



City of
BRADFORD
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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.

PROVIDER BULLETIN

Tuesday 22 December 2020

This week we are producing one issue of the Provider Bulletin. Our usual Tuesday and Thursday update will resume next week. We will of course ensure that any important information is sent to you via a Flash Email.

Click on the image below for a special message from Iain MacBeath - Strategic Director, Health and Wellbeing.



A THANK YOU MESSAGE FOR EVERYONE IN BRADFORD DISTRICT AND CRAVEN



PREPARING FOR COVID 19 VACCINATIONS

The rollout of the Covid 19 vaccine to care homes is likely to start very soon and there is strong possibility that homes may only receive only a couple of days notice, given the complex logistics and very short expiry of the vaccine. If there are any residents for whom you need to consult with family members about their wishes in line with a Lasting Power of Attorney for Health, or who may require a best interest decision, then it would be useful to begin having these conversations very soon, to ensure there is sufficient time to undertake and record the process properly. The appropriate attached form should be completed for each resident.

The forms can be accessed via the **Provider Zone**.

SECRETARY OF STATE - CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO SOCIAL CARE STAFF



KEEPING SAFE THIS CHRISTMAS!

With the wider roll out of later flow tests for care homes there has been some additional training and resources produced. Please see the following links.

- [Guidance regarding LFD staff testing following returning from leave over the Christmas period](#)
- [Updated infographic showing the testing available for adult social care](#)

[Training for carrying out LFT](#)

Web link: <https://go.tessello.co.uk/TestDeviceTraining/Login.aspx>

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SELF-ISOLATION GUIDANCE FOR HEALTH AND CARE SETTINGS

Public Health England has published [updated guidance](#) on the management of people in health and social care settings according to exposure, symptoms and test results.

The self-isolation period has been **reduced from 14 to 10 days for health and social care workers**. There are some flowcharts for [symptomatic](#) and [asymptomatic](#) staff returning to work following a coronavirus test.

For **residents of care settings**, there is a more cautious approach and **the isolation period remains at 14 days**.

The guidance provides some background explanation, which is that there is a higher level of vulnerability to COVID-19 in people aged 70 or over, however it reads as if it applies to all care settings.

Note: We are seeking clarification as to whether the guidance applies to all care settings or just those for older people.

MAKING A CHRISTMAS BUBBLE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY – **PLEASE READ!**

Click [HERE](#) to view guidance updated 19 December 2020.

GUIDANCE: VISITS OUT OF CARE HOMES **PLEASE READ!**

Click [HERE](#) to access!

VACINATION FAQs

How many doses of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine will need to be administered?

The vaccine is given in two doses - three weeks apart - and data from clinical trials showed the vaccine is 94 percent effective in protecting people over the age of 65 from coronavirus, with trials suggesting it works equally well in people of all ages, races and ethnicities. There were also no serious safety concerns reported in the trials.

How quickly is the Pfizer vaccine effective after doses.

Full protection should begin 7-10 days after the second injection.

When will you publish vaccine ingredients?

The MHRA have published information on the ingredients in a summary of product characteristics (SpC). The MHRA has confirmed that the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine does not contain any components of animal origin. See [here](#) for more details.

How can people be confident there won't be long term side effects?

Every single vaccine authorised for use in the UK has been authorised by the MHRA and the three components of authorisation are a safety assessment, an effectiveness assessment and a manufacturing quality assessment.

Prioritisation

The full prioritisation list can be found [here](#).

You still need a flu jab!

A Covid-19 vaccine will not protect you against the flu, which can also be very serious for older people and those with health conditions. If you have been offered a flu vaccine, please try to have this as soon as possible to help keep you safe and well.

Why are care home workers prioritised over NHS staff?

There is evidence that infection rates are higher in residential care home staff, than in those providing home care or in healthcare workers. Care home workers are therefore considered a very high priority for vaccination.

Are there any side effects?

Like all medicines, vaccines can cause side effects. Most of these are mild and short-term, and not everyone gets them.

These are important details which the MHRA always consider when assessing candidate vaccines for use.

For this vaccine, like lots of others, they have identified that some people might feel slightly unwell, but they report that no significant side effects have been observed in the over 43,000 people involved in trials.

