

Thursday 26 November 2020

IMPORTANT UPDATES!

CARE HOMES

As you'll be aware the Council has recently identified some additional funding for care homes to continue to support your response to the pandemic:

- The Occupancy Support Scheme is up and running for care homes with occupancy below 75%. Period 2 ends this week – application forms can be submitted until 06/12/2020 for this period.
- We'll be writing to you shortly about an additional contingency payment being made in recognition of the increased costs you have faced over the last few months. The expectation is that you will be able to use this money to flexibly manage cost pressures that have occurred, and that in providing this funding alongside the Infection Control Fund grant, your organisation will be in a position to financially protect staff needing to self-isolate due to a positive COVID-19 test or potential exposure to COVID-19 – in particular the Council's Executive would like to see all providers using the funding available to support the payment of normal wages for staff self-isolating due to a positive COVID-19 test.
- Alongside this we have set aside an additional contingency fund to support services facing financial pressure from extremely high levels of staff self-isolation due to a COVID-19 outbreak.
- We will also be launching a grant process to enable you to access further Infection Control Fund money to specifically support visiting in Care Homes. We'll send out more information about this once the latest visiting guidance, including how testing of visitors will work, has been finalised

HOME SUPPORT, SUPPORTED LIVING AND EXTRA CARE

- We'll be writing to you shortly about an additional contingency payment being made in recognition of the increased costs you have faced over the last few months. The contingency payment will be made based on the number of service users you support who live in the Bradford Council district – regardless of how they are funded. The expectation is that you will be able to use this money to flexibly manage cost pressures that have occurred, and that in providing this funding alongside the Infection Control Fund grant, your organisation will be in a position to financially protect staff needing to self-isolate due to a positive COVID-19 test or potential exposure to COVID-19 – in particular the Council's Executive would like to see all providers using the funding available to support the payment of normal wages for staff self-isolating due to a positive COVID-19 test.

COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM DUTY DESK – NOW LIVE!

We are pleased to confirm that Covid-19 Support Team now has one central contact number:

01274 431999

WHAT HAPPENS IF A CAREWORKER REFUSES A COVID TEST? A BLOG BY ANTHONY COLLINS SOLICITORS.



Homecare workforce will be receiving weekly Covid tests, as part of the Government's new [Winter Plan](#).

Anna Dabek of Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP has written a short blog on the potential position for careworkers, and how employers might respond, once they have understood the employee's reasons and deciding whether they are reasonable in the circumstances.

[You can read it in full here.](#)

ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING (ENGLAND) - UPDATE FROM DHSC TO HOMECARE PROVIDERS

Please see the [Provider Zone](#) for attached UKHCA update.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has told UKHCA that there has been a very positive response from homecare providers ordering coronavirus testing kits for weekly testing homecare workers in England. DHSC has released a Covid-19 testing update for homecare providers with answers to some of the teething problems experienced this week. Please find it below.

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK.....TO FEEDBACK!

We are working hard to create a reporting mechanism to regularly provide you with a clear, concise up to date picture of the Covid-19 situation across the district. This will include data relating to current outbreaks, infection rates for staff/residents and current occupancy information. Currently reporting is very much care home focused.

Moving forward, we want to ensure community based social care services are included. In order for us to provide you with the information you need, please email the [Covid 19 Support Team](#) with your feedback of what you would like to see reported on a weekly basis.

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL ON CALL COVER FOR THIS WEEKEND (10AM- 1PM)

- Saturday Darren Fletcher - 07582102163
- Sunday: Michael Horsley - 07582 102117



CARE HOME OCCUPANCY SUPPORT SCHEME

Claim Period 2 of the occupancy support scheme ends this Sunday, 29 November. If you want to make a claim for this period, please ensure you submit the PERIOD 2 Application form to HWB.Digital.Innovation@bradford.gov.uk by **Sunday 6 December**. Forms received after this date will not be processed.

You can download the application form, and access the guidance notes and further information here: <https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/occupancy-support-scheme/> (click on the orange 'Claim Periods' bar to find the application forms)

36 days to go

BREXIT

The UK transition:
time is running out!

