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NEW STRATEGIC DIRECTOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

I wanted to write a short piece to introduce myself as the new Strategic Director at Bradford MDC with responsibility for adult social care. My predecessor Bev Maybury retired at the end of September and I'm grateful to Bev for her great legacy of working with the care sector around fees and quality improvements - it was something she was very proud of and rightly so.

I have spent more than twenty years working in and around social care, starting in my home town of Barnsley after leaving university. My last role, as director in Hertfordshire for seven years was wholly in the austerity years and I worked hard to get care workers the status and remuneration they deserved through working with the local Care Provider Association but also representing the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services nationally as a Trustee, giving evidence to the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee, to the Low Pay Commission and to various ministerial briefings.

I'm a firm believer that a strong local relationship between care providers, the council and the local NHS - where there is high support and high challenge in all directions - forms the strongest foundation for great services for people and carers. I believe those partnerships have only improved during the Covid-19 pandemic and our colleagues in the health service appreciate even more how social care changes lives. We must build on these now and not lose ground back to the old ways of working.

My seven weeks in Bradford so far have already given me a good insight into the strengths here. My great preference would be to visit lots of providers and partners as part of my own induction to meet people and staff but that cannot happen at present. But I will make strong links with the Bradford Care Association in the meantime so that when I can meet more colleagues from the care sector, we have a set of shared plans for the future that take the experience for people to the next level.

I do hope to meet and speak to you soon.

TESTING TEAM UPDATE

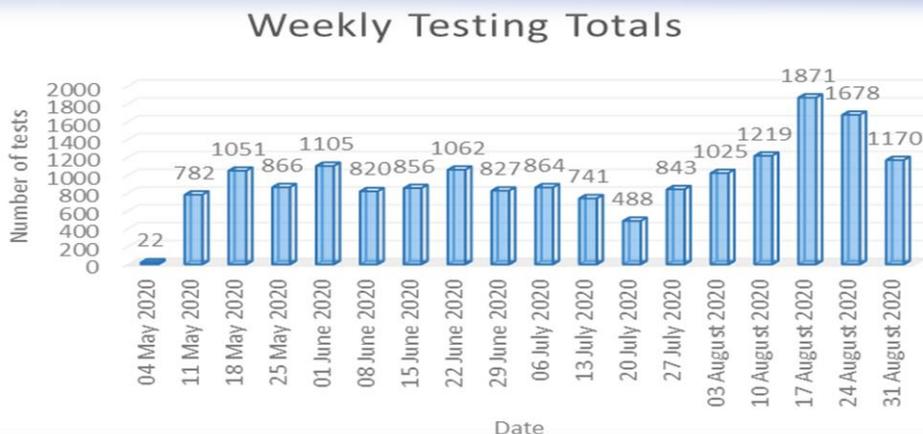
With Coronavirus cases rising across the district testing is a fundamental part of tracking the current status of the virus. Marley Fields testing centre, which has been established since early April, has continued to provide a testing service to the care home, supported living, extra care settings along with schools of the Bradford District.

Following their closure in the middle of March due to the pandemic Bradford's 3 outdoor centres, Buckden House, Nell Bank and Ingleborough Hall, have been leading, managing and developing the administration side of the process.

The facility has recently hit the milestone figure of issuing 20,000 tests. These have been a mixture of regular testing for our most vulnerable citizens' key workers and offering a drive through service to symptomatic key workers.

Since the end of July testing has been significantly ramped up as can be seen from the figures:

- 0-1000 tests : 20 days
- 0-10,000 tests : 92 days
- 10,001 – 20,000 tests : 54 days



BRADFORD CARE HOME RESOURCE PACK – UPDATED 29 SEPTEMBER 2020

The first interactive Care Home Resource Pack for providers is now live, which brings together clear guidance and good practice to be used locally.

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 currently working on a similar Resource Pack for Home Support Services

To provide feedback, report inaccuracies or to provide updates on this pack please contact:
CommissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk



Capacity Tracker

THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE WINTER PLAN: UPCOMING CHANGES TO CAPACITY TRACKER

The [Adult social care COVID-19 winter plan](#), published last week, set out the key elements of national support and actions for local authorities, health organisations and providers for this coming winter. A large part of this support will continue to be based on the information from providers to Capacity Tracker. **For more information, click [HERE](#)**



IPAD OFFER TO CARE HOMES

NHSx are supplying iPads to assist not only direct care provision but also to help people stay connected to friends and family.

For more information, click [HERE](#)

KICKSTART SCHEME

Bradford Council is calling on district businesses to consider how they can create work placement opportunities for young people through the new Kickstart scheme.

The new Kickstart programme funds wages at national minimum wage for 25 hours per week for six months, plus £1500 for training and support for each new recruit. Employers planning to offer more than 30 posts can apply direct to the scheme. Employers with less than 30 can join Bradford Council consortium bid.

The Kickstart roles must be new jobs that do not replace existing or planned vacancies or cause existing employees, apprentices or contractors to lose or reduce their employment. Next week, we will send a form to all care providers. If you wish to create Kickstart work placements within your organisation, you will be able to use the form to tell us how many and the types of roles that will be made available.

- In the mean time, if you have any questions, please contact us by emailing kickstart@bradford.gov.uk
- To find out more about the scheme, visit www.gov.uk/government/collections/kickstart-scheme.
- Kickstart scheme – guide for employers: [A Guide for Employers](#)



Skills for Care are offering Registered Managers a series of two wellbeing webinars.

The first session is on October 15th, 3 – 3.30pm.

See flyer in the [Provider Zone](#) for more information and booking details.