All patients will be provided with information on the vaccine they have received, how to look out for any side effects, and what to do if they do occur, including reporting them to the MHRA.

New variant of COVID-19

A variant of SARS-COV-2 is a version of the virus that has undergone some genetic changes (mutations). Some mutations may change the characteristics of the virus and how it interacts with humans. We have named this VUI – 202012/01 (the first Variant Under Investigation in December 2020). We are concerned that one of the mutations found in VUI-202012/01, called N501Y, has a potential impact on the characteristics of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Given this is change in the spike protein, does this mean the vaccines are unlikely to protect against it?

It is considered unlikely at this stage that the vaccine will prove to be ineffective against this variant. However, we are looking closely at this variant and will know more in the coming weeks.

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Please share with your teams.



BRITISH ISLAMIC
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY OF BIMA POSITION STATEMENT ON THE PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE

Having taken all the available information into account including the increased risk from Covid-19 to those from an ethnic minority:

***We recommend the Pfizer/ BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine
for eligible at-risk individuals in Muslim communities.***

Who was involved in the consultation?

The British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA) has consulted Muslim experts in infectious diseases, virologists, pharmaceutical industry, clinicians, commissioners, public health and bioethicists.

Were Islamic scholars consulted?

Yes. The detailed BIMA position paper was shared with scholars from all denominations & includes their feedback.

Why are you only mentioning the Pfizer Vaccine and not all other COVID vaccines?

This is the only vaccine that has been approved in the UK currently. Each vaccine will be judged independently.

Does the vaccine contain any animal ingredients?

There are **NO** animal products in this vaccine and no animal derived cells were used.

How do we know the vaccine is safe?

It has been reviewed by the MHRA (Medicine & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency) – the UK **independent** regulatory body for medicines. Their review indicates that it is safe & there are no serious adverse outcomes.

What are the expected side effects?

Reported side effects are same as for most vaccinations e.g. mild fever, but no reported major side effects.

Is the vaccination the solution to COVID-19?

No. It is a very important part of the solution, but we will still need to practice elements of social distancing, hand washing and wearing masks in the medium term.

Why is this particularly important to the Muslim community?

Many UK Muslims are from ethnic minorities at more risk from Covid-19 related complications / death, but also tend to be more vaccine hesitant. We need a clear and unified message coming from Muslim leaders & scientists.

Are there any concerns?

This is a rapidly evolving field and therefore communication has not been ideal. More data & transparency helps increase trust and more informed decision-making. However, weighing up available evidence, all legitimate concerns vs. the risk posed by the virus, we recommend this vaccine to those eligible at risk in our communities.

Is this position permanent or under review?

This is an evolving situation and this position will be reviewed every time any new information comes out.

Supported by:



For the detailed position paper go to bit.ly/bimapfizeravaxx For updates, operationvaccination.com

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PROVIDER PAYMENT DURING CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR PERIOD

Please note our offices are closed 25 December and 28 December 2020 and 1 January 2021.

Week commencing 21 December you can expect to see payment in your account on 24 December 2020.

Week commencing 28 December, we will process payments on Wednesday 30th December as normal and you can expect to see payment in your account on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

If you have any queries regarding your payments please don't hesitate to contact the payment team via e-mail [**CCA.Payments@bradford.gov.uk**](mailto:CCA.Payments@bradford.gov.uk)



Rachael Ross, Skills for Care Locality Manager, leaves her post today. Skills for Care are currently recruiting for a replacement, but in the interim if you need support, please contact Sally Gretton (Head of YH/NE Area) on sally.gretton@skillsforcare.org.uk or contact the Skills for Care Information Team on Information.Team@skillsforcare.org.uk or ring on 0113 241 1275.

Rachael sends her very best wishes and would like to say a big thank you to you for your continued hard work and commitment to providing quality care for the people of Bradford District and Craven. She hopes to see you again, working to support quality but in a different role, in the near future.

Thank you Rachel from us all



CARE

**A MESSAGE FROM HELEN
WHATELY, MINISTER FOR
CARE, DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**



Click [**HERE**](#) to access!

MESSAGE TO PROVIDERS!

Can you please update the Capacity Tracker on a regular basis. According to recent figures, within the last 7 days, data input from providers have fallen significantly. We need you to complete this regularly which will help us to support you.