There are new rules for businesses and citizens from 1
January 2021.

Support is available in Bradford – Click on
the link below:

**BREXIT - WHAT YOU
NEED TO KNOW!**

INFORMATION REQUEST

If you have any specific issues/concerns, please
email ali.gul@bradford.gov.uk

Department of Health and Wellbeing, Bradford Council.

BRADFORD CARE HOME RESOURCE PACK – UPDATED 24 NOVEMBER 2020

Click [HERE](#) to access!

This guide is designed to complement and not replace local guidance and professional judgement and is a live document which will be updated at least fortnightly, to align with other national and regional guidance.

We are happy to announce that the Home Support Resource Pack will be published next week!

To provide feedback, report inaccuracies or to provide updates on this pack please contact:

CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk

IPC BULLETIN FOR CARE HOMES AND DOMICILIARY CARE IN RESPECT OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The latest Bulletins from the Community Infection Prevention and Control Team focus on 'Guidance for seasonal decorations during Covid-19'.



Please follow the links below to view the Bulletins:

www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/news/ipc-bulletin-for-care-homes/

<https://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/news/ipc-bulletin-for-domiciliary-care/>

FULLY-FUNDED TRAINING AND CPD OPPORTUNITIES

Please see attached document in the [Provider Zone](#) for more details.



BECAUSE WE ALL CARE CAMPAIGN

CQC are currently running a campaign called 'Because We All Care' and are particularly keen to hear the experiences of people over the age of 55 who are using services.

CQC have joined forces with Healthwatch and other health and care partners for this campaign.

This campaign aims to:
help services identify and address quality issues
support patients by encouraging people to share feedback on individual experience

You can read more about the campaign and take part [here](#).

BE AWARE OF SCAM LETTER IN CIRCULATION!

A local nursing home has received a letter for one of their deceased residents informing them they are from a probate organisation. The letter did not appear official, had a Hong Kong telephone number and other LA areas from Birmingham and Watford have reported similar letters and telephone number.

Unfortunately, these types of letters are common, if you suspect Fraud then please report to Action Fraud (<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>) to help prevent anyone else falling victim.

IPC Bulletin for Care Homes

Issue No. 28 - November 2020



Guidance for seasonal decorations during COVID-19



Please follow your local advice on seasonal decorations in the first instance. Seasonal decorations can impede effective cleaning of the environment. During winter, there is an increase in cases of Norovirus, Flu, and *Clostridioides difficile* (*C. difficile*) and this year there is also COVID-19. Cleaning, as in all previous years, remains extremely important. We are aware you would like to ensure residents over the festive season are able to enjoy a cheerful atmosphere, without having an adverse impact on infection prevention and control. Therefore, the following guidance for seasonal decorations have been produced for you to consider:

- Decorations should be single season use and disposed of when taken down unless they are washable/ wipeable with a disinfectant which destroys *C. difficile* spores and is effective against COVID-19
- Ideally, decorations should only be hung or displayed on walls, i.e. so they cannot be touched
- Avoid putting decorations on horizontal surfaces, as this impedes thorough cleaning of the area. Decorations on horizontal surfaces should be minimal to facilitate enhanced cleaning
- Residents can display their own artificial Christmas tree and decorations in their room
- No wood, straw or live trees should be used, artificial trees only
- No cloth or knitted toys should be displayed
- No decorations should be displayed in clinical rooms
- Please note that if there is an outbreak of infection, e.g. *C. difficile*, Norovirus, COVID-19, in the home, all decorations may need to be disposed of

Following this guidance will help minimise the risk of infection, facilitate environmental cleaning, whilst ensuring a festive environment for your residents and staff.

