

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 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).

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- Free online Share and Learn session for carers in West Yorkshire – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025
  - BCA Workforce quality workshop – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025
  - Northern Race Equality Conference – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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

## CARE FEES 2025/26 UPDATE

The final determination of the fees can be found on the Provider Zone, <https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/care-fee-uplifts/>. We will shortly begin sending letters to each service area. Thank you for your collaboration in support of the care sector over the last twelve months and we look forward to this continuing in the new financial year.

## **⚠ WARNING – SCAM BUSINESS ALERT ⚠**

There have been reports of a scam business from providers across up and down the country. The business is called RemRails, and they claim to offer "an immersive indoor train experience designed for individuals with dementia, recreating the sights, sounds, and atmosphere of a classic train journey." Reports from various locations indicate that this is a scam. Please do not engage with it! The email you may have received from them might look something like the example that can be found **HERE**. If you receive anything from them, please delete it immediately.

## **CHANGES TO PAYMENTS FROM THE ICB FOR HEALTH FUNDED PLACEMENTS**

From 7 April, CBMDC will no longer be making payments on behalf of the ICB for those in receipt of continuing healthcare, funded nursing care and S117. Payments will be made using the CHC digital platform (IEG4). Please click on the following links for further information.

**[Provider Portal Communication](#)**  
**[Digital CHC – Provider Portal User Guide](#)**

## **BCA AWARDED FUNDING FROM BRADFORD 2025'S CREATIVE HEALTH PROGRAMME**

The Bradford Care Association (BCA), in partnership with Bradford Museums and Galleries, has been awarded funding from Bradford 2025's Creative Health programme to develop connecting and reminiscence opportunities for adults who access care and support services across the Bradford District and Craven.

Louise Bestwick, Chief Executive of the BCA said: "This funding means we can work together with some of the most vulnerable members of our communities to shape an inclusive programme of activities tackling social isolation and improving wellbeing".

BCA would like care staff, activity coordinators and creative health practitioners who support service users participate in creative and cultural activities to help design activities and resources.

To find out more or get involved, contact  
[jeanine@bradfordcareassociation.org](mailto:jeanine@bradfordcareassociation.org) or  
[Ami@bradfordcareassociation.org](mailto:Ami@bradfordcareassociation.org) for an informal chat.

## **ADULT SOCIAL CARE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT SCHEME**

We have just received confirmation from DHSC that the LDSS will continue in 2025/26. Updated guidance is now available here - [\*\*Adult Social Care Learning and Development Support Scheme - GOV.UK\*\*](#). The guidance includes all the information employers need to access the scheme and includes a list of over 100 training courses and qualifications eligible for LDSS funding.

The LDSS 2024/25 remains open for claims for eligible courses and qualifications that have been started and paid for between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 (inclusive). Claims must be submitted by 21 March 2025, with late claims considered on a case-by-case basis (if submitted between 22 – 31 March 2025).

[\*\*Learning and development funding for adult social care\*\*](#)  
[\*\*Denise.baran@skillsforcare.org.uk\*\*](mailto:Denise.baran@skillsforcare.org.uk)

## **LIVING WELL COMMUNITY HEALTH DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 2025/26**

We are delighted to announce that Living Well Community Health Development (CHD) Grants are open to Community Organisations and Groups to apply!

The grants programme is funded by Public Health as part of the districts Living Well Initiative and aims to award up to 10 small groups/organisations who are passionate about reducing health inequalities, promoting health and wellbeing and representing the voice of defined community of interest groups across the Bradford District.

Grants available between: £5,000 – £14,000 for one year

Application Period: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March and closes at 9:00 am Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**For further details and how to apply visit:**

[\*\*https://mylivingwell.co.uk/news-post/living-well-community-health-development-grants-2025-26/\*\*](https://mylivingwell.co.uk/news-post/living-well-community-health-development-grants-2025-26/)

## KEEP IT LOCAL SURVEY

The link to the survey is: <https://forms.office.com/e/rskHuLhLbj> and the QR code to access the survey is below.

For more information click [HERE](#).



## THE LATEST SEND PARENT/CARER SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN...

The latest annual SEND parent/carer survey results have now been published on the SEND Local Offer website. The survey is led by [the Parent's Forum for Bradford and Airedale \(PFBA\)](#) on behalf of the SEND Partnership, which is collectively working on service responses to the new report including from education, health, social care and family hubs. You can read the key highlights and also download a more detailed report from the website: [SEND Parent/carer survey results](#). To keep in touch with all things SEND, you can ask to be added to our new bulletin for practitioners, which will be coming out very soon, email: [sarah.firth@bradford.nhs.uk](mailto:sarah.firth@bradford.nhs.uk)

## **UPDATED RAMADAN TOOLKIT FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INVOLVEMENT TEAMS**

We have updated the Ramadan toolkit to include some new content and videos from Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust about the Ramadan experience and how the Trust are supporting colleagues during the month of Ramadan.

