

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PPE UPDATE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SECTOR

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), in partnership with NHS Supply Chain, have implemented a new PPE portal platform to ensure continued access to free PPE and related items for eligible users until 31 March 2023. All eligible users will have received or be receiving an invite over the coming weeks and months to ensure migration across to the new platform.

Adult social care providers have already been uploaded.

Throughout this process, multiple channels of communications and engagement have been used. If you are an eligible user, you will have received email communications confirming timings for your migration. Please check the inbox of the same account that is registered with the existing PPE portal. Upon successful migration to the new platform, you will receive an email from [ppe-portal@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:ppe-portal@dhsc.gov.uk) with the subject line 'Welcome to the PPE portal'. This email will list the steps you need to take to register and log in to your account on the new portal.

To access the new PPE platform, please click [HERE](#).

## CAPACITY TRACKER PROVIDER TRAINING SESSIONS

Capacity Tracker set up a number of 30-minute training sessions for those providers who are new to the Capacity Tracker, or who need a refresher. The sessions will cover how providers can register and log on to the Capacity Tracker, where and how to update their information, and how to find additional help. Providers only need to attend one session for that provider type as the information will be the same during both dates.

Provider	Date	Time	Teams Link
Care Home	22nd March	1pm	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
Home Care	17th March	1:30pm	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
Home Care	29th March	11am	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
Hospice	10th March	2pm	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
Hospice	31st March	12pm	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>

## ALURA'S NEWSLETTER

Please click [HERE](#) to read Altura's newsletter.

## INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT EVENT

On 11th March there will be an International Recruitment Event specifically aimed at Home Care providers/managers/HR leads/commissioners etc.

To sign up to the event, please click [HERE](#).

# CONSULTATION ON OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE TO IMPLEMENT A LIFETIME CAP ON CARE COSTS

The government has published a draft version of its [operational guidance for local authorities to implement the lifetime cap on care costs](#) in order to consult on it. Three documents have been published:

- [An overview of the consultation on the operational guidance and wider reform agenda](#)
- [Supporting local preparation: draft guidance](#)
- [The draft operational guidance](#)

They set out how an individual progresses towards the £86,000 cap which comes into force from October 2023 and how LAs record this. The purpose of the consultation is to seek views on the statutory guidance, and to help inform LAs for its implementation. However, it is also of interest to social care providers, who will need to understand the new system and the role they will play in it.

The consultation can be [accessed here](#) or you can respond via [chargingreformconsultation@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:chargingreformconsultation@dhsc.gov.uk). The consultation will close at 11:45pm on 1 April 2022. You can Respond online or email [chargingreformconsultation@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:chargingreformconsultation@dhsc.gov.uk).

NCF's briefing document on the government's consultation on operational guidance, to implement a lifetime cap on care costs, can be found [HERE](#).

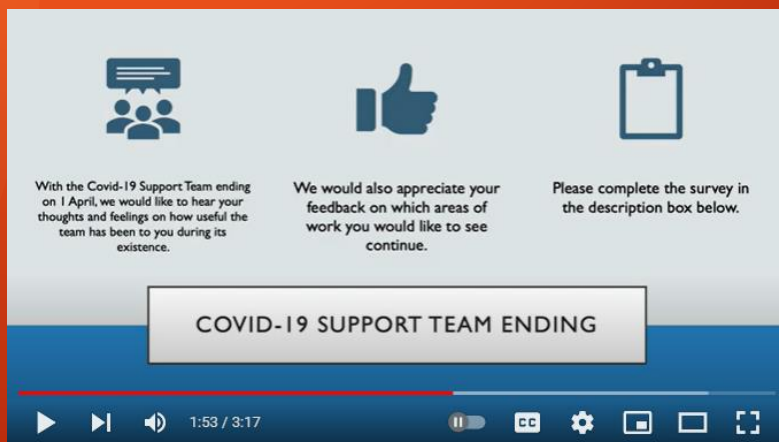


## INFORMATION AND SUPPORT FROM SKILLS FOR CARE

To read the latest news and guidance from Skills for Care, please see [HERE](#).

## COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM VLOG

The latest instalment of the vlog is available to view [HERE](#). From this day on, the Covid-19 Support Team vlog will be published fortnightly.



## PROMOTE THE VOTE

May 5 2022 is local election date across Bradford and district. As in previous years, social workers in Bradford are taking part in the Promote the Vote campaign in the run up to the local elections. The campaign aims to ensure that adults with learning disabilities understand their right to vote and that they are supported to do so when they choose to exercise that right.

People with disabilities are less likely to vote in local and national elections. There is growing evidence that people with a learning disability often don't know about their right to vote, and there is still a misunderstanding that adults who lack 'capacity' cannot vote. Section 73 of the Electoral Administration Act (2006) abolished mental incapacity as grounds to prevent someone from being able to participate in elections.

Bradford believe that the ability to cast your vote is central to rights based practice, and the support offered by social workers through this campaign is key to making explicit the connections for people between voting and the right to make other decisions about their lives, being able to choose how to spend the day and being able to decide where you want to live and who to live with.

Social workers will be contacting support living providers to arrange visits to come in and speak to residents and staff about voting, ways to vote and the support available. They will also be distributing a set of easy read resources and a voting passport for individuals. This document sets out the kind of support that someone might need if they decided that they wanted to vote. Ideally, we would like to see all adults having a support plan with voting rights included.

For more information, please contact Clare Reeves (Department of Health and Wellbeing) : [clare.reeves@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:clare.reeves@bradford.gov.uk).



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**All Care Homes across Bradford** can access 12 months of Verifyplus for **FREE** if registered before  
**16th March 2022**

### **HOW TO GAIN FREE ACCESS**

With the great support of Bradford Care Association (BCA) & Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC). BMDC have confirmed that the Verifyplus subscription of £120 has been paid to care homes from the Discretionary part of the IPC Grant, in addition to the Normal IPC Grant, making it FREE for the Care Home.

To get 12 months access, please follow these simple steps –

1. Email [support@verifyplus.co.uk](mailto:support@verifyplus.co.uk) to request for your code.

2. Visit [www.verifyplus.co.uk](http://www.verifyplus.co.uk) and click on Register Now

3. Enter your details & click “Save and Continue” – This will autogenerate your password to your email address. (Please ensure you enter the email address that you wish for access to the admin portal, in most instances this will be the manager’s email address, which will become the manager’s username.)

4. Enter your unique promotion code in the “Coupon code” space. Press “Apply”, this will discount the price from £180 to £120 for the year. Press “Continue”

5. Complete the payment details. Press “Pay”

6. You are ready to start using Verifyplus.

7. You will receive a welcome email with details of how to get started.

Please note this needs to be done for each individual Bradford Care Home.  
If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

### **BCA CARE UPLIFT**

The BCA have sent a response to the council regarding the impact of the Local Authority and CCG care fee proposal on behalf of the care sector. A copy of the letter is available on the Provider Zone [HERE](#).

# Strength-based Approaches Webinars

**Do you want to find out more about how strength-based ways of working can improve outcomes for the people you support?**

This is an opportunity for Adult Social Care staff across West Yorkshire to attend a 3-hour webinar training session which will explore how to work in a strength-based way and provide person-centred care to ensure better lives for individuals who require support.

Webinars will take place on Microsoft Teams and include a range of interactive activities.

## What will the training cover?

- What is a strength-based approach?
- Strength-based approaches and the Law
- Better lives for people in West Yorkshire
- Person-centred care
- Community strengths
- Language and communication
- Achieving goals
- Potential barriers to this way of working



## Who is eligible?

Places are open to staff working for Adult Social Care providers based in West Yorkshire. All employers must have an Adult Social Care - Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS) account to access the training. If you do not have one, you can register for one before booking onto the training using this link: [Skills for Care - Registration - Create Account](#).

## How do I book a place?

There will be 32 training sessions taking place from March – September 2022 and places are limited so advanced booking is advised.

To book a place using the Eventbrite page, please click [this link](#) and follow the instructions.



If you have any questions, please contact [AHOWDTrainingCalendar@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:AHOWDTrainingCalendar@leeds.gov.uk).

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# BCA UPDATES

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM BCA

## **NEW FORMAT - PROVIDER INFORMATION RETURN (PIR) WORKBOOK**

BCA have developed a PIR Workbook to support you to complete your PIR. We have recently updates the workbook's into a new format that is easier to use and print out. You will be able to use it as a master document that you can keep up to date. If you would like to know how to use the Workbook and get the best out of them, please email [admin@bradfordcareassociation.org](mailto:admin@bradfordcareassociation.org)

The benefits of the PIR Workbook includes:

- Support you to delegate tasks/questions to other individuals
- Keep an up to date live document
- All your questions and answers are in one place
- Be able to copy and paste your answers into the actual PIR
- Be able to start you PIR early
- Have an on going record that you can refer back to each year
- Links to the relevant KLOE's to help you to identify them clearly in your answers
- Links to the good and outstanding characterises to help you to identify them clearly in your answers

PIR Workbooks (EMAIL [admin@bradfordcareassociation.org](mailto:admin@bradfordcareassociation.org) TO GET YOUR PIR WB TODAY!)

