

Thursday 27 August 2020

**New overview of guidance around Covid-19 for Adult Social Care was updated yesterday, 26 August 2020, please see below a direct link:**

**[Overview of adult social care guidance on coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)**

## **Repeat Testing of Staff and Residents who have previously Tested Positive**

Clarification has been sought and received from Public Health England regarding the guidance, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-management-of-exposed-healthcare-workers-and-patients-in-hospital-settings/covid-19-management-of-exposed-healthcare-workers-and-patients-in-hospital-settings>, which says:

**Staff who have previously tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 by PCR should be exempt from re-testing within a period of 6 weeks from their initial illness onset, unless they develop new symptoms, in which case they will need retesting.**

For more information, please see the [Provider Zone](#).

## **NHSmail Progress Update for the North East & Yorkshire**

NHS Digital have announced that the cleansing process of inactive NHS Mail accounts will take place at the end of October. However it will no longer be possible to reactivate these NHS Mail accounts as they will not migrate across to the new system. They are still awaiting the tool to add to our regional reporting.

The DSPT, Data Security and Protection Toolkit, Team will be happy to assist care providers with the registration process and they can email their request to [england.dsptnorth@nhs.net](mailto:england.dsptnorth@nhs.net).

To access further guidance please refer to the document on the [Provider Zone](#).

## Update from Public Health

- The regional R value for the North East and Yorkshire has risen to 1.00 (ranging between 0.79 and 1.26) and is now the second highest of the regional values recorded after the South West of England
- To date there have been a total of 5,945 confirmed cases and 542 deaths relating to COVID-19 in Bradford District
- Between the August 12 and August 18 incidence was 46.5 cases per 100,000 (previous value 57.5 cases per 100,000). Source: PHE Regional Situational Awareness Report
- Positivity rate: Between August 12 and August 18 positivity of cases was 5.2% (previous value 6.2%). Source: PHE Regional Situational Awareness Report
- All cases: 7 day rolling average shows confirmed cases started to rise from July 5 but have begun to level off.

For more information, including the specific update for Adult Social Care, please see the [Provider Zone](#).

## Important IPC Contact Details for Bank Holiday Weekend

This Bank Holiday's Weekend on call duty for the Infection Prevention and Control Team:

**Saturday 29th August, from 10am to 1pm: Cheryl Tonks - 07971330751**

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**Monday 31st August, from 10am to 1pm: Darren Fletcher - 07582102163**

## Save the Date – 17th September 2020 – IPC Link Champion Event

This targeted event is for Care Home Managers and Infection Prevention Link Champions. This session will offer you an opportunity for reflection and learning from your experiences of managing Covid 19.

For information on IPC Link Champions and bite-size train the trainer infection prevention teaching sessions please see the [Provider Zone](#).

Could you be a Link Champion; do you feel passionate about infection prevention and do you feel confident to challenge and praise others? If you feel that you could be the link that helps educate others on how to break the chain of Infection and promote good practice please get in touch.

If you have a member of your team who would be interested in becoming an Infection Prevention Link Champion please contact [Cheryl.tonks@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:Cheryl.tonks@bradford.gov.uk) or [Jacqueline.elliott@bradford.gov](mailto:Jacqueline.elliott@bradford.gov) for further information.

## URGENT UPDATE TO MARLEY STADIUM OPENING TIMES FOR TESTING AND COLLECTIONS FROM 7 SEPTEMBER 2020

Please see below revised opening times for accessing tests at Marley Stadium Test Centre which changes collection times on Monday's to afternoon collections rather than morning collections which is the current arrangement. This change will take place from Monday 7 September 2020.

If you already have a future booking for collection or return on a Monday the testing team will send you a revised confirmation to set out your new collection and return times. All other bookings are not affected.

If this causes you any logistical problems please contact a member of the testing team on 01274 437070 who will be happy to make alternative arrangements where capacity allows.

Friday and Saturday	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8.00 am to 8.30 am – Tests collected by Care Homes and BDCFT for testing off site only	12.30 pm to 1.00 pm – Tests collected by Care Homes and BDCFT for testing off site only
9.30 am to 10.30 am – Drive Through only	2 pm to 4pm – Drive Through only
11.30 am – Deadline for return of tests	4.30 pm – Deadline for return of tests

### COVID-19 Workforce Risk Assessment Tool

This Risk Assessment Tool has been developed to help people working in the NHS and Social Care in Wales to see if they are at higher risk of developing more serious symptoms if they come into contact with the Covid-19 virus.

To access this tool, please see the [Provider Zone](#).

### Bradford Workforce Development Meeting 29 July 2020

To access the minutes and relevant resources mentioned within, please see the [Provider Zone](#).