CARE HOME OCCUPANCY SUPPORT SCHEME

Claim Period 3 of the occupancy support scheme ends this Sunday, 27 December. We have extended the deadline for claims slightly to end of the day on **Tuesday 5 January 2021**.

If you want to make a claim for this period, please ensure you submit the PERIOD 3 Application form to HWB.Digital.Innovation@bradford.gov.uk by this date. **Please be aware - forms received after this date will not be processed.**

Application forms will not be sent out by email. You can download the application form, and access the guidance notes and further information here: <https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/occupancy-support-scheme/> (click on the orange 'Claim Periods' bar to find the application forms).

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL TEAM UPDATE!



Please note, there will be no CBMDC IPC cover for these Christmas and New Year weekends or Bank Holidays. During this period any emergency issues will need to be directed to PHE via their on call number.

IPC Arrangement over the Christmas period

Date	On-call
Friday 25 Dec	PHE 01133860300 or 01143049843
Saturday 26 Dec	PHE
Sunday 27 Dec	PHE
Monday 28 Dec	PHE

IPC Arrangement over New Year

Friday 1 Jan	PHE
Saturday 2 Jan	PHE
Sunday 3 Jan	PHE

INFECTION CONTROL FUND 2

We are aware that some of the guidance on the ICF2 said that the second payment would be made in December. Unfortunately, this was an error, and payments will instead be made in January 2021. Dates when payments can be expected will be confirmed shortly.

The poster can be downloaded via the [Provider Zone](#).
Please share with your teams.

Why should you still get the Flu Vaccine in January?

Winter has not ended yet

Getting the Flu vaccine is still worthwhile in January as winter does not end until March and even then the weather can still resemble winter for much longer. By getting the vaccine in January you can still help to save lives.

The Flu Vaccine is effective

The flu vaccination gives the best protection against the flu. Flu vaccines help protect against the main types of flu viruses and although there's still a chance you might get the flu, it's likely to be milder and not last as long. The flu vaccine will also stop you spreading flu to other people who may be at risk of serious problems from flu.



Reduces risk of having Flu and COVID-19 at the same time

If you get flu and the coronavirus at the same time, research shows that you are more likely to become seriously ill. If you've already had COVID-19, it is still safe to have the flu vaccine and it will be effective at helping prevent flu.



It helps reduce pressure on the NHS and Care Services

Getting the vaccine will help reduce pressure on the NHS and social care staff who may be dealing with. This is of particular importance given the spread of a more infectious variation of the virus in the U.K.



If staff in your home would like the vaccine, please contact Emma Bascombe by email: emma.bascombe@bradford.nhs.uk

COVID -19 SUPPORT TEAM DUTY DESK

Click [HERE](#) for updated cover for the following weeks!

Please don't forget the Covid-19 Support Team now has one central contact number:

01274 431999



The next **Provider Update** will take place on **Tuesday 5th January from 10:30 – 11:30**. This meeting will carry on running alternate to the IPC Meeting. Please see attached for our last Provider Meeting minutes along with the AGM 2020 minutes that took place on 15th December.

The Registered Managers Network Meeting will now be held monthly and our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 20th January from 15:30 – 16:30**.

Calendar invites to follow soon.

JANUARY 2021 MEETINGS:

DATE	TIME	MEETING
Tue, 5 Jan	10:30 – 11:30	Provider Update
Tue, 12 Jan	10:30 – 11:30	IPC Meeting
Tue, 19 Jan	10:30 – 11:30	Provider Update
Wed, 20 Jan	15:30 – 16:30	Registered Managers Reference Meeting
Tue, 26 Jan	10:30 – 11:30	IPC Meeting

Thank you again for all the work you have done this year! Have a lovely Christmas and see you all in 2021! 😊

