

Thursday 2nd July 2026



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

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

MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING PROGRAMME APRIL 2026 –MARCH 2027

The courses run by the Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) are delivered to a multi-agency audience which means that professionals from different organisations and backgrounds join together for a shared learning experience with an emphasis on building relationships and working together to help them safeguarding and promote the welfare of adults and their carers. Please click [HERE](#) to view the details of all multi-agency training courses planned for the year 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027 with dates and times.

IMMEDI-CARE TIMETABLE JULY

A FAREWELL MESSAGE

As many of you may be aware, I will be retiring from the Council after almost 45 years of service. I wanted to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank the many providers and colleagues I have worked with over the years, some of you for more than 30 years, and others more recently.

During that time, I have seen many changes, particularly within the home support and care home sectors. When I joined the Council in 1981, there were 37 Council-run care homes and only a handful of what were then known as “nursing agencies”. One of the standout aspects of my career has been seeing the development of the independent care sector and working together to provide the best possible support for people across the district.

There have been many memorable moments, including some very challenging times. One of my strongest memories is from the Bradford disturbances in 2001, when I was the Out of Hours Duty Manager for that particular weekend. What stands out is how services came together to keep people safe. Care homes opened their doors to provide hot meals for vulnerable local residents, and home care providers worked collectively to deliver a district wide emergency service, supporting people beyond their usual areas.

More recently, the COVID-19 pandemic brought unprecedented challenges. I was proud to lead the team supporting our services during that period. Once again, providers came together and showed incredible resilience and commitment to ensure people continued to receive the care and support they needed during one of the most difficult times in social care.

My final working day will be 5 August. If I do not have the opportunity to see or speak to you before then, I would like to sincerely thank you for your support, partnership and dedication over the years.

You do an amazing job, and I am proud to have worked with you and wish you all the very best for the future.

Paul



APPLY NOW FOR FREE CHILDCARE FOR WORKING PARENTS – SEPTEMBER 2026 START

Do you have a child who will be starting childcare in September? You may be able to get up to 30 hours of free childcare a week through the 'Free Childcare for Working Parents' scheme. The childcare must be provided by a registered provider, such as a nursery, playscheme or school. You can search for local childcare options [here](#).

Your child must be at least 9 months old by 31 August, and if your application is successful, you will receive your code before **31 August 2026**, which is the deadline for a September start.

To apply now, you'll need your National Insurance number and will need to set up a GOV.UK [childcare account](#). Once approved, you'll be given an 11-digit code to confirm your eligibility. You will then need to share this code with your chosen childcare provider.

[**Find out more**](#)

FREE SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS FOR CHILDREN

If your child gets benefits-related free school meals or has special educational needs or disabilities, they can join free activity clubs during the summer holidays thanks to the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. We have more than 120 clubs running across Bradford district this summer. They offer lots of fun activities for children to take part in.

Children who are eligible will get:

- A free place at a club
 - Fun activities
- A free healthy meal each day

Places are available for:

- Children who get benefits-related free school meals
- Children with special educational needs or disabilities

Places are limited and fill up quickly, so book as soon as you can to avoid missing out.

[**Find out more**](#)

Safe and Well Led Forum

Safe and Well Led is Replacing the Safeguarding Forum

Safe and Well Led goes hand in hand and this new forum brings them together

Why Attend

- Gain up-to-date safeguarding insights to strengthen leadership decisions
- Develop and share best practice to support consistent, high-quality service delivery
- Deepen understanding of Safe and Well-Led principles and how they drive continuous improvement
- Learn from real challenges and lessons across the service to improve outcomes
- Connect with fellow managers to build a supportive network for ongoing problem-solving

Who Is This Aimed At:

- Whole Sector (All Provider Types)
- Registered Managers
- Deputy Managers
- Care Managers

Next Meeting Details



First Forum Session: Wednesday 8th July 2:00 - 3:30 PM



[Click Here](#) to join the meeting or email **admin@bradfordcareassociation.org** for a calendar invite



Spotlight Topic: Cheshire West Reversal – What Does It Mean for Providers?

Join us for an important update on the recent Cheshire West reversal and its implications for adult social care providers.

Ian Burgess will provide an overview of the changes, what they mean for providers in practice, and the potential impact. The session will also cover the anticipated next steps, emerging guidance, and how providers can prepare for any future changes.


This is a valuable opportunity to understand the latest developments and ask questions about how the changes may affect your service.

THE CURRENT IMMIGRATION LANDSCAPE AND HOW IT IMPACTS THE CARE SECTOR - PREPARING FOR A UKVI INSPECTION

Are you confident that your organisation is prepared for a UKVI inspection? The immigration landscape continues to evolve, with sponsor licence holders facing greater compliance obligations and a growing number of UKVI inspections. Understanding your responsibilities and being prepared for an inspection has never been more important.

Aston Brooke Solicitors, in collaboration with Bradford Care Association (BCA), is pleased to host this exclusive webinar for members of Bradford Care Association (BCA) and Yorkshire & Humber Care Association (YHCAA).

 Wednesday 8th July 2026

 1pm – 2pm

Hosted by **Kashif Majeed**, Director at Aston Brooke Solicitors and immigration law specialist with over 28 years of experience.

In this session, we'll cover:

- ✓ The current immigration landscape and its impact on the care sector
 - ✓ Recent immigration developments affecting care providers
 - ✓ Key sponsor licence compliance requirements
 - ✓ Common issues identified during UKVI inspections
 - ✓ How to prepare your organisation for a compliance visit
- ✓ Best practices for maintaining compliant HR and recruitment processes
 - ✓ Practical steps to reduce the risk of enforcement action

This webinar is essential for care providers, Authorising Officers, HR managers, compliance leads, and anyone responsible for sponsor licence compliance.

