For more information on the Council's current position, in respect of Covid 19 please use this website: **CLICK HERE** Please ensure any information you consult is from a reliable source, including the NHS, or Public Health England.

Tuesday 25 January 2022

6 January 2022 — 12 week grace period starts

3 February 2022 — Last date by which existing staff can have their 1st dose to become fully vaccinated by 1 April 2022*

1 April 2022 — Regulations come into force

IMPORTANT! DHSC LETTER ON UPDATED VCOD2 GUIDANCE

Please find **attached** a letter (inc. guidance) from Claire Armstrong, DHSC Director of Adult Social Care Delivery, which clarifies key information on the regulations relating to the extension of Vaccination as a Condition of Deployment (VCOD) to wider care settings and who the guidance applies to.

WEBINAR ON VACCINATION AS A CONDITION OF DEPLOYMENT IN WIDER SOCIAL CARE SETTINGS: KEY INFORMATION AND DATES FOR IMPLEMENTATION.
THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY 2.30-3.30PM

Description: From 1 April 2022, social care providers registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) must ensure that anyone they employ or engage to carry out direct face to face CQC-regulated social care activities (outside of care homes) will need to meet the vaccination requirements set out in regulations. Join us for a webinar to hear about the key dates of implementation, who the regulations apply to and the vaccination requirements. Time will be available for Q&As. For more information about the regulations, please see the operational guidance and Q&A document in the VCOD online toolkit.

Audience: The webinar is aimed at CQC-registered social care providers, CQC registered managers, staff members and local authorities

Please sign up using this link: VCOD in wider care settings: key information and dates for implementation Tickets, Thu 27 Jan 2022 at 14:30 | Eventbrite

NORTH EAST AND YORKSHIRE WEBINAR: FERTILITY, PREGNANCY AND VACCINATION – YOUR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS ANSWERED
WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY 2022 5:30PM – 6:30PM

To build upon the success of the Webinar held on 12 January 2022 we are issuing a further offer to all Health & Social Care Workers across **North East and Yorkshire** to access information provided by leading professionals regarding covid vaccination prior to, during and after pregnancy.

We aim to aid decision making regarding accessing the covid vaccination and to support choices based on factual, evidence based information.
Based on prior attendees' feedback, this Webinar will focus the majority of its time on an interactive question and answer session.

This is webinar is open to all North East and Yorkshire Health Care Workers including those working in Dental practices, GP surgeries, Opticians and Pharmacies.
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https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/fertility-pregnancy-and-vaccination---your-questions-and-concerns-answered-61e99768c6d97

Questions about this event?
- Name: Ethan Tanda
- Email: ethan.tanda@nhs.net
- Telephone: 07800645145

DAILY VACCINE CONFIDENCE SESSIONS HOSTED BY CLINICAL PROFESSIONALS

NHS England and NHS Improvement will be running daily drop-in Vaccine confidence Q&A sessions from Wednesday 26 January 2022 to February 3, 2022. These sessions are for all staff to attend and will offer an opportunity to ask any specific questions you might have regarding COVID-19 vaccines.

Each of these drops-in sessions will be tailored towards a specific audience and hosted by a relevant clinical professional who will answer any questions and signpost you to any additional information. These sessions will provide a safe and supportive environment for you to ask any questions you may have about the COVID-19 vaccines. Dates and themes are:

- Wednesday 26 January: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm - Primary Care
- Thursday 27 January: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm - Vaccines and Fertility
- Friday 28 January: 10:00am – 11:00 am - Vaccines and the Science
- Saturday 29 January: 7:00pm – 8:00 pm - Vaccines and Your Faith
- Sunday 30 January: 7:00pm - 8:00pm - Vaccines and Your Faith
- Monday 31 January: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm - Vaccines for Nursing and Midwifery Staff
- Tuesday 1 February: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm - Vaccines and Fertility
- Wednesday 2 February: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm - Vaccines for Healthcare Students
- Thursday 3 February: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm - Vaccines and the Science

To register, go to
https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/staff-vaccination-daily-q-and-a

HOME SUPPORT PROVIDER FORUM

Thursday 27th January 2022. All providers are welcome. The forum will be held via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting joining instructions:
- **Join on your computer or mobile app**
Click here to join the meeting
- **Or call in (audio only)**
+44 1274 026585,,455415104#
- Phone Conference ID: 455 415 104#

For further information contact Maria Greenwall on 07974 624023 or Maria.Greenwall@bradford.gov.uk

OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT AND TELEMEDS SUPPORT FOR CARE HOMES

These sessions are available on:
Wednesday 26 January 13:00 – 14:00
Thursday 27 January 13:00 – 14:00

In the session they will discuss what is the super rota, what can Telemeds do to support, and address IPC queries. The link is below.

Meeting joining instructions:
- **Join on your computer or mobile app**
Click here to join the meeting
- **Or call in (audio only)**
+44 20 3321 5208,,591515337#   United Kingdom, London
- Phone Conference ID: 591 515 337#

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN MAKING BONUS PAYMENTS OR REWARDS TO STAFF

The BCA, working in conjunction with the Council's benefits team, have put together some information and a quick guide in relation to rewarding staff financially and the possible impact on staff in receipt of benefits.

See attached document in the Provider Zone for more details.

THE WEST YORKSHIRE HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP'S PERSONALISED CARE PROGRAMME

Are delivering, in partnership with Healthwatch Leeds and partners, training to upskill health, social care and VCSE staff and volunteers in **Enhanced Communication**. This training is aimed at those implementing personalised care across West Yorkshire, including health, social care and VCSE staff and volunteers who need to be able to deliver, personalised care, taking into account individual needs, preferences and circumstances.

See attached document in the Provider Zone for more details.

COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

- Page summary: Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.
- Change made: Updated to reflect changes to the self-isolation advice for people who have received a positive COVID-19 test result.
- Time updated: 12:15am, 17 January 2022

COVID-19: stepdown of infection control precautions and discharging patients to home settings

- Page summary: Advice on appropriate infection prevention and control precautions for stepdown in hospital or discharge to home or residential settings for COVID-19 patients.
- Change made: Updated to reflect change in isolation period in hospitals from 14 to 10 days for cases and contacts of cases of COVID-19, as well as clarification of isolation period for severely immunocompromised patients.
- Time updated: 11:19am, 17 January 2022

COVID-19: management of staff and exposed patients and residents in health and social care settings

- Page summary: Guidance on the management of staff, patients and residents who have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Change made: Updated to reflect change in isolation period in hospitals from 14 to 10 days for cases and contacts of cases of COVID-19 and includes new changes to self-isolation periods for staff in health and care settings.
- Time updated: 11:19am, 17 January 2022

COVID-19: infection prevention and control (IPC)

- Page summary: Guidance on infection prevention and control for seasonal respiratory infections including SARS-CoV-2.
- Change made: Updated to reflect change in isolation period in hospitals from 14 to 10 days for cases and contacts of cases of

COVID-19. Changed wording around RPE to clarify.
- Time updated: 11:19am, 17 January 2022

Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing for adult social care settings

- Page summary: Outlines the COVID-19 testing available for testing staff, residents and visitors for all adult social care settings.
- Change made: Added information about giving feedback about your test kit or reporting harm.
- Time updated: 9:48am, 18 January 2022

COVID-19 vaccination: guide for adults

- Page summary: Information for eligible adults on COVID-19 vaccination.
- Change made: Added links to updated translations.
- Time updated: 2:49pm, 19 January 2022

COVID-19 vaccination: booster dose resources

- Page summary: Information on the booster dose for eligible individuals.
- Change made: Added links to translated versions of the COVID-19 vaccination: a guide to booster vaccination for individuals aged 18 years and over and those aged 16 years and over who are at risk.
- Time updated: 4:54pm, 19 January 2022

Health and Social Care Secretary's statement on coronavirus (COVID-19): 19 January 2022

- Page summary: Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Sajid Javid gave a statement at the Downing Street press conference.
- Change made: First published.
- Time updated: 10:52am, 20 January 2022

Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing in adult care homes

Page summary: How to access test kits and step-by-step guides on how to use PCR and rapid lateral flow test kits for regular and outbreak testing of residents, staff and visiting professionals.

- Change made: Updated to reflect removal of confirmatory PCR after a positive LFT – and updated advice on testing within 90 days of a positive result. Removed 'COVID-19 testing schedule for a suspected or confirmed outbreak in a care home' guidance.
- Time updated: 11:48am, 20 January 2022

Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing for adult day care centre workers and service users

- Page summary: Sets out how eligible adult day care centres in England can order, test and register regular PCR and lateral flow tests for all staff and service users.
- Change made: Updated to reflect removal of confirmatory PCR after a positive LFT – and updated advice on testing within 90 days of a positive result.
- Time updated: 11:48am, 20 January 2022

Coronavirus (COVID-19): advice for pregnant employees

- Page summary: Advice for pregnant employees on risk assessments in the workplace and occupational health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- Change made: Updated to reflect current guidance on work arrangements and face coverings.
- Time updated: 12:15pm, 20 January 2022

Vaccination of workers in social care settings other than care homes: operational guidance

- Page summary: From 1 April 2022, people carrying out face-to-face, CQC-regulated social care activities will need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless exempt.
- Change made: First published.
- Time updated: 2:45pm, 20 January 2022

COVID-19 vaccination of people working or deployed in care homes: operational guidance

- Page summary: Anyone working or volunteering in a care home needs to be fully vaccinated against coronavirus (COVID-19), unless they are exempt.
- Change made: Since 11 November 2021, anyone working or volunteering in a care

home has needed to be fully vaccinated against coronavirus (COVID-19), unless exempt. These conditions were updated by regulations that came into force on 6 January 2022 and additional regulations that will come into force on 1 April 2022.
- Time updated: 2:45pm, 20 January 2022

Coronavirus (COVID-19): admission and care of people in care homes

- Page summary: How to protect care home residents and staff during the coronavirus outbreak.
- Change made: Updated guidance throughout in line with the latest clinical advice from the UK Health Security Agency. See the summary change note in the guidance for a full breakdown of all updates.
- Time updated: 7:56pm, 20 January 2022

Supported living services during coronavirus (COVID-19)

- Page summary: Guidance for providers of supported living settings.
- Change made: Updated isolation guidance for supported living workers – those who have tested positive for COVID-19 to end self-isolation after 6 days, following 2 negative lateral flow tests taken 24 hours apart.
- Time updated: 10:10am, 21 January 2022

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

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 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

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OUR MEMBERS FACEBOOK PAGE IS LIVE! CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE PAGE

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

LAUNCH OF THE DIGITAL READER

How does Digital Reader work?
- This new tool allows users to take a photo of their LFT. The service uses artificial intelligence to determine the result of the test. Research has shown that this is more accurate than the human eye.
- The Digital Reader feature will appear in the Self-Report journey when you report your LFT results, and can be used to determine Positive, Negative or Void results.
- To use the Digital Reader there is no additional software to download.
- Use of the Digital Reader service is an optional step when using the self report journey.

What do you need to do?
- Self-Report LFTs as normal
- Allow for recommended development time stated on the instructions for your LFT kit, then use the Self-Report service immediately
- Follow the on-screen instructions, which will ask you take a photograph of your test kit
- If you are unable to take a photo, then you can report the result manually and in the usual way.

NHS Track and Trace have produced a guidebook which details the changes to the digital single registration journey.

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Also see attached document in the Provider Zone for more details.