

DHSC – SUPPORTING BAME COMMUNITIES

Throughout this coronavirus pandemic, we have been reminded again of the devastating impact societal inequalities have had on the health and wellbeing of Black, Asian and ethnically diverse (BAME) citizens. The recent Public Health England report highlighted the need for us to finally act and consider the unacceptable impact such inequalities have always had on our communities.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the report.

VACCINE MYTHS

A group of celebrities, including actors Adil Ray and Meera Syal, cricketer Moeen Ali, comedian Romesh Ranganathan, politician Sadiq Khan and presenter Konnie Huq have released a video appealing to black, Asian and ethnic minority communities in the UK to help address hesitancy around the COVID-19 vaccine. You can watch it on YouTube [HERE](#)

COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM WEEKLY VLOG

The latest instalment is available to view [HERE](#)

BANK STAFF UPDATE

A limited number of casual bank/pool staff are now available to support you! If you could benefit from their help then please contact the Covid-19 Support Team and we will coordinate your request with an available member of the pool. For more information please contact Covid19SupportTeam@bradford.gov.uk.

RAPID LATERAL FLOW TESTING IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ALL STAFF AND SERVICE USERS IN ADULT DAY CARE CENTRES IN ENGLAND

After the completion of a successful pilot study, we are pleased to inform you that NHS Test and Trace is making regular lateral flow testing available to all staff and service users in adult day care centres in England, to be conducted alongside the existing weekly staff PCR testing.

In addition to the current regular PCR testing regime, the new guidance advises all staff to: Undertake an additional two rapid lateral flow tests per week, ideally before they begin their shift:

- One rapid LFT should be completed on the same day as the PCR test;
 - One rapid LFT test should be taken 3-4 days later.

If any member of staff tests positive with a rapid LFT, they must take a confirmatory PCR test and self-isolate at home immediately until they receive their result.

Staff members may self-test or test with the assistance of another adult.

The guidance is clear that service users attending a centre does not depend on them taking a test, however, we advise service users who are able to test to:

- Test twice a week, with 3-4 days in between using rapid LFT. If a service user is only visiting once or twice per week, they only need to test on the day of their visits.
 - Service users should ideally test before attending the centre if travelling by shared or public transport.

Testing can be completed either at the day care centre, or at home by themselves or with the support of a parent or carer. This is at the discretion of the day care centre.

We understand that not all service users will be able to test, and testing should not be considered mandatory for entry into the day care centre. Service users can still visit the centre if they have not tested. However, if a service user tests positive, they should self-isolate immediately, take a confirmatory PCR test and not attend the day care centre.

Please use the link below to order rapid LFT kits using the same Unique Organisation Number (UON) that you use to order PCR tests:

<https://request-testing.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/>

Tests can be ordered immediately. Please be aware, similar to when you place an order for a PCR test, you will not be able to place another rapid LFT order until 21 days have passed from when your order was processed. The online replenishment portal will highlight the date that you can place your next rapid LFT order.

BARRIERS TO SERVICES SURVEY

Equality Together, People First Bradford, and People First Keighley and Craven have joined together to gather information regarding barriers to services within the Bradford and District area. Please fill this survey in and help us to improve our services in order to help more people in the local area.

In order to help facilitate this, we have provided several translations to the survey. It is available in [English](#), [Urdu](#), [Bengali](#), [Czech](#), [French](#), [Polish](#) and [Gujarati](#).

COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE

The Community Dental Service referral form has been uploaded to the [Provider Zone](#). The service support any residential home residents that meet the criteria, which has also been uploaded to the [Provider Zone](#).

For general checks that do not meet the criteria it will be necessary to contact dental surgeries directly to ask if they can provide support. You can find a list of local dental surgeries [HERE](#)

HI-VIS UK SENSORY AWARENESS COURSE

Hi-Vis is a charity that specialises in supporting those people who are experiencing problems with their vision and hearing as they are getting older and also those people and organisations who provide care and support.

Follow this [LINK](#) to find a short film and a new online distance learning course about the issues that losing hearing and sight can cause; what you can expect; how you can prepare to deal with the impacts; who can help you and your rights to statutory support.

