

UPDATING CAPACITY TRACKER – CARE HOMES, HOME SUPPORT AND EXTRA CARE

To support with Covid-19 Vaccination data collection, the Department of Health and Social Care is asking that all Care Homes, Home Support and Extra Care services begin/continue updating the Capacity Tracker. New questions were added on Tuesday 2nd February to assist with the vaccine roll-out.

A letter from the DHSC with more details will be uploaded to the Provider Zone along with a guide on using Capacity Tracker.

For all services not being asked to use Capacity Tracker, the Covid-19 Support Team will help you. Please contact us or wait for our call

BBC SOUNDS – LATERAL FLOW DEVICES

There was a discussion on Radio 4 show 'More or Less' about Lateral Flow Devices. You can listen to it on BBC Sounds by following this [LINK](#)

COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM YOUTUBE CHANNEL

We've got 2 new videos for you this week:

- 1) [An Important Message from David Crabtree](#)
- 2) [Vaccine Hesitation: Q&A with Tracey Gaston \(Part 1\)](#)

DEMENTIA CARERS COUNT

Dementia Carers Count is a national charity dedicated to supporting family and friends caring for someone with dementia.

Their free services for carers include face-to-face and online courses that give you the opportunity to learn and connect with other carers. You can also develop strategies, skills and build confidence to navigate the highs and lows of caring for those with dementia. You will learn how to make life manageable and maintain your own health and well-being, which is vital in being able to support those with dementia.

All services are designed and delivered by expert health and care professionals who have experience supporting people with dementia and their families.

For more information, you can visit the website [HERE](#).

GUIDANCE UPDATE

Guidance on the admission and care of residents in a care home during the COVID-19 pandemic has been updated. You can see the guidance and a summary of the changes [HERE](#)

VACCINE EXPLAINER VIDEOS

Public Health England have uploaded 8 videos explaining the Covid-19 Vaccine with Dr Kevin Brown. You can access them [HERE](#)

OXFORD/ASTRA ZENECA VACCINE

Some extremely positive news has been reported about the Oxford/Astra Zeneca Vaccine.

One dose could offer protection of up to 76% from day 22 up to 90 days, with no evidence that immunity reduces in that time. The trial data also supports a longer time interval between first and second dose – with efficacy higher among people who had a 12 week interval compared with those who had less than 6 weeks between doses. In addition, after the second dose, transmission rates are reported to be cut by 67%.

The findings are still subject to review by other researchers, but it seems that similar effects have been seen in Flu and Ebola vaccines, which have higher efficacy with longer interim times between doses. Some 9.6 million people have received a first dose in the UK so far.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

- **BCA IPC Meeting:**
Tuesday 9th February 2021 (10:30-11:30)
- **IPC and Vaccine Training Update**
Thursday 11th February 2021 (13:30-14:30)

Joining details for both sessions:

Zoom Meeting – ID. 993 772 1608

Password – Bradford20

IPC ON CALL THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 6th 10am-1pm

Jacqui Elliott

07813 394841

Sunday 7th 10am-1pm

Michael Horsley

07582 102117

BRADFORD CARE HOMES COVID-19 TRACKER

These and other graphs are available in the Provider Zone. The Covid-19 Support Team are currently working with our intelligence data colleagues to develop a clear, concise, yet informative weekly presentation of the current situation in respect of several areas relating to the current pandemic. We will be liaising with BCA colleagues to ensure this data is useful and accurately reflects the situation here in Bradford. We are aware that some of this data is extremely sensitive and we are working to develop a more secure route for provider access only. More information to follow next week.

Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



Number of Covid-19 Infections




THIS WEEK'S POSTER

Please see this week's poster about Covid-19 Vaccinations and Fertility


This poster is available to download from the Provider Zone so you can print it off and display in staff rooms

There is also a really useful video from Public Health England about this topic which you can access using this

[LINK](#)



Covid-19 vaccinations & fertility



“We want to reassure women that there is no evidence to suggest that Covid-19 vaccines will affect fertility. Claims of any effect of Covid-19 vaccination on fertility are speculative and not supported by any data.

“There is no biologically plausible mechanism by which current vaccines would cause any impact on women's fertility. Evidence has not been presented that women who have been vaccinated have gone on to have fertility problems”

Dr Edward Morris, President at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists