

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of December 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](mailto:ProviderBulletin@bradford.gov.uk).

## **KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

- Managing Meds With Confidence - 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Click [HERE](#)

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

## **REMINDER TO CARE HOMES WHO DELIVER DTA SERVICES TO OLDER PEOPLE**

Please ensure that you are checking connect to support and responding to requests for DTA beds in a timely manner.

## **FSS WILL BE CLOSED OVER THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR BREAK**

Please note Financial Support Services is closed during the Christmas and New Year period from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and will not reopen until Monday 05 January 2026.

Please click [HERE](#) to find out key dates for non-residential and residential provider payments, direct payment cycles, and the Support Options team's availability to help ensure continuity of services throughout the holiday period.

## **ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES SERVICE**

Over the upcoming holiday period, the AwD duty landline will not be in use; all enquiries should be by way of e-mail to the duty inbox [awd.frontdoorteam@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:awd.frontdoorteam@bradford.gov.uk)

## **UKHSA SCABIES ALERT**

### **IPC Guidance to Managing Scabies Cases in Communal Residential Settings**

- ▶ Daily Vacuuming of all carpets & soft furnishings, until at least 7 days after treatment started
- ▶ Steam cleaning of all soft furnishings, carpet shampooing will not be as effective at killing the mite
- ▶ Transmission through the environment and environmental objects (Fomite) is a higher risk when Norwegian Scabies is diagnosed
- ▶ Always wear Gloves and apron when in close contact and doff the PPE appropriately into a foot operated bin
- ▶ Avoid excess shaking of any single-use apron when taking off the apron, use appropriate doffing method to avoid any extra potential shedding of the mites, this can be important for taking gloves off as well
- ▶ Separate all laundry, red bag any laundry, wash separately on the hottest cycle: 60 Degrees plus
- ▶ No sharing of any towels or bed linen, all items should be for the persons use and not to be shared with anyone

For more information, please read the guidance here: [\*\*UKHSA guidelines for the management of scabies cases and outbreaks in communal residential settings - GOV.UK\*\*](#)

If you have any queries, please contact the IPC Bradford Team below.

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## IMMEDIATE CARE TRAINING SESSIONS

We wanted to let you know that there will be no live training sessions taking place throughout December. We recognise that this is an exceptionally busy period within care homes, and we hope this pause will help ease some of the pressure on your teams during the festive season.

All 16 training sessions are accessible 24/7 for any staff working in care homes with the Immedicare service who want to continue learning or refresh their knowledge over December.

### Available Courses

- Virtual Verification of Expected Death
  - Urinary Tract Infections
    - Top to Toe
    - React to Red
  - Nutrition & Hydration
  - MSK Common Injuries
  - Leg & Foot Ulcers
    - Falls
  - End of Life Care
    - Diabetes
    - Catheter Care
    - Restore 2
  - Distress Behaviours in Dementia
- Medicines Management-Legislation, Policy and Governance
  - Administering Medication
- High Risk Medicines & Safety Updates

Access our training guide [HERE](#)

Live sessions will resume w/c 5<sup>th</sup> January, and we will share the upcoming timetable with you before the new year.

## BCA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Following the success of last year's Leadership Development Programmes, Bradford Care Association (BCA) is excited to support new Registered Managers, Aspiring Managers and Deputies in 2026!

We've arranged access to the **Skills for Care Lead to Succeed Programme**, delivered by Leeds Leadership Academy. This programme helps learners develop successful behaviours and practical strategies to lead and manage effectively, with a strong focus on reflection and applying learning in day-to-day work.



Aimed at:

New Registered Managers  
Aspiring Managers  
Deputies



See the flyer [HERE](#) for full details, dates and booking information.

**West Yorkshire Police Cyber Team**  
**Winner of the National Cyber Awards 2025**  
**are offering two new learning opportunities to help professionals protect**  
**people from online abuse and exploitation.**

**Cyber Safety Basics for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Online**  
**10.00-12.00 on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026– Virtual**

In today's digitally connected world, cyber safety is an essential component of safeguarding practice, not merely a technical issue. Whether protecting children from online grooming and bullying, or shielding vulnerable adults from scams, coercion, and digital exploitation, understanding cyber safety is vital for anyone in a safeguarding role.

This session is designed to equip professionals, carers, and families with the foundational knowledge needed to identify and respond to digital risks early—before they escalate into safeguarding emergencies. By recognising the signs of technology-facilitated harm, practitioners can take proactive steps to reduce opportunities for abusers to target children and adults at risk, and create safer online environments for those they support.

**Cyber Protect – Clicks to Consequences**  
**10.00 to 11.00 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - virtual**

Online harm groups are becoming more sophisticated, exploiting gaming platforms and encrypted messaging apps. Early intervention and open conversations are critical. This webinar will give you the tools to spot the signs, start the conversation, and take action.