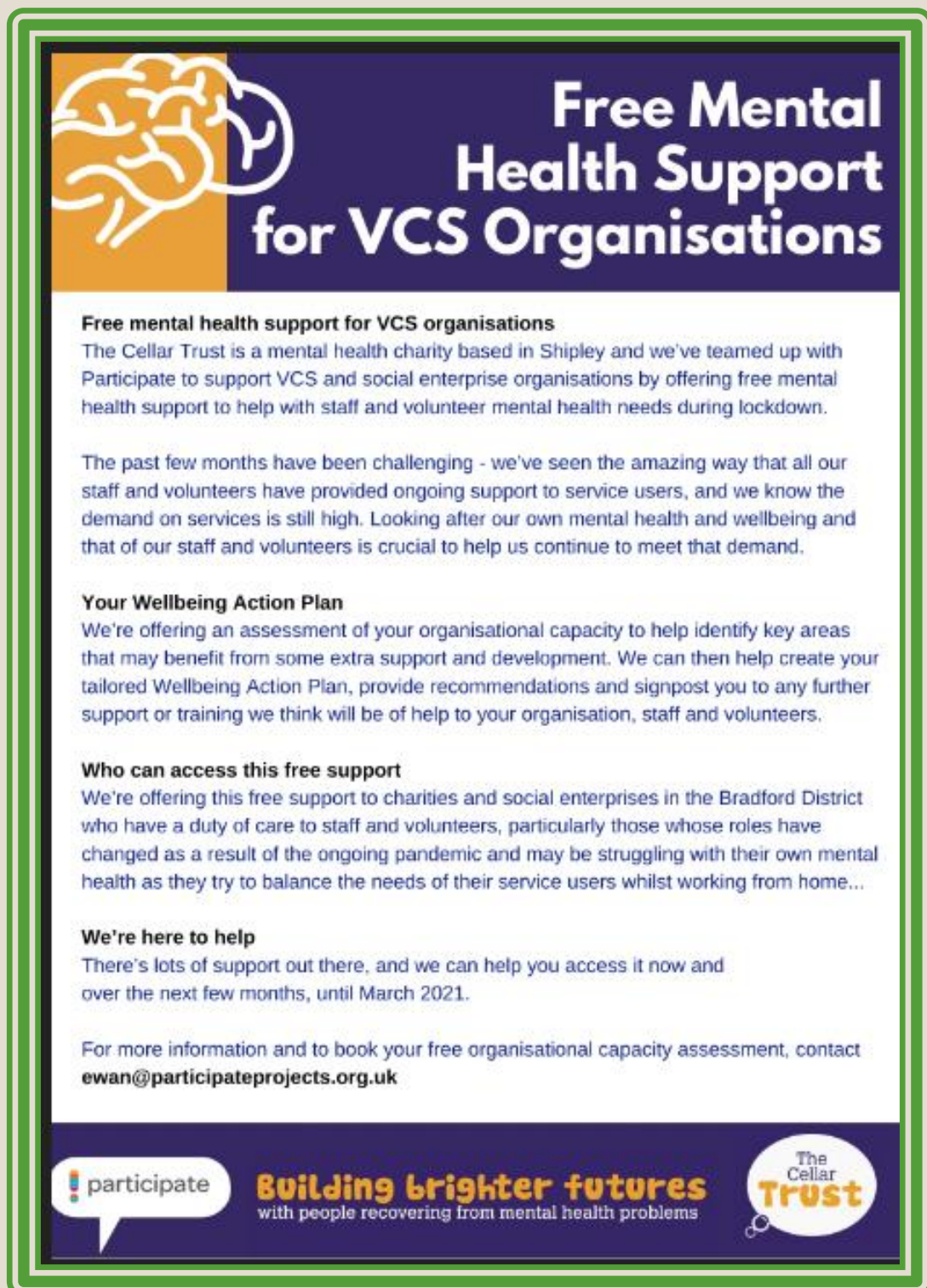
KICKSTART SCHEME

Please see attached document in the [Provider Zone](#) for information on Bradford Council's proposals for local management of another Kickstart bid.

The Kickstart scheme is a real opportunity for us to work together to provide outstanding employment opportunities for our young people.

Bradford Council are looking to submit another District-wide consortium bid that would be managed and coordinated through the Skills House Partnership.

The poster can be downloaded via the [Provider Zone](#).
Please share with your teams.



Free Mental Health Support for VCS Organisations

Free mental health support for VCS organisations

The Cellar Trust is a mental health charity based in Shipley and we've teamed up with Participate to support VCS and social enterprise organisations by offering free mental health support to help with staff and volunteer mental health needs during lockdown.

