

Daily Briefing

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Bradford's response to Coronavirus

Bradford Council is the lead agency in ensuring critical services across our district are being delivered during the COVID-19 emergency. There is a large operation underway across the Bradford District, in partnership with NHS, Police and other organisations – processes are changing and adapting very quickly in response to Government policy.

A key strand is to establish a support network in our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, and this is being taken forward through a strong partnership with VCSE and faith communities.

A network of area hubs has been established, focused around maintaining essential services for vulnerable residents, and helping to coordinate activity by matching local volunteers with requests for help. [More info](#)

Key messages for our communities

Stay at Home: Please help get this message out, encourage people to stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives. This is the most important contribution you can make #StayHomeSaveLives.

Resources to get this message to communities are available on the [Community Action page](#), including versions in a range of community languages and images for use on social media.

Fight back against fake news: You can help keep your community safe and supported by only sharing information from reliable sources. 'Fake news' is putting our people at risk, please think carefully about what you share on your social media or with friends and family.

Thank you! These are worrying times for individuals, communities and organisations so it's been amazing to see people pulling together and working so hard to respond collectively to this crisis.

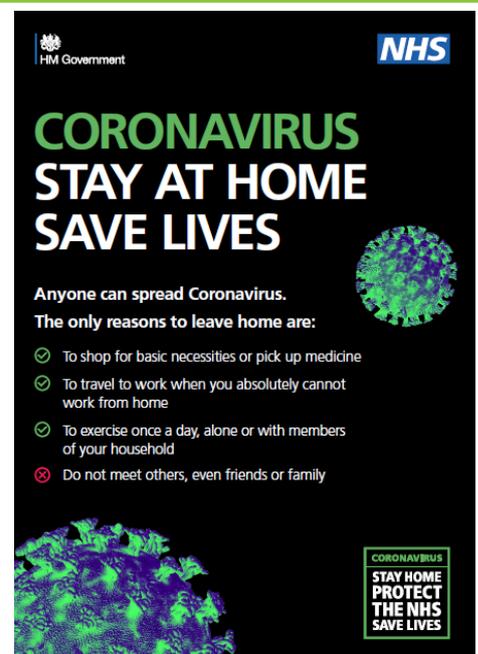
Please share your good news stories with us – we want to hear about how local people and communities are pulling together, how organisations are collaborating and the ways you're making a difference. Email stories and pics to info@cabad.org.uk or tag [@wearecabad](#) on Twitter.

#SpreadLoveNotGerms #MakeADifference

CCG and CBMDC funded organisation:

We've been working with CCG and CBMDC commissioners about how orgs they fund can be supported to be flexible with service delivery. If you're worried about this, please contact your individual commissioner.

They have agreed to extend contracts or grant agreements due to end in March 2020 for 6 months initially. We're working to look at upfront payments to support cash flow. More info to follow.



The poster features the NHS logo at the top right and the HM Government logo at the top left. The main text reads 'CORONAVIRUS STAY AT HOME SAVE LIVES' in large, bold letters. Below this, it states 'Anyone can spread Coronavirus. The only reasons to leave home are:' followed by a list of four items: 'To shop for basic necessities or pick up medicine', 'To travel to work when you absolutely cannot work from home', 'To exercise once a day, alone or with members of your household', and 'Do not meet others, even friends or family'. A small image of a coronavirus particle is shown to the right of the list. At the bottom right, there is a small box with the text 'CORONAVIRUS STAY HOME PROTECT THE NHS SAVE LIVES'. The background is dark with a subtle pattern of coronavirus particles.

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Key messages from the system:

New police powers: Police now have the power to disperse groups of more than 2 people, you may be asked why you're not at home, told to go home if you don't have a good reason, and/or fined.

PPE Equipment: PHE guidelines on when and how to use PPE will be published in next 48 hours. The need for VCS PPE is being raised as a high priority, if you're commissioned by CBMDC or CCG you will receive, if not commissioned, then await further instructions, we'll email you with a form to assess your need.

