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PROVIDER BULLETIN

THURSDAY 7 MAY 2020

UPDATE - KEY WORKER COVID-19 TESTING

An email was sent out to all providers this morning including an updated guidance for making referrals for key workers or their household members who are showing symptoms of COVID-19 which includes a new referral form and some FAQ's

The full details can be found at Article A in the Provider Zone. Also included is the Referral Form.

THE BETTER CARE EXCHANGE

A 'Compendium of Guidance on Workforce Issues for Community Services, Care Home and Domiciliary Care Providers and Staff' has been published by The Better Care Exchange.

The can be found at Article B in the Provider Zone.

! FRAUD ALERT !

Some of our suppliers are receiving phone calls from a person called 'Jack' who claims to work for Bradford Council Finance and is asking suppliers for their bank details.

Please be cautious should you receive such a call.



FUNDED NURSING CARE RATE INCREASES FOR 2019/20 & 2020/21

In line with the recent government announcement confirming FNC rate increases for 2019/20 and 2020/21, we can confirm the CCG will be implementing the rate increases. A letter will be sent to the relevant care home providers confirming the rate increases and backdated payments will be made to providers before the end of the month.

IMMEDICARE BRIEFING FOR CARE HOMES

123 Care Homes in the Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven district are being given clinical support for your residents during the coronavirus outbreak.

Details can be found at **Article D** in the Provider Zone.

BRADFORD CARE ASSOCIATION

The Bradford Care Association (BCA) meet via a conference call every Tuesday at 10.30am. **You do not need to be a member of the BCA to participate.** The Provider Zone has details of how to join the meetings.

See **Article C** in the Provider Zone .



DEDICATED APP FOR SOCIAL CARE WORKERS LAUNCHED!

A new dedicated app for the adult social care workforce in England has been launched to support staff through the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dedicated-app-for-social-care-workers-launched>



USEFUL INFORMATION

For more details, please refer to the attachments in the Provider Zone

- **Skills For Care** support series is continuing with two new webinars.
- **COVID-19 Confidential Psychological Helpline for Care Home Staff.**
- **BDCFT:** postcard detailing other support available to care home staff.
- Update from **Age UK Bradford District.**
- **Recognising and Responding to Deterioration:** This workbook is a free resource that supports the process of recognising and responding to deterioration of individuals across care settings.

HOUSING LIN CORONAVIRUS INFO HUB

The link below will take you to the Housing Lin Coronavirus Info Hub. The hub includes lots of information and links:

<https://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/browse/HealthandHousing/coronavirus-info-hub/>

BRADFORD COUNCIL INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL TEAM BANK HOLIDAY CONTACTS

Friday 8 May 10am-4pm	Darren Fletcher 01274 435133
Saturday 9 May 10am-4pm	Cheryl Tonks 07971330751
Sunday 10 May 10am-4pm	Cheryl Tonks 07971330751

COVID 19 - BRADFORD COUNCIL

For more information on the Council's current position, in respect of Covid 19 please use this website:

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/health/health-advice-and-support/coronavirus-covid-19-advice/>

Please ensure any information you consult is from a reliable sources, including the NHS, or the Public Health England.