The past few months have been challenging - we've seen the amazing way that all our staff and volunteers have provided ongoing support to service users, and we know the demand on services is still high. Looking after our own mental health and wellbeing and that of our staff and volunteers is crucial to help us continue to meet that demand.

Your Wellbeing Action Plan

We're offering an assessment of your organisational capacity to help identify key areas that may benefit from some extra support and development. We can then help create your tailored Wellbeing Action Plan, provide recommendations and signpost you to any further support or training we think will be of help to your organisation, staff and volunteers.


Who can access this free support


We're offering this free support to charities and social enterprises in the Bradford District who have a duty of care to staff and volunteers, particularly those whose roles have changed as a result of the ongoing pandemic and may be struggling with their own mental health as they try to balance the needs of their service users whilst working from home...

We're here to help

There's lots of support out there, and we can help you access it now and over the next few months, until March 2021.

For more information and to book your free organisational capacity assessment, contact ewan@participateprojects.org.uk

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**PULSE OXI METERS
(CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR
HOLIDAY PERIOD: FRIDAY 25
DECEMBER 2020 – SUNDAY 3
JANUARY 2021)**

Please see attached document in the **Provider Zone** with contact details for Care Homes in urgent need of pulse oxi meters.



**DAILY NEWS AND KEEPING
WELL TIPS!**

Inclusion North will give you the Government's big messages each week. To access, see attached document in the **Provider Zone**.



COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM

Supporting people to support others

**COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM
YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

(please consider subscribing and clicking on the 'Bell Icon' to receive notifications when we upload a new video):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtRZcw3M8YN0wOFT1e1JqaQ>

NHS England and NHS Improvement



Some of your individual NHSmail email accounts are showing as inactive and are at risk of deletion. If you have not yet accessed your account please see guidance for how to do so **HERE**.

See attached documents in the **Provider Zone**, including further updates, Christmas cover and NHSmail FAQs to assist you with any issue/query you may have.



**BARCLAYS DIGITAL EAGLE
OFFER**

We have some exciting news for you!

Barclays Digital Eagles are supporting Care Providers across the UK to provide free training on using iPads to connect residents with families and Care Workers with Clinicians.

We understand that for some of you, this is an entirely new experience and we want to offer you the best support we can!

From week commencing the 11th January and over the following 6 months, Barclays Digital Eagles will be running live online training sessions for you to attend. Each training session will be designed to help you get started and how to access some of the systems in place for conversations and consultations for your residents and team.

Please see attached documents in the **Provider Zone** for more details.

MARLEY FIELD TESTING CENTRE – UPDATE

If a home's member of staff has missed one of their regular PCR tests due to leave you are welcome to use Marley Fields Testing Centre. Please email covid19.stafftesting@bradford.gov.uk or call 01274 437070 and we will arrange a test at the earliest time possible.

Day	Date	Hours
Wednesday	23 December 2020	12.00 noon to 12.30 pm Tests collected by Care Homes
Thursday	24 December 2020	1.30 pm to 3.30 pm Drive Through only 4.00 pm Deadline for return of tests
Friday	25 December 2020	Closed
Saturday	26 December 2020	Closed
Sunday	27 December 2020	Closed
Monday	28 December 2020	8.00 am to 8.30 am Tests collected by Care Homes 9.30 pm to 11.00 am Drive Through only 11.30 am Deadline for return of tests
Tuesday	29 December 2020	12.00 noon to 12.30 pm Tests collected by Care Homes and BDCFT for testing off site only
Wednesday	30 December 2020	1.30 pm to 3.30 pm Drive Through only 4.00 pm Deadline for return of tests
Thursday	31 December 2020	4.00 pm Deadline for return of tests
Friday	1 January 2021	Closed – New Year's Day
Saturday	2 January 2021	Closed
Sunday	3 January 2021	Closed

10 days to go

BREXIT

The UK transition:
time is running out!

There are new rules for businesses and citizens from 1
January 2021.

Support is available in Bradford – Click on
the link below:

**BREXIT - WHAT YOU
NEED TO KNOW!**

INFORMATION REQUEST

If you have any specific issues/concerns, please
email ali.gul@bradford.gov.uk

Department of Health and Wellbeing, Bradford Council.