

Thursday 16th October 2025

To submit any material for the bulletin, the deadline is 5pm the day before the next edition is due. Please ensure any information you consult is from a reliable source, including the NHS, or Public Health England. Information should be sent to ProviderBulletin@bradford.gov.uk.



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Upcoming events can also be viewed in the **EVENTS CALENDAR** in the Provider Zone.

- THE STATE OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE SECTOR AND WORKFORCE IN ENGLAND 2025: REGIONAL LAUNCH EVENT - 23rd October
 - BCA Annual Conference – 13th November - Click [HERE](#)
- End of life best practice workshop – 18th November - book via academy@yhia.nhs.uk
 - Understanding and responding to self neglect conference – 21st November
 - MANAGING MEDS WITH CONFIDENCE TUES 9 DEC - <https://bit.ly/3IWX9r3>

If you are aware of any upcoming events and would like to advertise on the Event Calendar, please visit [HERE](#) and post an entry.

EQUALITIES DATA COLLECTION – OCTOBER 2025 – IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BEGIN YOU COLLECTION!!

We are now well into the Adults Commissioning and Contract Teams' Equalities Data Collection for 2025, and we hope you are actively supporting this important work.

Your efforts in gathering equalities data are essential to ensuring our services remain inclusive, accessible, and responsive to the needs of all communities.

If you need any help or have questions, support is available—please contact us at: commissioninginbox@bradford.gov.uk

CARE HOME BROKERAGE – CONNECT TO SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

If you'd like to see a demonstration of the Connect to Support brokerage system in preparation for the new Care Home Brokerage service launch on 3rd November, we're running a workshop on two dates. The workshop will provide a quick overview of the Connect to Support system and be a chance to ask any questions you may have. You only need to attend one session:

- Monday 27th October 10:00 – [follow this link to join](#)
- Thursday 30th October 12:00 – [follow this link to join](#)

KEEP WELL THIS WINTER

Each winter, we see an increase in acute respiratory and gastro-intestinal illnesses, however it only takes small measures to reduce the spread of most of these infections. By following advice on good hygiene habits and taking up the opportunity to get vaccinated when offered, you can protect yourself, your children and the wider community.

If you are eligible to get vaccinated against flu, COVID-19 or RSV, you will be contacted by your GP. School aged children will also be offered the flu jab at their schools and parents will have been contacted to request consent for these. These vaccines can prevent you from becoming seriously ill from these infections.

[Find out more](#)

BUSINESS GRANTS STILL AVAILABLE IN SHIPLEY

Thirty-eight businesses in the Shipley area have so far benefitted from £1.26m through a capital grants scheme, and there is still time to apply.

The businesses which have benefitted have been able to create 135 new jobs thanks to the grants scheme under the Shipley Towns Fund.

Available for start-ups, small, medium-sized and large businesses, the funding can be used for a wide range of uses including diversifying, expanding, increasing productivity, safeguarding existing jobs or creating new ones, or even setting up a new business.

[Find out more](#)

BRADFORD - MENCAP ACTIVE COMMUNITY & OUR ACTIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

Mencap Active Community is delighted to announce that our national tour of conferences is coming to **Bradford Wednesday, October 29 · 10am - 4pm GMT! Click the link below to book your place FOR FREE!**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bradford-mencap-active-community-our-active-community-conference-tickets-1411742121689?aff=oddtcreator>

Two Grant Opportunities: Applications Open Now!

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Micro Grants are now open for application with Community Partnerships, and the Alliance is also supporting 'Pitch and Pick' Awards with the Education Alliance for Life Chances.

ABCD Micro Grants with Community Partnerships

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Micro Grants take an asset-based approach – this means building on the strengths, skills, connections, and resources that already exist within communities, rather than focusing only on what is missing. The grants will support activity that values local knowledge and lived experience, and that empowers people to be part of the solution.

You can read more about ABCD working here: [ABCD – What is Asset Based Community Development? - The VCS Alliance](#)



Horton And City Health
Collaboration



The Community Partnerships currently awarding ABCD Micro Grants are: Together4Health, CP5 Community Partnership, Horton and City Health Collaboration, Keighley and Worth Valley Community Partnership and Wharfedale and Silsden Community Partnership.

Funded activities should also help to ease pressure on statutory health services. This might include:

- Offering early or preventative support that stops issues from escalating.
- Creating positive alternatives to more formal or clinical services.

More information on the priorities for different Community Partnerships is available on our website.

Application Deadline: 5 November 2025

Grant Money: Varies by Community Partnership but will be between £500-£4000.

**ABCD MICRO GRANTS WITH CPs – APPLICATIONS
OPEN NOW!**

Pitch and Pick Awards with Education Alliance for Life Chances

This November, three Bradford communities (Keighley, Holme Wood, Manningham&Girlington) will host the 'Pitch and Pick' awards— evenings where we share a meal, enjoy family activities, and decide which local projects should receive funding. Think of it as a mix between a community get-together and Dragons' Den – but with soup, laughter, and children's activities thrown in!

Each community will have a different priority to pitch for.

The winning ideas will receive £5000 of funding to make a real difference in your community.

Process: Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI). Successful EOIs will be invited to join their 'Pitch and Pick' award evening where they will have 3-minutes to pitch their project before a participatory vote will choose the successful winners of the grant awards.

