



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH 1921 - 2021

Following last week's announcement of the death of The Duke of Edinburgh, we are aware that some people we support may want to send messages of condolence. The Council have opened an [online book of condolence](#). Where people do not have internet access or would prefer to send a written message of condolence they can post it to:

The Lord Mayor's Office, 2nd floor, City Hall, Bradford, BD1 1HY.

A national online book of condolence is also open on the [Royal website](#)

Flags across our district have been lowered as a mark of respect.

EXTREME CAUTION IS STILL REQUIRED.

As you will be aware, changes were made to visiting residents in care homes yesterday. We are providing additional assistance to the care sector in Bradford with support documents around visiting and another further update from the DHSC in relation to PPE. This was changed last week and has been revised again over the weekend.

Also yesterday, further easing of restrictions came into force for the wider public in the opening of more shops, outdoor pubs and hairdressers. Whilst these changes are undoubtedly welcome, the risk still remains.

Unfortunately, over the weekend we were made aware of a new outbreak of Covid-19 in one of our local care homes. A number of residents and staff tested positive. Vaccination uptake has been very good in the home with all residents having had both doses and all but four staff members have had their second vaccine also.

Please, continue to be extremely cautious, follow the governments advice on social distancing and adhere to the PPE requirements.

#SafeRamadan

Ramadhan Mubarak to all who started fasting today and to those who will commence tomorrow. With Covid-19 restrictions still ongoing, 2021 Ramadan will be a very different experience for many Muslims.

The link below contains advice and signposting resources to help make the most of the blessed month:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2021/04/supporting-covid-19-vaccine-update-during-ramadan-guide.pdf>

CARE HOME VISITING SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Please find a support document in the **[Provider Zone](#)** created by the Covid-19 Support Team in relation to visiting. The document includes important information and all relevant links to the latest guidance.

GUIDANCE: COVID-19: HOW TO WORK SAFELY IN CARE HOMES

Updated 10 April 2021

To access, click **[HERE](#)**

UPDATE FROM PHE REGARDING TESTING...

LFDs for Personal Assistants

- Following the DHSC's review of testing for Personal Assistants (PAs) and consultation with the sector, we are pleased to announce that from **Thursday 8 April** testing for PAs, will be moving to twice weekly Rapid Lateral Flow Testing. The PA will need to order a box of 7 LFTs every 21 days. If they test positive with an LFT, they will need to isolate immediately, order one confirmatory PCR test kit and isolate until they get their PCR result.
- PAs will be able to order rapid Lateral Flow Test kits, please see the Direct Payment Zone for further information here: <https://bradford-preprod.pcgprojects.co.uk/direct-payment-zone/>

Home Support registrations for LFDs

- Over the past few weeks, nationally there has been an 11% increase in the number of homecare workers correctly registering tests using the Unique Organisation Number (UON). Whilst the number of test kits being registered accurately has increased, there are still a significant number of test kits which are not being registered correctly.
- Potentially some homecare workers are registering test kits via the light portal (registration portal which doesn't require a UON). Therefore, these cannot be traced and the results are not recorded within the homecare sector. To help clarify the registration journey an interactive registration one-page document can be found at: [Registering test kits for homecare workers \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

LFD TEST KITS NOW AVAILABLE

Here's how you can obtain these;

- Collect a box of LFT's from one of the testing centres across the district
 - Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley, BD21 3QQ, Monday to Saturday, 9.15am to 4.30pm. Sundays 10am to 4.15pm.
 - Bradford University, Bradford, Monday to Sunday 3pm to 8pm
 - Centenary Square Bradford, Monday to Sunday 3pm to 8pm
 - St George's Hall, Bradford, BD1 1JY, Monday to Sunday, 9.30am to 5pm
 - Victoria Hall, Keighley, Monday to Sunday 3pm to 8pm
- Visit a local pharmacy and collect them from there - <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> just search for their area.
- Order tests online from the government's website using this link - <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> individuals should get them with two days.

REGULAR TESTING FOR ADULT DAY CARE CENTRES IN ENGLAND – PLEASE READ!

Please see the [Provider Zone](#) for the Department of Health & Social Care update.

COVID-19 VACCINATION AWARDS!

We are aware that the majority of providers are now regularly updating the Capacity Tracker, going forward the awards will be issued to your service using your most recent submission.

For care homes, home support and extra care; we will review the Capacity Tracker and issue your awards as detailed below.

For supported living, housing related support, day care, community and voluntary organisations; we will review your most recent Service Update System submission and issue your awards as detailed below.

The criteria for the awards are below, the percentage of eligible staff vaccinated with their initial dose of the Covid-19 vaccine will be used.

Award Type	Award Criteria	Number of Services Eligible*
No Award	Below 70%	35
Bronze	Above 70%	22
Silver	Above 80%	26
Gold	Above 90%	25
Platinum	100%	8

**The current data set is from the Capacity Tracker and will include the Service Update System on future weekly updates. Please note, the data in the table is currently care homes only and will be updated as we move through the service types.*

If there are people within your service that are not eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine, these will not count towards the overall total of staff in your service, which may increase your level of award. You will need to email the Covid-19 Support Team to confirm details of ineligibility for this to be taken into account.

We will review your submissions on the Capacity Tracker and Service Update System, awarding the relevant certificate to you signed by Iain Macbeath, Strategic Director of Health and Wellbeing, and Sarah Muckle, Director of Public Health, at Bradford Council.

For services within the no award category, we will be contacting you shortly regarding vaccine hesitancy. Should you wish to contact the team in advanced, please confirm the theme within your home for staff hesitancy and whether your staff would benefit from engagement sessions with care workers that received the vaccine (peer lead) or medical professionals within relevant fields (health lead).

Tissue Viability Training

A virtual rolling training programme

Free and accessible to all care homes & home care teams
via Microsoft Teams

Training Agenda

Skin integrity: understanding the vulnerability of aged skin.

Available 5th & 19th May 2 – 2.30pm.

Please click the link to access the training on this date and time.

[Skin Integrity Training](#) (delivered by Janine Bowshall)

Moisture lesions: assessment and management.

Available 10th & 24th May 2 – 2.30pm.

Please click the link to access the training on this date and time.

[Moisture Lesions Training](#) (delivered by Debbie Crowther)

Seating: Best practice and pressure ulcer prevention.

Available 12th & 26th May 2 – 2.30pm

Please click the link to access the training on this date and time.

[Seating Training](#) (delivered by Alison Grice)

Skin tears: Best practice and the skin tear protocol.

Available 17th May [Skin Tears Training 2 – 2.30pm](#) (delivered by Janine Bowshall)

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2nd June [Skin Tears Training 2 – 2.30pm](#) (delivered by Janine Bowshall)

Please click the link to access the training on this date and time.

The above programme is designed to promote ease of access to
30 minutes of Tissue Viability training

No need to book just click on the link for the session you wish to
access on the above dates.

For any further details please contact
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