***“The internet never sleeps—and neither do the risks.”***

From gaming platforms to encrypted messaging apps, online spaces can quickly turn dangerous for children and vulnerable adults. Join our **Cyber Protect – Clicks to Consequences** webinar to uncover the hidden threats, hear real-life cases, and learn **practical steps to safeguard those you care about.**

This isn't just theory—it's actionable advice from experts on the front line. If you work with young people, care for vulnerable individuals, or simply want to stay ahead of online dangers, this session is for you.

**Don't wait for harm to happen—get informed, get prepared, and make the digital world safer.**

**To book your place please login into your Enable account. Once on your account, go to “Events,” “Available Events” and type the training into the search engine and request your place.**

**If you do not have an account please request [Create an account](#). Once you have an account please follow the instructions above.**

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# **BOOK YOUR CHILD'S FREE PLACE AT A HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) CLUB THIS CHRISTMAS**

Our HAF clubs are filling up fast for the Christmas school holidays – don't miss out!

There are lots of fun activities for children to enjoy, plus a nutritious meal each day.

Places are free for children who live in Bradford District and are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, and for children with special educational needs or disabilities.

Spaces are limited, so check what's on and book today before they're gone!

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

## **BRADFORD COUNCIL PROPOSES SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL PLACES**

Bradford Council has set out a proposal to create an additional 450 special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) school places across the district over the next 12 months. The report going to the Council's Executive on 2 December will show how these plans aim to meet future demand for school places.

The places will be created by expanding existing special schools as well as by creating additional places within mainstream schools in the district. The proposals could also see the upgrading of other existing buildings. The money to do this is from funding the Council receives from the Government for SEND provision.

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

# **NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND – AWARDS FOR ALL ENGLAND (ENVIRONMENT)**

**Up to £20,000 | Open on a rolling basis until 17 December 2025**

Grants are available for work that tackles environmental challenges at the local level and supports community-led projects that help people engage with, care for, and protect nature. Funding can be used for a wide range of activities, including creating community gardens, rewilding green spaces, tree planting, outdoor learning, repair and reuse sessions, food-growing initiatives, and energy-saving projects such as solar panel installation.

## **CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH EVENTS IN BRADFORD MUSEUMS**

Our Museums and Galleries Service invite you to celebrate the festive season at a series of Christmas themed events.

### **Christmas at Cliffe Castle**

- 6<sup>th</sup> December and 7<sup>th</sup> December - Crafty Christmas market, creative workshops and festive music and carols
- 13<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas themed craft activities.

Over both weekends there will be visits to Father Christmas in the Grand Drawing Room

For information about Christmas events and to book to see Father Christmas at either the Victorian Christmas Market at Bradford Industrial Museum or Christmas at Cliffe Castle events visit the **[Bradford District Museums and Galleries](#)** website

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



# On Board Buses Consultation

**Better buses are coming and  
you're the designer**



## **Consultations to take place at:**

**The Sutton Centre - Tues 16 Dec, 12:30-2pm**

**Manningham Mills - Wed 17 Dec, 12:30-2pm**

**Lunch provided**

**Have your say! Let us know what you want to  
see inside Weaver Network buses.**

**To register, contact Rachel on 07311 390357 or email  
[rachel@cnet.org.uk](mailto:rachel@cnet.org.uk)**



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# #ProvidersUnite

## Stronger Together

We are sharing an important call to action on behalf of Providers Unite, who have drafted an open letter to the Home Secretary in response to the newly announced immigration and earned settlement reforms.

These proposals will have significant implications for our sector, particularly for the thousands of international care workers who have become an essential part of the workforce. While certain NHS routes remain protected, social care has once again been overlooked despite being one of the sectors most dependent on international recruitment to meet the needs of the people we support.

Providers Unite have voiced deep concern that the changes will:-

- Create further instability within an already stretched workforce
- Place additional pressure on providers who are working hard to maintain safe, consistent services
- Cause long term uncertainty for dedicated care staff who have built their lives and families here
- Increase risk to service continuity, safeguarding, and provider sustainability

We are encouraging all members to read and, if you wish to do so, sign the open letter.

This is an opportunity for our sector to speak with one voice and ensure that the impact on social care is fully understood before these proposals move forward.

👉 Read & sign the letter here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVe4-yFviVPmnCBfMulyYWzmpDkjMc2H3RhXBXT6wzp\\_RpdNw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVe4-yFviVPmnCBfMulyYWzmpDkjMc2H3RhXBXT6wzp_RpdNw/viewform)

We also encourage you to share this link through your own networks, teams, and partner organisations. Collective action is essential if we want these concerns to be heard.

Thank you for your continued commitment to social care and to the people we all support.