

DESIGNATED ACCOMMODATION SCHEME FOR PEOPLE LEAVING HOSPITAL

The Department of Health and Social Care and the Care Quality Commission have launched a designation scheme of premises for people leaving hospital who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are transferring to a care home.

Bradford Council have identified five of our short term residential care homes as designated accommodation under this scheme. These are now fully operational for residential care support but not for nursing care provision. Residential homes should not accept any discharge where the person is Covid-19 positive. In such circumstances the person should be supported by one of the Councils designated accommodation homes.

We are also in the process of identifying some nursing home beds in the district for use as designated accommodation. This means the scheme is not yet fully operational in Bradford and previous discharge process will remain in place for nursing care needs. Nursing Care homes can accept people who are Covid-19 positive, where they are able to provide the care and support required in a safe environment.

Once the designation scheme is fully operational: DESIGNATION ACCOMMODATION SCHEME FOR PEOPLE LEAVING HOSPITAL

- Anyone with a Covid-19 positive test result being discharged into or returning to a registered care home setting must be discharged into an appropriate designated setting (i.e. one that has the policies, procedures, equipment and training in place to maintain infection control and support the care needs of residents as set out by the CQC) and be cared for there for the remainder of their required isolation period.
- All designated accommodation will have been inspected by CQC to meet the latest CQC infection prevention control standards.
- No one will be discharged to or return to a registered care home setting with a Covid-19 test result outstanding, or without having been tested within the 48 hours prior to their discharge, this is the current practice already in place as part of the hospital discharge guidance.
- Everyone discharged to a care home must have a reported Covid-19 test result and this must be communicated to the care home prior to the person being discharged from hospital. Again, this is the current practice already in place as part of the hospital discharge guidance.

The designation scheme does not apply to the following cohorts:

- People who have contracted COVID-19 within the care home setting – there is no requirement to transfer Covid-19 positive residents from a care home into designated accommodation, as long as safe isolation and care is being maintained.
- People using emergency departments who have not been admitted to hospital do not need to be transferred into designated accommodation.

- People living in their own home, including sheltered and extra care housing or living in supported living do not need to be transferred from hospital into designated accommodation.