

## Visiting Guidelines for Care Homes

From Wednesday 2 September the Government has announced that local restrictions are being lifted for the following areas in the Bradford District:

- Worth Valley
- Craven
- Ilkley
- Baildon
- Bingley
- Bingley Rural
- Shipley
- Wharfedale
- Windhill and Wrose

For other areas in the Bradford District the local restrictions remain in place.

We continue to focus on how we can enhance quality of life and act in the best interests of all residents in conjunction with the most up to date infection prevention guidance and the Ethical Framework for Adult Social Care.

### **What this means for Care Homes:**

If you are in a ward where local restrictions have been removed (i.e. those listed above) visiting arrangements can be reintroduced.

If you are in a ward with local restrictions: visits should remain limited to exceptional circumstances such as end of life care. Government guidance states visits from individuals who live in a ward with restrictions in place should not visit. In line with local and national guidance for visiting you must ensure appropriate, dynamic risk assessments are in place, personalised to the individual and flexible enough to reflect changing circumstances. This should include the use of PPE to maximise opportunities.

Staff living inside and outside of local lockdown areas can continue to travel in and out for work.

Current PPE and IPC guidance should be followed both in and outside the local lockdown areas.

For more information, please see the [Provider Zone](#).

## **Bradford Service Update System (SUS)**

A reminder to all non Care Home providers to continue to use the Service Update System, a recent email was sent out to all Providers on the 10 August 2020 with your personalised access details.

Ensure to update this system every week if your status remains Green, or update immediately should your status change to Amber or Red.

For access details please search your inbox for the email titled "IMPORTANT: SUS Submissions" or email [connecttosupport@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:connecttosupport@bradford.gov.uk) to be resent login details.

## **Return to work guidance for shielding workers in England**

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued new guidance for employers in England to help staff who have been shielding to return to work. This follows the suspension of shielding for clinically extremely vulnerable people.

The guidance is available [HERE](#).

## **INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

As part of our on-going commitment to work in partnership with care homes, we just wanted to touch base with you to understand your home's position in relation to infection prevention and control training (IPC) following the recent training initiative and the introduction of local IPC champions.

In addition, to let us know if this has been useful and if there are any other areas that we could support you in preparation for winter demand pressures, alongside continuing vigilance in the light of further probable Covid spikes locally and possibly nationally.

We would also like to know if there are any other areas that we can support you in preparation for winter demand pressures and a possible second wave of Covid-19.

Please could you respond to the brief survey (it should take no more than 5 minutes) by clicking on the link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IPCCarehomeaudit> \* Re question 14 please indicate how often you complete audits in the other information box.

## PPE PORTAL: HOW TO ORDER EMERGENCY PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

The PPE portal can be used by social care and primary care providers to order and receive critical coronavirus (COVID-19) personal protective equipment (PPE).

Providers who can use the service will receive an email invitation to register.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has partnered with eBay, Clipper Logistics and Royal Mail to develop this service.

Orders will be managed in line with Public Health England (PHE) guidance and wider availability from the NHS Supply Chain's central PPE logistic operations.

Click [HERE](#) for more details!

## INFECTION CONTROL FUND SURVEY

The conditions of the Infection Control Fund require the Council to submit a progress report in September on how providers have used the fund. In order to meet the government deadline, we require a response to the survey below, no later than **12pm on Wednesday 2 September 2020.**

<https://surveys.bradford.gov.uk/snapweb/host/s.asp?k=159793101851>

We recognise that you will have only recently received the second part of the funding. We are asking for your spend to date and estimates to the end of the grant period at this stage and understand that it will be difficult to answer accurately until your organisation has completely spent the fund. We do however still require you to complete the survey to confirm your spend to date and estimates. Please note that questions 3 to 6 should add up to 100%.