



This document outlines the key information for providers regarding the opportunity for frontline social care staff registered in the borough of Brent to receive a Covid-19 vaccination. It also outlines the support Brent council has provided to the social care sector throughout the pandemic.

### **Information for Providers – Covid-19 Vaccinations**

In line with the government's first phase priority groupings, social care staff are being prioritised for the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccination, and have been eligible to receive the vaccine from the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Frontline Social Care Workers includes:

- Those working in long-stay residential and nursing care homes or other long-stay care facilities where rapid spread is likely to follow introduction of infection and cause high morbidity and mortality
- social care staff directly involved in the care of their patients or clients
- others involved directly in delivering social care such that they and vulnerable patients/clients are at increased risk of exposure

For a Public Health England guide to the COVID-19 vaccination for social care staff, please see here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-a-guide-for-social-care-staff/covid-19-vaccination-a-guide-for-social-care-staff>

For other queries, and to receive information regarding booking an appointment, please contact [socialcarevaccine@brent.gov.uk](mailto:socialcarevaccine@brent.gov.uk)

## **Brent Council Support to ASC Providers**

Brent Council has provided significant amounts of support to the social care sector in Brent during the Covid-19 pandemic. Much of the specific support provided to Care Homes was outlined in our letter to the Department for Health and Social Care on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020:

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/adult-social-care/adult-social-care-covid-19/>

In addition to this, Brent has taken the following steps to support providers during the pandemic –

- Spent over £1.5m on PPE, which has been distributed to care providers based in Brent on a per bed or per client basis. There have been weekly distributions of PPE to all providers in the borough, whether the council commissions care from them or not. We have also supported homecare, care home and supported living providers with PPE, and continue to do so.
- Continued to pay for homecare provision based on commissioned hours in March 2020, despite the ending or suspension of a significant number of care packages. Our hourly rate for homecare was also increased to £16 per hour from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 in response to Covid-19, the equivalent of a 5% uplift.
- Provided supported living and extra care providers a 2% uplift, at a cost of £400,000
- Ensured that all Residential and Nursing Placements are paid in accordance with the 20-21 WLA framework prices, increasing spend by £200,000
- All residential, nursing and supported living placements were paid in advance for April, May and June. Payment terms for all Adult Social Care providers changed to immediate payment once the invoice has been received. Additionally, a loan payment of three months in advance can be made to providers who are facing short-term cash flow problems. This offer is still open to our providers.
- Funded day care providers based on services commissioned in March 2020, despite day care provision in the borough being closed. This is to ensure that the day care market remains viable during the pandemic. Brent has spent £340,000 on this.
- Delivered infection control and PPE training to 151 adult social care providers free of charge, to support them during the pandemic. This work has been led by Brent's Public Health Team.
- The Council is directly finding and paying for agency staff to be deployed to care homes who are unable to fill all shifts due to care home staff self-isolating and sickness. To date Brent Council has spent £29,000 on this initiative.

**Support to Providers Brent has contracts with –**

	<b>Domiciliary Care</b>	<b>Residential Care</b>	<b>Other Provision</b>	<b>Total Spent</b>
<b>Support Offered</b>	PPE - £364k Fee Uplifts - £200k	Fee uplifts - £200k PPE - £364k Agency staff - £29k	Supported Living uplifts - £400k PPE - £272k Day care provision support - £340k	£1.841,000

**Support to non-contracted providers –**

	<b>Domiciliary Care</b>	<b>Residential Care</b>	<b>Other Provision</b>	<b>Total Spent</b>
<b>Support Offered</b>	PPE - £200k	PPE - £200k	PPE - £100k	£500,000