

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR SOCIAL CARE – PROVIDER ZONE

Please click on the below link and save as bookmark for future reference. All updates regarding vaccinations will be added here. <https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/covid-19-vaccinations-for-social-care/>

LETTER FROM CHIEF NURSE FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Prof Deborah Sturdy OBE, Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care, has written to the social care workforce thanking them for their hard work. She also shares key information and news about vaccination, the £149m rapid testing fund, the £120m staffing fund and PPE guidance among others.

The letter can be accessed [HERE](#)

DR. AMIR KHAN EXPLAINS COVID VACCINE

We have uploaded a video to the Covid-19 Support Team YouTube channel of Dr Amir Khan explaining how the Covid-19 vaccine is suitable for people from all faith groups.
You can find the video [HERE](#)

COMMEMORATIVE EVENT

1001 lights will be lit on the steps of City Hall today to mark the sad milestone of 1000 deaths due to Covid-19 in our district.

In the future there will be time to plan together how we commemorate but the key purpose of this is to acknowledge the suffering that has been caused by this awful disease and to ask people to remain vigilant to reduce further deaths.

VACCINATION EASY READ LEAFLETS

Some important COVID-19 Easy Read guidance that has been published last week can be seen by using the links below

- 1) [Public Health England - Covid-19 Vaccination Easy Read leaflet](#)
- 2) [Cabinet Office - National Lockdown Stay at Home Easy Read](#)

EUROPEAN CERTIFICATE IN ESSENTIAL PALLIATIVE CARE

An 8-week distance learning course for healthcare professionals is taking place from 19th April-16th June 2021.

The majority of healthcare professionals working in hospitals and the community look after patients with palliative care needs on a regular basis. The European Certificate in Essential Palliative Care (ECEPC) is aimed at helping those professionals consolidate and develop their palliative care confidence and expertise, in accordance with National End of Life Care Strategy and Guidance.

For more information and joining instructions please visit the Provider Zone.

CAN I INSIST THAT MY PA TAKES THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

This is a complex question that requires a thoughtful answer. Please see our full response on the Provider Zone.

COVID VACCINATION; A GUIDE FOR WOMEN OF CHILDBEARING AGE, PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING

Please see guidance on the government website about vaccinations for these groups [HERE](#)

SUICIDE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

In England there were 5,316 confirmed deaths to suicide in 2019, this is an average of 102 people dying every week. Organisations from across the region have joined forces to raise awareness on the risk of suicide and to help ensure people are signposted to the right support at the right time

The West Yorkshire and Harrogate ['Check-in' campaign](#) aims to reduce staff suicide and promote a wellbeing culture by normalising the conversation around suicide and mental health. 'Staff' includes all colleagues, working and volunteering, in your organisation, across the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership. You can join in by following this [LINK](#)

Health & Well Being – Financial Protection Team

If a resident passes away in the care home and **if there is no one able or willing to arrange a funeral** then please contact the following members of the Financial Protection Team (FPT) during office hours to notify the death:-

Mrs Pauline Howes – 01274 432929 (Monday to Wednesday)

Mrs Karen Deacon – 01274 437361 (Wednesday to Friday)

Email – Financialprotectionteam@bradford.gov.uk

If the death occurs out of office hours (evenings/weekends) then please contact our contract Funeral Directors – Co-op Funeral Care on – 01274 572778 (24 hrs) and ensure you inform the FPT team the following working day.

If the resident passes away within 24 hours of being admitted into hospital then please follow the process above.

If the resident passes away in hospital after 24 hours in the hospital then the Hospital Bereavement Team will arrange the funeral.

Would you also please notify the FPT team immediately in ALL cases where the FPT are managing and responsible for the deceased clients finances.

MYTHBUSTER - COVID VACCINE AND FERTILITY

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists have published information and advice for pregnant women about the COVID-19 vaccine, including an updated Q&A section, which can be found [HERE](#)

The College also released a press notice, responding to misinformation around the COVID-19 vaccine and fertility which can be found [HERE](#)

It is vitally important that we all stick to the guidelines of hands, face and space.

Despite some people having the vaccine we must remain vigilant to prevent more deaths



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

- **Occupancy Support Scheme (claims deadline):**
Sunday 31 January 2021
- **Infection Control Fund 2 – 2nd payment:**
This should have arrived last week
- **BCA IPC Meeting:**
Tuesday 2nd February 2021 (10:30-11:30)
- **BCA Registered Managers Reference Meeting:**
Wednesday 3rd February 2021 (15:30-16:30)



Hands



Face



Space

THIS WEEK'S POSTER

Please see this week's poster about Long Covid.
You can find an overview of the programme mentioned below
on the Provider Zone



Could you be suffering from Long COVID*?



- Sign up to our FREE 7-week Recovering from COVID online course.
- To self-refer, please contact:
primarycarewellbeing@bdct.nhs.uk

The course is for ALL residents and health and care staff working across Bradford District, Airedale & Craven. It is facilitated by a highly experienced multidisciplinary team including Physio, OT, Psychology, Dietetics & Personal Support Navigation.

*Common symptoms of Long COVID include but is not limited to: Breathlessness, Fatigue, Musculoskeletal pain, Brain fog, anxiety & depression

The course material covers: Understanding long-COVID, Improving sleep, Optimising diet, Activity management, Movement & energy conservation, Stress management, breathing techniques, Planning for the future.