- Residential PIR Workbook
- Community PIR Workbook
- Shared Lives PIR Workbook
- Specialist college PIR Workbook

Dont forget we also have a NHS DSPT Workbook to help you with GDPR Compliance.

If you're having any trouble with the workbook's or have any questions please email [admin@bradfordcareassociation.org](mailto:admin@bradfordcareassociation.org)



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### REGISTERED MANAGERS WHATSAPP GROUP

It is an opportunity to link with others so we can learn from each other's experiences, share good practice and importantly contribute to shaping how the sector collectively responds to our new normal. The invitation is open to all Registered and Senior Managers.

SEND YOUR NUMBER, NAME  
AND ORGANISATION TO  
07807799456 TO JOIN!

### BCA MEETINGS + ZOOM INFO

You can access all BCA's Meetings using the Zoom information below.

Meeting ID: 933 772 1608  
Password: Bradford20

Provider Update - Tuesday 10:30-11:30

IPC Meeting - Tuesday 10:30 - 11:30

\*Please note the Provider Update and IPC run alternative to each other\*



# SAVE THE DATE



Brightening Minds Training

## **WORKFORCE QUALITY WORKSHOPS:**

- **Part 1 - Recruitment & Early Retention  
(Tickets + Date below)**
- **Part 2 - Retention, Training & Development  
(In May - Tickets and dates TBC)**

**PART 1:**

**WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH  
13:30 - 16:00**

### **EVENT BOOKING**

[Click here to get your FREE TICKET from EventBrite.](#)

If having any problems booking your place please email [admin@bradfordcareassociation.org](mailto:admin@bradfordcareassociation.org)



# DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

DATA	LATEST	CHANGE
Deaths	0	-1
Infections	129	-15
Occupancy	78%	-3%
Tracker completed	97%	4%

## HOME SUPPORT PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Locality Providers	Other Providers
23	9	14

## CARE HOME PLACEMENTS (previous 7 days)

OPR2	OPN	Deferred
10	3	4

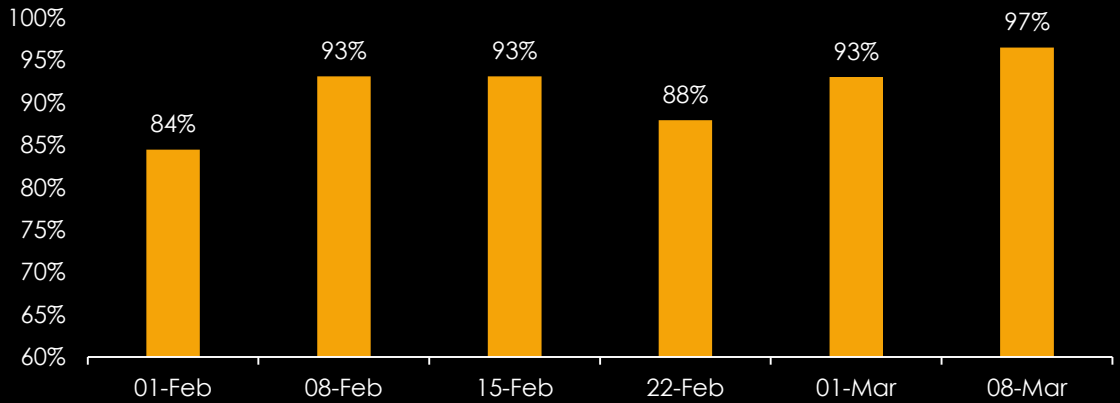
## CARE HOME VACANCY DETAILS (last 7 days, both Residential and Nursing)

Care Home Occupancy Percentage	Number of Homes	Percentage of total homes
Under 25%	0	0%
26% to 40%	7	6%
41% to 60%	12	10%
61% to 80%	28	24%
81% to 90%	31	27%
Above 91%	37	32%
<b>Total Homes &amp; Mean %</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>79%</b>

Vacancy Type	Declared Vacancies	Declared Total Beds	Declared Vacancies Closed	Occupied Beds	Occupied Beds Percent	Lost Capacity Percent
General Residential	152	894	42	700	78.30%	4.70%
General Nursing	117	587	12	458	78.02%	2.04%
Dementia Residential	89	730	36	605	82.88%	4.93%
Dementia Nursing	47	354	21	286	80.79%	5.93%
Mental Health Residential	31	151	0	120	79.47%	0.00%
Mental Health Nursing	26	163	13	124	76.07%	7.98%
Learning Disability Residential	21	182	8	153	84.07%	4.40%
YPD - Young Physically Disabled	17	28	0	11	39.29%	0.00%
Learning Disability Nursing	3	12	0	9	75.00%	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>3101</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>2466</b>		



## Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



## Number of Covid-19 Infections