There are [new measures for the self-employed](#) which have been published.

Funding:

GIVE Bradford: COVID-19 resilience fund for charities and community groups. [More details](#)

Sylvia Adams Charitable Trust: [Grants available](#) to registered charities improving life chances of disadvantaged children (0-3yrs), max value £5000

Food and essential provisions supply:

Central Government will be providing food and supplies to approx. 16,000 people in Bradford Districts identified by NHS England as having a long term health condition under the 'shielding scheme'. This is estimated to be in place in 2-3 weeks. This scheme does not extend to other vulnerable groups and provisions. Plans are being made with CBMDC, Storehouse, Wellsprings Food Poverty Network and Bradford Foundation to replenish rapidly depleting food banks. Targeted provision to identified vulnerable groups will be met with appropriate resource through existing VCS orgs and hubs.

[Weekly update](#) from West Yorkshire & Harrogate Health & Care Partnership, courtesy of Rob Webster

How we'll communicate: This daily briefing will come to you by email, regular updates on cabad.org.uk/covid-19, [Twitter](#), and [Stay Connected](#) emails from CBMDC. Please stay connected on all channels.

If somebody needs support: Call 01274 431000 to register your/their need

For the latest COVID-19 health advice please visit nhs.uk/coronavirus and for the latest information from the government please visit [their website](#).

Helping out safely in communities:

There is a new [Good Neighbours Guide](#), available in [various languages](#) The local initiative to recruit volunteers is looking at how to coordinate with national NHS responder scheme – watch this space for more info.

Volunteering Update

We now have 2000 volunteers signed up to help locally. These are being processed and will be sent to Community Hubs for matching. If you have a targeted request for additional COVID-related volunteers, a form will be shared next week. Redeployed Council and NHS staff are also linked in.

If you have members of VCS staff available to support mobilisation, particularly if funded by CGG or CBMDC, contact [Soo Nevison](#). There is a brief pause on recruitment via the app whilst we process existing applications.

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Save our Sector #EveryDayCounts

Whilst supporting the emergency response, we're working hard to ensure that we support the sustainability of our sector. We are working with local and national funders, including Bradford Gives (our local Community Foundation) to look at getting urgent money in whilst ensuring there is funding in the longer term when we come out of the end of this to rebuild and sustain our work.

The most powerful way to support the campaign right now is at a national level. It is important for us to be able to share examples which we can feed into our national bodies as well as national funders. They need on the ground examples of how you are being affected! This is VERY important because at the moment, feedback from the government is that they are not recognising our sector as a priority.

Please tweet all examples to [Community Action](#) and #EveryDayCounts. We would also welcome the following support if you or your team have capacity:

- Talk to journalists and MPs about your orgs' work and direct or indirect impact of coronavirus
- Ask your MP to support [this letter coordinated by Stephen Doughty](#)
- Use the #EveryDayCounts hashtag to add your voice to the campaign

GP Hubs:

Four [GP Hubs](#) due to open Wednesday 1st April in Silsden, Shipley, Manningham and Horton Bank Top – set up for those patients who have an urgent primary medical need but also have COVID-19 symptoms, or are in self-isolation with their household. These face-to-face appointments will follow a telephone or video consultation.

 HM Government

 NHS

Coronavirus You must:

 Stay at home

 Only go out for essentials like food and medicine

 Work from home if you are able to

 Not meet anyone outside your household

 Exercise daily

 Stay 2 metres apart

Where to go for more VCS support info:

[Community Action](#) / [NCVO](#) / [Small Charities Coalition](#)

Information changes rapidly so also follow social media accounts for regular updates: [Community Action](#) / [People Can](#)

Social Media Support:

Support our efforts on social media by using the key hashtags which are, #MakeADifference, #PeopleCan, #StayHomeSaveLives. This will help build momentum on the key messaging.

*Please note, the bfunded website is currently down due to technical issues. Visit the Community Action website for the latest funding details.

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