External cleaning companies

If you use an external cleaning company, particularly for a 'deep clean', please ensure that they follow the guidance below:

- First, clean with a pH neutral detergent solution, e.g. Hospec and warm water, or detergent wipes
- Then, disinfect using either:
 - ◊ A chlorine-based product at 1,000 parts per million, e.g. Milton, 50 ml in 1 litre of cold water; or
 - ◊ A virucidal product that is tested and conforms to EN testing standard EN14476; or
 - ◊ 70% alcohol wipes
- Alternatively, a 2-in-1 cleaning and disinfection product, e.g. Chlor-Clean, Actichlor-plus, Clinell Universal Wipes, can be used as a one-step method

Visit our website to find lots of IPC resources, many of which are free to download.

www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk

Call us on 01423 557340, or find us on:





Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Are you supporting someone with learning disabilities age 60 – 74?

They are entitled to take part in the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening programme and may need your support to do so - do you want to find out more about what is involved?

The Bowel Cancer screening team from Bradford & Airedale Bowel Cancer Screening Centre & staff from the Learning Disabilities team at Waddiloves are doing FREE awareness sessions via Microsoft teams on:

21st January 2020 10 – 11.30 am

25th January 2020 2.30 – 4 pm

To find out more and book a place please contact:

Victoria.donnelly@bdct.nhs.uk

We are hoping to offer face to face sessions to people with learning disabilities in the new year - but this is depending on COVID restrictions

Marley Fields Testing Centre

Marley Fields Testing Centre and the testing administration team will be closed on Christmas day and New Year's day and as usual on Sundays. This team will be contacting providers who have test collections booked on these days to arrange another suitable day.

Date	Marley Fields operational times	Testing administration team
Mon 21 st Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Tue 22 nd Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Wed 23 rd Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Thu 24 th Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Fri 25 th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sat 26 th Dec	Morning	8.30am – 12.30pm
Sun 27 th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Mon 28 th Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Tue 29 th Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Wed 30 th Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Thu 31 st Dec	Afternoon	8.30am – 4.30pm
Fri 1 st Jan 2021	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sat 2 nd Jan 2021	Morning	8.30am – 12.30pm
Sun 3 rd Jan 2021	CLOSED	CLOSED
Mon 4 th Jan 2021	Normal service resumes	8.30am – 4.30pm

NEW VIDEOS RELATING TO COVID-19

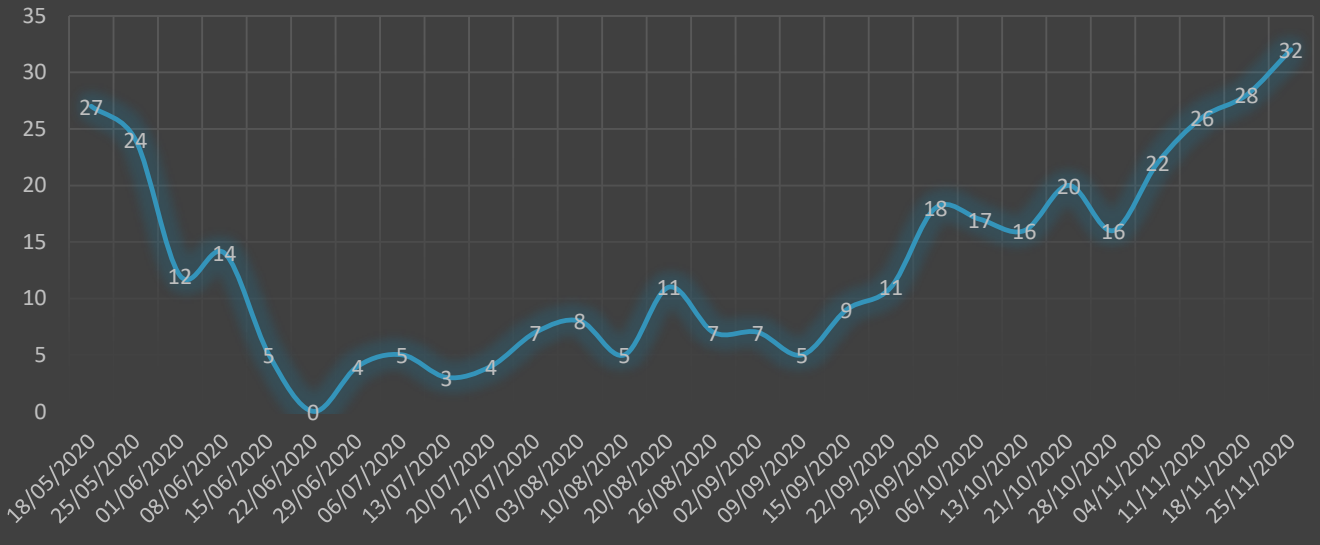
Covid-19 Support Team YouTube Channel (please consider subscribing and clicking on the 'Bell Icon' to receive notifications when we upload a new video):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtRZcw3M8YN0wOFTIeIJqaQ>

