

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO TESTING!! REGULAR ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING PAUSED

As levels of Covid-19 infections are reducing the government has decided to **pause asymptomatic testing of staff in all care settings**, including social care from next **Wednesday 31st August**.

This means that from that date staff in care homes, supported living settings, extra care settings and home care will no longer be required to undertake twice weekly LFD testing.

The following pieces of guidance have been updated to reflect the changes from 31st August:

- [1. The COVID-19 Supplement](#)
- [2. Social Care Testing Guidance](#)

Free symptomatic testing will continue for social care staff and residents of care homes, and tests can continue to be ordered in the same way. Please note there are no changes in the guidance to PPE wearing.

CAPACITY TRACKER: DHSC FLU AND COVID-19 VACCINATION DATA COLLECTION

Your continued efforts to share data on COVID-19 and seasonal flu vaccination uptake with us through the Capacity Tracker have been very much appreciated, and we would like to thank you for this.

Whilst COVID-19 continues to circulate this Winter, we must continue to understand and monitor uptake of COVID-19 and flu vaccinations. As such, we request your continued support in encouraging uptake of both autumn boosters and the flu vaccine to all who are eligible.

FREE HALF DAY ONLINE TRAINING

Learn More About Suicide & Prevention in South Asian Communities

Our bitesize **FREE** awareness training sessions are aimed at healthcare professionals who want to learn more about the myths and facts surrounding suicide in South Asian Communities.

This is an opportunity to gain more of an understanding for when someone might be at risk, how to tackle suicide ideation in a culturally appropriate and competent manner, and what we can ALL do to offer practical support.



What will the training content cover?

Perceptions and views on suicide, Influencers and drivers of suicide and risk factors, The impact of suicide, Experience of services and support, Support needs and protective factors, Gender related issues, Children and Young People's Issues, Suicide prevention recommendations and Case studies

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE TRAINING!



September 13th, 10am – 1pm
September 15th, 2pm – 5pm

October 18th, 10am – 1pm
October 20th, 2pm – 5pm

November 15th, 10am – 1pm
November 17th, 2pm – 5pm

December 13th, 10am – 1pm
December 15th, 2pm – 5pm





Bradford Care Association

BCA - COST OF LIVING CRISIS AND IMPACT ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE CARE SECTOR

The cost-of-living crisis is yet another added challenge for the already pressurised care sector. Over recent years we have had to contend with Covid-19 and the increasing workforce challenges, and now the sector is faced with soaring cost inflation and a deepening workforce crisis as a result.

The BCA will be calling on the health and care system to take to urgent action to ensure the financial sustainability of the sector and to support the recruitment and retention of our workforce.

To inform our case please complete this survey so we can capture the key cost pressures and sustainability concerns of the sector.

Any information shared with the BCA will be anonymised so you cannot be identified.

We would really appreciate if you could take the time to share your views and concerns with the BCA by responding to the survey as soon as possible as the closing date is Tuesday 30th August

Provider Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FVZSQKY>

BCA – WORKFORCE CRISIS

Bradford Care Association are helping to support care providers and their workforce during these challenging times and would like to find out what type of support could help you, so that we can look for ways to try to find this support, from the Council, the Integrated Care System and other agencies.

Please send the Workforce Survey below to your staff.

Workforce Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XNVNQFV>

Any information shared with the BCA will be anonymised so you cannot be identified.

We will continue to work with the council and the wider system exploring all means of supporting the sustainability of the care sector and the workforce.

Thanks again,
BCA

FAIR COST OF CARE SUBMISSIONS AND PAYMENT

Thank you to all the providers who took part and submitted the cost of care exercise, We will be in touch with providers who have submitted regarding the £250 payment.

If you are still planning on making a submission, please get in touch with us (see below).

If you have any questions please get in touch with us at FCOC@bradford.gov.uk

Click
Here

GUIDANCE

Infection prevention and control in adult social care: COVID-19 supplement

Click [HERE](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Remember you can post an event to our Social Care Events Calendar

[HERE](#)

NATIONAL DATA OPT-OUT: COMPLIANCE REQUIRED SINCE 31 JULY 2022

All CQC-registered care providers that receive any public funding are required to comply with the National Data Opt-out since 31 July. All care providers must: check if they process confidential patient information for purpose other than delivery of care, and update their policies, procedures and privacy notices to reflect the National Data Opt-Out.

If a care provider does use identifiable, confidential patient information for planning or research purposes, they must check if any clients have opted out of sharing their data in this way. If they have, the provider must stop using their data.

See [Digital Social Care's short guide to the National Data Opt-Out](#)



Living with Long Covid



FOCUS
GROUP

West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Staff Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub is gathering the experiences of staff who are suffering or suspect that they may be suffering from Long Covid.

We are running a focus group to engage staff with lived experiences. We will focus on the impact of COVID on people's emotional and psychological wellbeing rather than ongoing physical health needs. Whilst acknowledging that there is likely to be some correlation between the two, our primary focus is the mental health impact.

We will use these insights and perspectives to identify the needs of staff and any potential barriers for those suffering with Long Covid. Additionally, it will help us

understand what is and is not helpful, support any changes as well as create new pathways for staff to seek the help and support they need.

If you are interested in taking part, you will be placed in a group with other staff members. The facilitators will ask several questions and support the discussion for up to 90 minutes. A note-taker will be present, however your responses will remain confidential, and no names will be included in any reports.

Please note there are no right or wrong answers. We want to hear as many varied experiences and thoughts as possible regardless of your role or position within your organisation.

The focus group for staff experiencing Long Covid will be on held via Teams on **Thursday 15th September at 13:15**

To book your place please email bdcccg.wyh.mentalwellbeinghub@nhs.net

TISSUE VIABILITY AND PRESSURE ULCER BITE SIZE TRAINING SESSIONS

Tissue Viability and pressure ulcer bite size training sessions will run throughout the remainder of the year.

Dates, topics and how to join the sessions are detailed in the flyer [HERE](#).

If you have any questions please get in touch with Jacqueline jacqueline.knott@bdct.nhs.uk

DIGITAL SOCIAL CARE NEWSLETTER

Please see below for the Digital Social Care Newsletter for August 2022

[August 2022 Digital social care Newsletter.html](#)



CYBER ATTACK AFFECTING CARE SOFTWARE

Advanced, a third-party software supplier, has advised the NHS that they have been subject to an external cyber incident as the result of a ransomware attack. It is understood that the following services which are used by some of the adult social care providers have been impacted by the incident: **Caresys, Carenotes, Staffplan and eFinancials.**

Care providers should:

1. Read the alert from NHS Transformation Directorate on the [Digital Social Care Website](#)
2. If affected, contact [Digital Social Care](#)
3. If they use the [Data Security and Protection Toolkit](#), they should report incidents within the Toolkit.

DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

Data	Latest	Change
Deaths	1	0
Infections	74	+12
Outbreaks	9	
Occupancy	80%	0%
Tracker completed	74%	-4%