Register here: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/98aeaf4b-4b35-42aa-8ddd-2faef232d5aa@3753e823-5c83-4cb9-ad89-7fe6944b53d2>

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WEBINAR

ASTON BROOKE SOLICITORS & BRADFORD CARE ASSOCIATION



WEDNESDAY,
8TH OF JULY 2026



1 PM - 2 PM



KASHIF MAJEED
Immigration Law specialist / Solicitor

REGISTER NOW





Bradford Cares

awards



Nominations Extended until 12th July at 11:59pm



DEADLINE

EXTENDED

Recognising those who make care exceptional!

The Bradford Cares Excellence Awards celebrate the individuals and teams delivering outstanding care in CQC Registered Adult Social Care services across the Bradford District. These awards recognise compassion, leadership, innovation and commitment, and shine a light on those who make a real difference to people's lives every day.

Award Categories:

- **Care Worker of the Year** – Care Home
- **Care Worker of the Year** – Community-Based Support

- **Frontline Leader of the Year** – Care Home
- **Frontline Leader of the Year** – Community-Based Support

- **Registered Manager of the Year** – Care Home
- **Registered Manager of the Year** – Community Based Support

- **Service support worker of the Year**

- **Wellbeing & Activities Initiative of the Year**

- **Innovation in Care Award**

- **Outstanding Contribution to Care Award**



MORE INFO

Nominations close on 12th July at 11:59pm

To find out more [CLICK HERE](#) or visit - www.bradfordcares.co.uk/awards

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A Huge Thank You to Bradford Care Providers – DSPT Success!

We'd like to say a **massive thank you and congratulations** to all Bradford care providers for your continued commitment to the **Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT)**.

Thanks to your hard work, **97% of Bradford care providers are now DSPT compliant**, which is a fantastic achievement and something you should all be incredibly proud of. 🙌

Not only does this mean Bradford continues to hold its position as one of the **highest-performing areas in the country for DSPT compliance**, but it also demonstrates your organisation's commitment to keeping people's information safe and meeting key standards that can be evidenced to regulators, including the CQC.

🕒 **Maintaining this level of compliance takes real dedication, and we couldn't have achieved it without your support. Thank you for helping Bradford remain at the top.**

If you've recently completed your DSPT, don't forget to **download and display your certificate** proudly in your service. It's a great way to showcase your achievement to staff, visitors, commissioners and inspectors.

Well done everyone, and thank you once again for your commitment to maintaining high standards of data security and quality across Bradford's care sector. 🌟

Email tasfiq@bradfordcareassociation.org should you have any questions or would like further support.



Supporting working-age people living with a long-term condition

Vocational rehabilitation enables people to overcome obstacles associated with illness, injury or health conditions that impact their ability to work. It can help people enter or return to work or remain in employment, training or an alternative occupation.

Here's an opportunity to access bespoke **vocational rehabilitation training** to support conversations that can help people stay in work. You'll learn about:

- the importance of work and health for wellbeing
- vocational rehabilitation – what it is and how we do it in practice
- reasonable adjustments, relevant policies and legal protections
- having return-to-work conversations
- supporting people to advocate for themselves in employment discussions
- signposting and the range of services and resources available

If you work or volunteer for a health or social care service in West Yorkshire, this training is for you. Just select which session you'd like to attend and click the link to register.

[Monday 13th July 2026 - 1.00pm to 2.30pm](#)

[Friday 24th July 2026 - 2.00pm to 3.30pm](#)

[Thursday 20th August 2026 - 9.00am to 10.30am](#)

[Tuesday 8th September 2026 - 11.00am to 12.30pm](#)

Of the 146 people who have already attended the training 82% rated the session as 'very good' or 'excellent'.



Counselling for adult survivors of child sexual exploitation

Counselling is a talking therapy which can help people in lots of different situations.

Our counsellors use a variety of therapeutic approaches, carefully matched to your individual needs.

We use a compassion-based, trauma-informed approach focussed on making a positive difference to your life.



“Their gentle, coaching approach helps you to better understand yourself.”

Counselling benefits

- Enhance your self esteem.
- Help you manage stress and anxiety.
- Help you manage difficult emotions.
- Support the resolution of conflict in relationships.
- Promote your self awareness.
- Reduce feelings of shame or self-blame.

What to expect

Our sessions offer a safe, confidential, and non-judgmental space where you can explore your experiences at your own pace with a specially trained counsellor who has expertise in exploitation.

Counselling aims

To help you feel better and find a way to cope with, and manage difficult situations.

How to get in touch



Online

Visit our website and complete a referral form.



Telephone

Call our Counselling Administrator, Bilinc on **07985 346635**, and leave your details to complete a referral.

Empowered parents

A group for parents navigating exploitation and trauma.

Join a group with other parents with shared experiences in a safe and supportive environment.

Developed by an experienced Therapeutic Practitioner, this 5 week support group will give you the opportunity to learn about the physical and emotional impact of trauma, and practical coping strategies to live alongside it.

Together as a group, you will be supported to build a strong recovery for your child and your family.



"Being part of a parent group gave me back my confidence and strength."



Group benefits

- Reduce the isolation and stigma of child exploitation
- Foster a sense of support
- Understand how trauma affects the brain and body
- Shared wisdom from a group setting
- Collective healing



What to expect

An introductory online one-to-one session with an Ivison Trust worker to explain how the group will work and give you an overview of the sessions.

5 weekly sessions which will be delivered online via TEAMS.



Group aims

To help you feel part of a supportive group where you can share your experience, gain a deeper understanding about the impact of trauma on your physical health and support you to build a strong recovery.

How to get in touch.

Contact your Parent Liaison Officer to book your place.

"Their gentle coaching approach helps you to better understand yourself."