Grant money: Total funding pot £75,000, award amount:£5000

Application Deadline: 1 November 2025

Keighley

Priorities: Tackling food insecurity, poor diet & nutrition

Event details: Wednesday 19 November 2025

Central Hall, Alice St, Keighley BD21 3JD

4pm – 6:30pm

Possible projects might include:

Community cooking clubs for families

School or neighbourhood gardening projects

Affordable recipe kits or meal schemes

Nutrition and wellbeing workshops

Holme Wood

Priorities: Supporting children & young people vulnerable to crime & anti-social behaviour

Event details: Tuesday 25 November 2025

St Christopher's Church Hall, Holme Wood Rd, Bradford BD4 9EJ

4pm – 6:30pm

Possible projects might include:

Sports, arts, or music sessions for teenagers and young adults

Mentoring and peer support from positive role models

Safe spaces where young people can spend time together

Creative projects that build confidence, skills and future opportunities

Manningham & Girlington

Priorities: Supporting women & girls' mental health

Event details: Wednesday 26 November 2025

The Al Mustafa Centre, 249 Kensington Street, Bradford BD8 9LN

4pm – 6:30pm

Possible projects might include:

Peer support and wellbeing groups

Creative health activities such as art, dance or storytelling

Safe spaces for young women

Confidence and resilience programmes

Full details, including drop-in support session information and eligibility for who can apply, is available [here!](#)

Important Announcement

Dear Provider

Just to make you aware that from 1st of October 2025 until June 30th 2026 the Bradford Care Association (BCA) is contracted by the YHIR Regional Partnership to support Bradford care providers to recruit international workers from the displaced worker talent pool (displaced due to their previous sponsor's HOAS license being revoked or through a closure of business).

Ami Brodie, BCA Engagement Officer, is now actively working with local Home Office Approved Sponsor (HOAS) providers to try to find genuine full-time vacancies for displaced workers to be matched to.

Ami is also keen to hear from providers who may be considering becoming a HOAS, as a potential solution to recruitment challenges and will be pleased to discuss the business benefits of this solution.

The latest written statement from the DHSC will hopefully reassure you about the longevity of employing overseas workers and can assist you to provide a stable and consistent staff team.

*"Sponsored workers **will not** have to leave the UK after 22nd July 2028. International workers who are already sponsored to work legally in the sector by the end of the transition period **will be able to continue to extend their stay, change sponsors and, when qualified, apply to settle**".*

Please can we also remind you that there are bursaries available from the YHIR Regional Partnership to support the cost of employing displaced workers (£1750 per displaced worker employed) and to support the full cost of a new HOAS application. Additionally, there is one-to-one support available through the Partnership to assist in becoming a HOAS.

Finally, if you come across any displaced workers, please signpost them urgently for assistance to: <https://nyresourcing.co.uk/yorkshire-and-humber-regional-international-recruitment-hub/help-for-workers-whose-employer-has-had-their-sponsorship-licence-revoked/>

Ami can be contacted at ami@bradfordcareassociation.org

With best wishes,

The BCA team

ADOPT a GRANDFRIEND

Celebration and Sign Up Event
29th October (half term week) - 2.30 pm

You're invited to an afternoon tea at **Steeton Court Nursing Home!** Join us for a delightful gathering where we'll celebrate existing friendships and foster new connections. You can also sign up for our cherished 'Adopt a Grandfriend' program. All children aged 5 to 18 are welcome, whether they are a 'grandfriend' or not, and entry is absolutely free.

Please be aware that recording for TV and radio will occur during the event, but participation is completely optional.



RSVP: activities@spellmancare.co.uk

The below is a rolling survey to allow people to continuously provide feedback on Care Home Services all year round. Please can services display this poster in their homes and encourage responses.



2025 Care Home Survey

**Have your say—help us improve care across
Bradford**

Bradford Council is inviting feedback on care home services. Your thoughts and experiences matter and will help us enhance care and support for residents.

Who should take part?

- Care home residents
- Family members or carers supporting a resident

Your answers are confidential

No personal details are required.

If you'd like to raise any concerns, you can share contact details at the end of the survey.

**To complete the survey please scan the QR code
below, or visit**

<https://forms.office.com/e/Ffurz0jPXD>

Care Home Survey 2025





We would like to invite Learning Disability & Mental Health Supported Living Providers to a full day event of learning and networking

 **Date:** Thursday, 26 November 2025

 **Time:** 9:15 AM arrival to start at 9.45AM– 4:00 PM

 **Location:** The Hockney Room, Britannia House, BD1 1HX

Please use the entrance opposite Ladrokes & Paddy Power
(there will be stalls to browse at lunch and you can venture into Bradford
where there are multiple options to buy lunch)

The day will include presentations and information regarding:

- Safeguarding – what to report what not to report and case examples
- Accidents & Incidents recording and analysis
- Waddiloves – Oral & bowel health and how to support and learning from leader reviews (learning from lives and deaths)
- Mental Capacity Assessments and Best Interests
- Community Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

Places are limited and we would be delighted to see your Registered Managers/Deputy Managers & Senior Support Workers, please email commissioninginbox@bradford.gov.uk (adding in the subject header for the attention of Victoria Lowe) include the number of places you would like to reserve and name of attendees and the role in the organisation.





Immedicare training timetable

Month: November

Training features:

- Training sessions for all staff working in homes with Immedicare service
- Wide range of topics covered
- Post training evaluation available for delegates to submit feedback on the sessions
- Weekly live training sessions including a certificate for all delegates who complete a full session
- 24/7 access to the full suite of recorded sessions
- Easy to access via web page
- Accessible on any device

November Dates for Live Training sessions

- 6th November. Virtual Verification of Expected Death.
- 12th November. React to Red.
- 20th November. Falls.
- 27th November. Catheter Care.

User Guide

Here is a link to a user guide with instructions on how to access both live and recorded training sessions:

User guide

For any queries relating to training, please contact acunningham@immedicare.co.uk

Click here to access the training

Contact information:

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