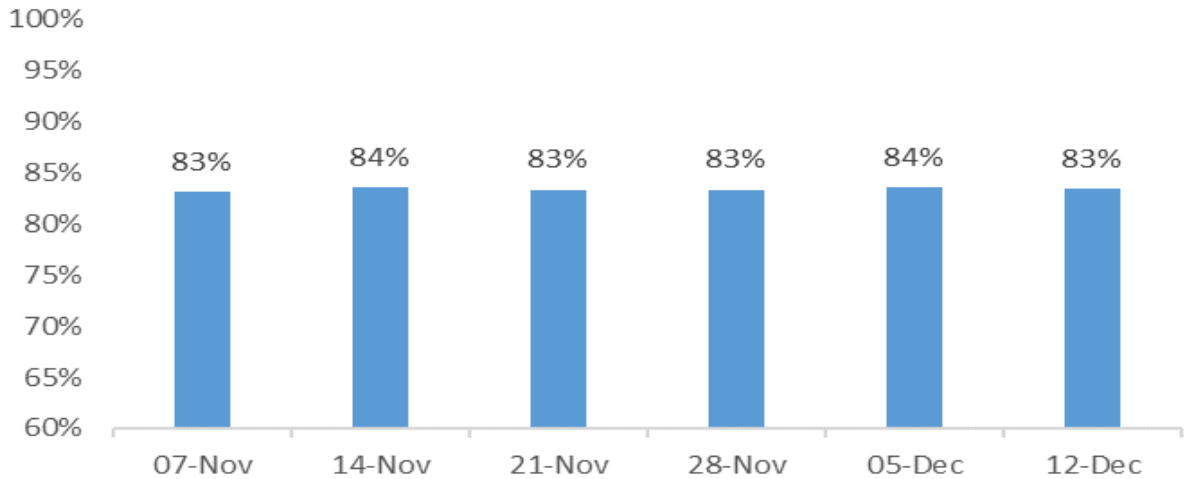
[On the day of strike action \(bma.org.uk\)](https://www.bma.org.uk)



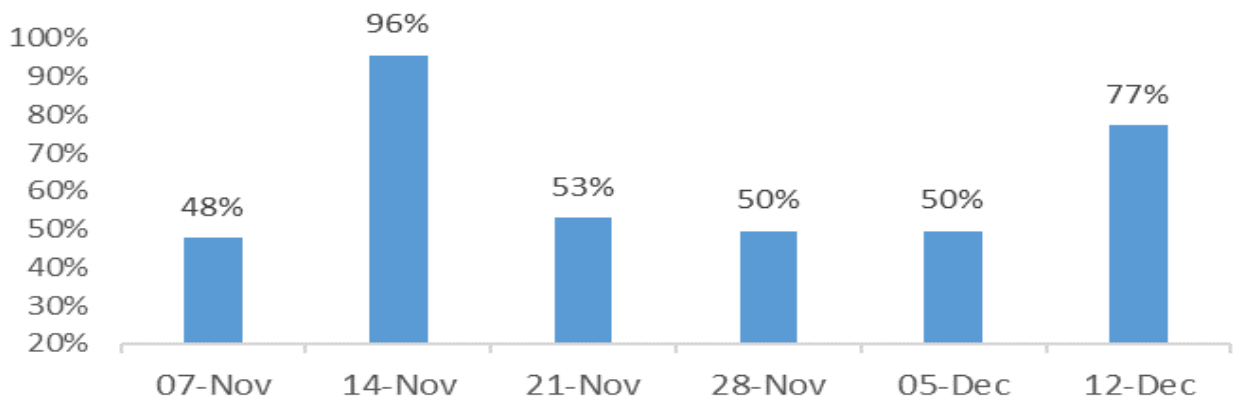
BRADFORD CARE HOMES WEEKLY UPDATE

Please find the data below on Care Homes in the Bradford District for your information.
The following data has been provided via the Council's People Commissioning Team

Bradford Care Home Occupancy Rate



Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



Data Sources:

Weekly Deaths, Office National Statistics.
NESC Capacity Tracker