Welcome to the latest Disability Partnership Calderdale newsletter. The Government advice for people who have been shielding changes this week and we details below.

Also in this week's newsletter, a couple of key bits of local news, including the re-opening of (some) public toilets and markets, indications that life is slowly getting back to normal and key news for people with disabilities.

However, with Coronavirus infection rate still high in and around our area, we should all continue to adhere to social distancing, hygiene and face mask wearing precautions.

As ever, there’s always lots more information and up-to-date advice on our website – [www.disabilitypartnershipcalderdale.org](http://www.disabilitypartnershipcalderdale.org) - Stay safe and have a good week!

Public Toilets To Re-Open In Calderdale

Calderdale Council is planning to re-open one public toilet facility, all RADAR key accessible toilets, in each town in Calderdale from Tuesday 7 July. They will be available Tuesday to Saturday, 9.30am – 4.30pm as follows:

- Brighouse – Thornton Square
- Elland – Town Hall Square
- Halifax – Albion Street
- Hebden Bridge – New Road
- Sowerby Bridge – Wharf Street
- Todmorden – Brook Street

These locations have been chosen as they are all self-contained, individually accessed unisex facilities, which will help to reduce the risk of infection transmission. The toilet facilities will be subject to additional cleaning with frequent ‘touch points’ disinfected. Users are asked to help maintain hygiene standards between cleans by following the advice in the increased signage in place in all facilities.
This Week’s Changes to Government Shielding Guidance

What has changed recently? People who are shielding remain vulnerable and should take precautions but may now leave their home, as long as they are able to maintain strict social distancing. If you go outdoors, you may do so with members of your own household. If you live alone, you can spend time outdoors with one person from another household, ideally, the same person each time. If you do go out, take extra care to minimise contact with others by keeping 2 metres apart.

From 6 July:
• you may, if you wish, meet in a group of up to 6 people outdoors, including people from different households, while maintaining strict social distancing;
• you no longer need to observe social distancing with other members of your household;
• in line with the wider guidance for single adult households (either an adult living alone or with dependent children under 18) in the general population, you may from this date, if you wish, also form a ‘support bubble’ with one other household. All those in a support bubble will be able to spend time together inside each other’s homes, including overnight, without needing to socially distance. This is a small advisory change that brings those affected a step nearer others in their communities.

Coronavirus - Got Symptoms? Get Tested Now!
Access to coronavirus testing at mobile testing units will double to 236 by the end of July and new priority postboxes for testing kits created. EVERYONE across the country with symptoms should book their free test as soon as possible and help stop the spread of the virus! Everyone with symptoms can book or order a free test at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119. Essential workers and members of their households can access priority testing on www.gov.uk
Calderdale Markets Are Open
Calderdale Council have announced that all indoor and outdoor markets are now almost fully open. The exceptions are hairdressers, barbers and beauticians. Cafés are also open, but only for takeaways. Social distancing measures are in place in all markets and traders will be following government guidance on hygiene and operating in a safe manner to ensure everybody’s safety.

Opening times as follows:
Brighouse Open Market (Weds, Sat, 8am-3pm)
- Elland Charter Market (Fri, 8am-4pm)
- Halifax Borough Market (Mon-Sat, 8am-3pm)
- Hebden Bridge (Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun, 8am-4pm)
- Sowerby Bridge (Tue, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 8am-4pm)
- Todmorden Outdoor (Weds, Fri, Sat, 8.30am-3pm)
- Todmorden Market Hall (Mon-Sat, 8.30am-2pm)
Car boot sales remain closed until further notice as is Halifax Farmers’ Market.

Safeguarding Contacts in Calderdale
Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility and we should all be aware of the need to look out for each other, especially vulnerable adults and children. If you are concerned about a child please call MAST on 01422 393336. If you need guidance or advice regarding an adult at risk, you can call Gateway to Care on 01422 393000.

You can also call the out of hours Emergency Duty Team on 01422 288000. In an emergency where there is a threat to life or serious injury, call 999. If you are concerned a crime has been committed call 101.
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- **NHS:** for urgent medical help, use the NHS 111 online service – only call 111 if you’re unable to get help online; for life-threatening emergencies, call 999 for an ambulance. For day-to-day health issues, call your GP as normal.

- **Calderdale Council:** The council have a package to support the borough’s most vulnerable residents. You can register for their help by calling 01422 392890.

- **Citizens’ Advice:** Citizens’ Advice provide advice and support on a wide range of financial and benefit issues - Tel: 0300 330 9048

- **Disability Support Calderdale:** helping disabled people with benefits and offering other financial advice: 07944 511 716

- **Samaritans:** call them free, day or night, 365 days a year on 116 123

- **Calderdale NHS Mental Health Helpline:** 0800 183 0558

- **West Yorkshire NHS mental health services helpline:** 01924 316830

- **The NHS’s Volunteer Responders** can help a range of ways - please call 0808 196 3646 (8am to 8pm) - you should only get in touch if you are elderly, disabled or otherwise very vulnerable.

- **Childline:** national helpline for children and young people up to 19 years of age. Call freephone 0800 1111

- **Refuge:** Freephone 24-Hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline – for women and children against domestic violence: 0808 2000 247

- **SignHealth** - domestic abuse service support for deaf people in British Sign Language (BSL). WhatsApp or Facetime: 07970 350366. Tel: 020 3947 2601

- **Disability Partnership Calderdale** - Call our mobile number 07716122897 - email info@disabilitypartnershipcalderdale.org