

1. Immedicare telemedicine roll-out ; Briefing for GPs

123 care homes in the Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven district are being given clinical support for their residents during the coronavirus outbreak via the Immedicare telemedicine service at Airedale Hospital. GPs, GPs with special interests, hospital consultants, pharmacists, mental health specialists and social care have been added to the already established base of nurses. The clinical teams led by Dr Sara Humphrey and Consultant Nurse Rachel Binks are also reaching into patients' own homes.

Development of the enhanced service has been carried out at pace, with the new arrangements having been put in place in a three-week period and the roll-out completed by the end of April.

The service:

- supports people to remain well in their own home, providing expert clinical care from a range of specialists
- offers support and guidance to care home staff on the care of residents
- reduces the risk of coronavirus transmission by providing video consultations
- supports people to be safely admitted to hospital, when that's the best place to meet their health needs.
- offers specialist mental health support around supporting well-being (8am to 8pm)
- aims to introduce Allied Health Professional (AHP) therapy staff to support rehabilitation and therapy through video consultation

The clinical team uses video technology to share information stored in the individual patient record, saving time and making the consultation more efficient and effective for the patient and the people delivering their care.