**[Download the updated Ramadan toolkit](#)** (opens as a PDF). Please email **[communications@bradford.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@bradford.nhs.uk)** should you have any issues accessing the toolkit.

## **CENTRE OF EXPERTISE ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE - ROADSHOW EVENT 2025**

This event has been developed to support professionals across the Bradford District in identifying child sexual abuse. It is being held on Wednesday 7 May from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Bradford City Football Ground. The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse (**[CSA Centre](#)**) roadshow event will help you and your colleagues identify and respond to child sexual abuse and work confidently with children and families. Throughout the day we will signpost you to useful advice and guidance to help you give victims, survivors and families affected by child sexual abuse the support they need. **[Find out more and book your place.](#)**

## **'STAY IN THE KNOW': CHANGES TO OUR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

As part of our commitment to keep colleagues from the partnership updated on the [community mental health transformation programme](#), the programme team has set-up 'Stay in the know': changes to our community mental health services sessions taking place throughout 2025 on MS Teams. Our upcoming session (Monday 24 March, 2 to 3pm) will focus on community outreach, recovery and engagement (CORE) delivered by our voluntary and community sector partners. Purpose of CORE is to provide a personalised and goal focused support, it bridges the gap in mental health care by providing community-based, flexible support to individuals with severe mental illness that would otherwise fall between the gaps of primary and secondary services. You will hear who is eligible to access this service and how professionals can refer into the service.

To join the session on Monday 24 March, from 2 to 3pm, please click on this [MS Teams link](#) – no booking required.

## **COMMUNITY CARE CHARGING CONSULTATION**

Community Care Services support adults and their carers with care needs to stay safe and independent, which can include day care, personal care, supported living, help at home, respite care, access to community support and direct payments.

We are consulting on these services and want to find out what matters the most to you about these services. We are holding a series of face to face and online events to hear your views. If you are unable to attend in person, you can still take part by completing the online questionnaire.

To reserve your place on one of these events, complete the questionnaire online, or find out more please click on the button below.

[\*\*Take part and find out more\*\*](#)

## INDEPENDENT FINANCE REVIEW COMMENDS COUNCIL'S PROGRESS

The Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) has published its latest independent review of Bradford Council's finances and financial governance.

The latest CIPFA report provides independent evidence of progress made following significant changes to officer leadership. Progress since the newest CIPFA review in September 2024 has been so rapid that the council has had its Best Value Notice lifted in the shortest possible time.

CIPFA has commended the council leadership for the drive, determination and attention to detail they have brought in establishing a new focus and culture for Bradford.

[Read more](#)

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) CLUBS THIS EASTER

If your child gets benefits-related free school meals, they can enjoy **free** activities and experiences during the | Easter school holidays with the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

There are more than 100 HAF holiday clubs running this Easter offering a huge range of fun activities at venues across the district.

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. They also get a free healthy meal while at the club.

Places are limited and filling up fast so, take a look at what is on offer and book now to avoid missing out.



# GET MOVING FOR THE MARATHON

**1st April - 26th April**

**Walk a mile a day (or more) for 26 days,  
and raise £26 in sponsors for KHL**

*It only takes roughly 15-20 minutes to walk a mile!*

Register for our campaign! Pick up a fundraising pack from reception today, or download one from:  
[www.khl.org.uk/marathon](http://www.khl.org.uk/marathon)



Whether you're taking part in the campaign or not, please join us for the celebratory final mile walk:

- ▶ Saturday 26th April
- ▶ Cliffe Castle
- ▶ 10.30am

Scan  
the QR  
code to  
find out  
more:



Mary is running the London Marathon to raise money for KHL on Sunday 27th April.

To support her fundraising efforts, we are motivating Keighley to get moving and raise some funds for our amazing charity!

**KHL** Healthy  
Living

Registered charity number: 1090543

Registered company number: 04190566





Is your practice safe?

Are you aware of the changes to this equipment?

Do you know which pump is fit for its purpose?

Do you know what to check before using this?

IF YOUR ANSWER IS 'NO',

PLEASE BOOK YOUR **FREE** SYRINGE DRIVER TRAINING  
VIA [palliativecareadmin@bdct.nhs.uk](mailto:palliativecareadmin@bdct.nhs.uk)

Please bring the syringe driver if you have one in the  
nursing home.