**STAY SAFE, MAKE SPACE
AND VENTILATE**



MANAGEMENT OF UTIs IN NURSING HOMES

The Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) sub group of the South West Yorkshire Area Prescribing Committee (SWYAPC) has developed a draft UTI form and advice with a view to it helping care homes and GPs communicate and manage patients over the age of 65 with a potential UTI.

The AMR subgroup would like feedback as to the usefulness of this form, which has been uploaded to the [Provider Zone](#), in practice and whether the content is suitable. Please note this version does mention sending by fax but the authors have stated that secure email is preferred.

Please can any feedback or queries be sent to costas.vasiliou@bradford.nhs.uk ideally before Friday 7th May for collation and reporting back to the AMR sub group.

TOGETHER WITH MUSIC PROJECT

Together with Music is a new campaign aiming to connect all care homes in the UK with their local schools, community groups and choirs through music and creativity. Membership is completely FREE.

In addition to providing a safe, virtual, sharing platform to facilitate intergenerational and community connections, they also offer a wealth of tools and resources to support activity and wellbeing staff in care homes, including regular live shows on zoom!

They recognise that everyone needs a bit of joy and positivity right now and their aims are simple:

- To tackle loneliness and isolation amongst some of the most vulnerable in our community
- Support mental health and wellbeing across the generations
- Ultimately, to encourage community connections both now, in this new virtual world and in the future when we can be together in person once again

For more information and to sign up visit their website using this [LINK](#)

DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

	Latest	Change
Deaths	0	0
Infections	9	0
Outbreaks	4	-3
Occupancy	73%	0%
Care Home Tracker Completed	97%	-3%
Home Support Tracker Completed	80%	-1%

HOME SUPPORT PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Locality Providers	Other Providers
30 (+5)	21 (+4)	9 (+1)

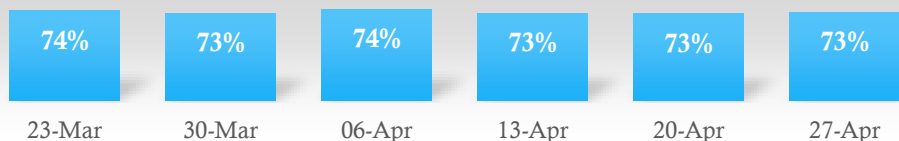
CARE HOME PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Change
14	+0

CARE HOME VACANCY DETAILS (last 7 days, both Residential and Nursing)

PERCENTAGE OCCUPIED	NUMBER OF HOMES
Under 70%	31 (+0)
71% to 85%	40 (+1)
86%+ Occupied	42 (+1)

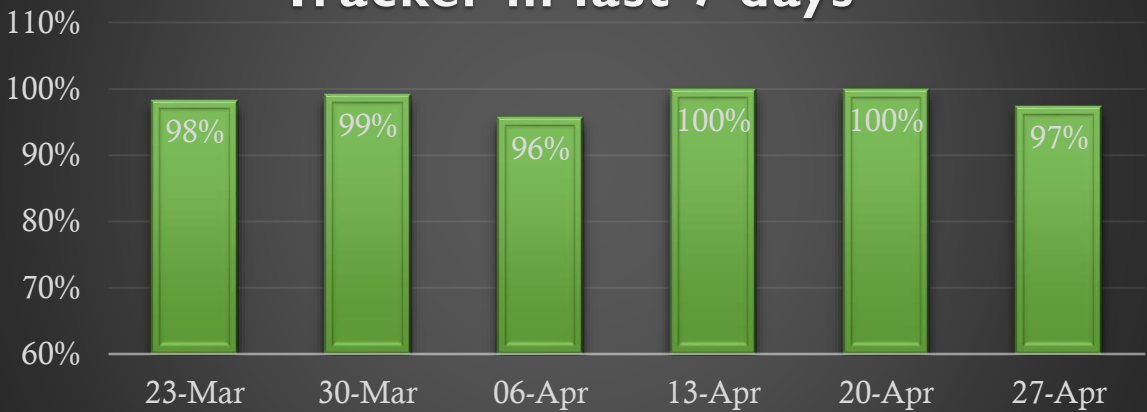
Bradford Care Home Occupancy Rate



Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



Number of Covid-19 Infections