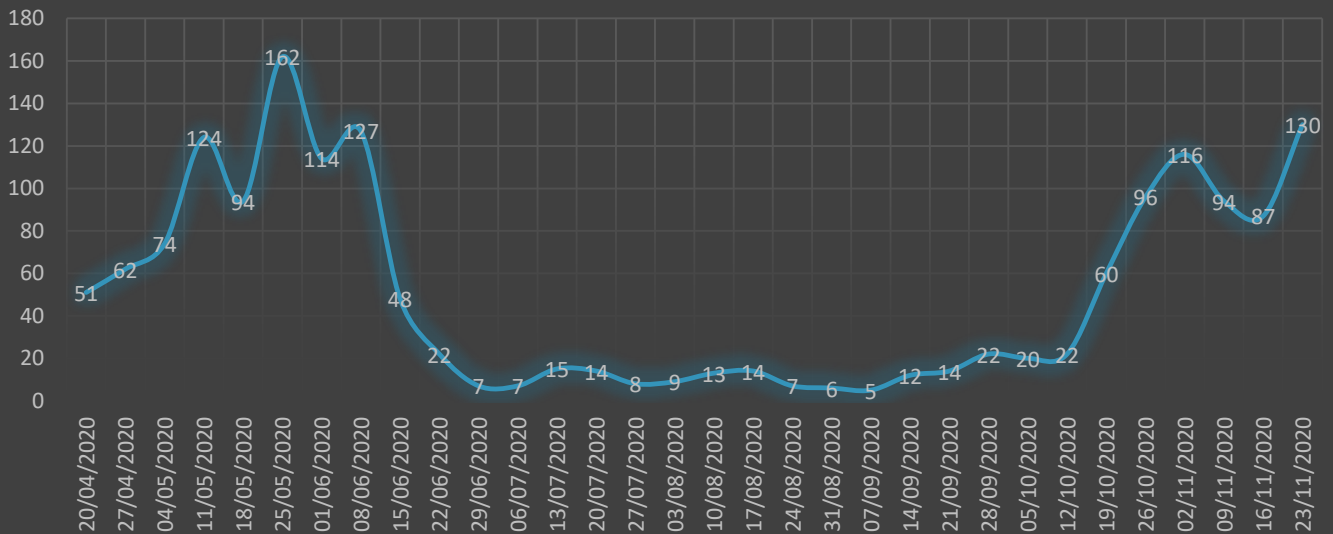
Bradford Care Homes Covid-19 Tracker

This and other graphs are available in the [Provider Zone](#). The Covid-19 Support Team are currently working with our intelligence data colleagues to develop a clear, concise, yet informative weekly presentation of the current situation in respect of several areas relating to the current pandemic. We will be liaising with BCA colleagues to ensure this data is useful and accurately reflects the situation here in Bradford.

Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



Number of Covid-19 Infections



SHOUT OUT TO ALL PROVIDERS!

Do you have any case studies showing a day in the life of a resident, a care worker, a positive news story of what it is like living in a home at the minute, what it is like visiting service users homes and how technology has been used to enhance someone's quality of life (residents and family who are unable to visit) and maintain contact with family?

If yes, we would like to hear from you. We are interested in trying to get a positive piece in the media in support of all those who are afraid to come into care when it is necessary.

Please forward these to:

Covid19SupportTeam@bradford.gov.uk