

Thursday 20th February 2025

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# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- Photo Conversations – February 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Women's Health Conference – February 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Goals Bradford – 5<sup>th</sup> March
- Have your say on proposed savings – March 6<sup>th</sup>
- Improving your cqc rating seminar – March 12<sup>th</sup>
- THET/Global Health Partnerships Diaspora Healthcare Champion Awards – March 18<sup>th</sup>
- Huntington's Disease and mental health - online study day – March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Dragons - Eun-Me Ahn Dance Company – March 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Black Dyke Band - April 12<sup>th</sup>

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

## **URGENT! DETAILS OF COMMUNITY CARE CHARGING CONSULTATION EVENTS AFFECTING ALL PROVIDERS**

Please use this [LINK](#) to access essential information

## **EQUALITIES DATA**

Thank you to all providers involved with the initial roll-out of the new equalities questionnaire at the end of 2024. A summary of the results has now been published: [Equalities Data - People Commissioning Service | Bradford Connect to Support](#). Details of the next steps for the equalities questionnaire and what providers need to do to support this will be available shortly.

## **CARE HOME ANNUAL QUALITY REVIEW**

The Commissioning and Contract Team have completed the Care Home Annual Quality Review for 2023/24 and the report is available here - [care-home-annual-quality-review-report-23-24.pdf](#)

The report has analysed a wide range of data sources from a local and national footprint, drawing together key findings about quality in the Bradford District's care home sector. The report will be presented to the Enhanced Health in Care Home partnership which will explore key findings and opportunities to support the sector in conjunction with the Bradford Care Association.

There will be a Care Home Provider Forum in March (dates to be circulated soon) and the report will be part of the forum.

## **TRANSFORMING PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**

The new Procurement Act 2023 comes into effect on February 24, 2025. We want to make sure that everyone who does business with us is aware of the changes and how it will affect the way the public sector organisations procure goods, works and services.

[Find out more](#)

## **JOIN THE CITIZENS' JURY: HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**

The [Yorkshire and Humber Secure Data Environment](#) is looking for people from Yorkshire & Humber to apply to be part of their Citizens' Jury and help the NHS to determine how NHS data can safely improve healthcare research. No special skills or experience needed. The jury's recommendations will help inform policy, locally and nationally. A Citizens' Jury is a group of everyday people who come together to discuss, deliberate, and offer recommendations on key issues. Your input matters, and this is a unique opportunity to influence change. This is a chance for you to represent your community, collaborate with others, and have a real impact on decisions that affect us all.


If you would like to find out more and apply to become a member of the Citizen Jury please visit <https://re-url.uk/WP3K> before the closing date of Sunday 23 February. If selected, you will be paid £405 for your participation. This will be discussed with you prior to starting.


**Yorkshire and Humber International Recruitment Project Update**  
to Care Providers and Partners. Click [here](#)


For the **DSA Training Calendar** Click [here](#)

## **SMALL GRANTS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT DIGITAL INCLUSION PROJECTS ACROSS BRADFORD DISTRICT!**

Bradford District's Digital Inclusion Programme aims to ensure no one is left behind in the digital age. We're thrilled to announce the launch of our Small Grants Fund, offering grants between £500 and £5,000 to support your digital inclusion projects!

 Application Period: Opens on 11th February and closes at midnight on 26th February 2025.

 Who Can Apply: VCSEs, GP practices, health hubs, pharmacies, businesses, schools, colleges, and universities.

-  Funding Can Be Used For:
- Purchasing devices or equipment
  - Supporting digital inclusion resources
  - Funding other digital inclusion-related needs

 How to Apply: Complete the [application here](#).  Outcome Notification: Applicants will be informed of the outcome w/c 3rd March 2025.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your organisation's digital inclusion efforts! If you have questions, please reach out to [Digital.Inclusion@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:Digital.Inclusion@bradford.gov.uk).

## **CULTURAL COHESION FUNDS**

Bradford Council's Neighbourhoods and Communities Service has teamed up with BD25 to work with communities to help get creative and also dress the District to celebrate a year of culture. We are excited to announce the launch of two exciting funds to help celebrate Bradford City of Culture to get local groups and people involved.

**£20,000 per area, a total of £100,000, is up for grabs in small grants of £500 across Bradford District through the Area Committees and Area Coordinators' Offices.**

The **closing date** is 12 noon on Friday, 21 February 2025

More information: [www.bradford.gov.uk/your-community/community-grants/cultural-cohesion-funds-and-small-grants-pot-for-bd25-to-dress-bradford](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/your-community/community-grants/cultural-cohesion-funds-and-small-grants-pot-for-bd25-to-dress-bradford)

## Local Friendship Support Grants – Supporting those living with Dementia and/or Sensory Impairments – Round 4

Do you run a friendship or activities club in the Bradford District which would like to become more welcoming and accessible to people living with dementia and/or with sensory impairments?

Do you have ideas about how your group or organisation could support people living with dementia and/or sensory impairments?

Do you have an idea of how you could grow or expand your group to help people build friendships, live independently and be engaged with their local community?

Bradford Council is offering a further round of Local Friendship Support Grants of between **£250 - £2,000** and **£2,000 - £5,000** to local groups to enable them to become more accessible and offer new opportunities to people living with dementia and/or sensory impairments. This funding could be spent on, but is not limited to, activities, events or equipment. It could also be used to set up a new group or help your existing group become more established. Further details of the criteria can be found in the application guidance.

These grants due to go live on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February** and all required information will be available on the CNet website at <https://cnet.org.uk/Projects/Grants>.

Please note the **closing date for applications** for £250-£2,000 is Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 12 noon and the closing date for applications for £2,000-5,000 is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon.

**Please note:** If you have already successfully applied for a previous round of this funding **you are welcome to apply again**. You cannot submit the same application but may build on a previous application or apply for something different.

To be successful, applications must focus on the benefit you could have to people living with dementia and their carers and/or people with sensory impairments. However, your group does not need to only support these cohorts.

[More information on the following page]

We are hosting two workshops to further explain how you can access these grants and offer support with applications. Anyone is welcome to attend these sessions.

### **Local Friendship Grants Workshop for groups supporting people living with dementia and their carers:**

*A workshop to give further information on the grants process, the criteria and how to apply*

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- CNet, 10 Mornington Villas, Bradford, BD8 7HB

To book a place at this workshop, please email [grants@cnet.org.uk](mailto:grants@cnet.org.uk) or phone 01274 305045.

### **Local Friendship Grants Workshop for Groups supporting those with sensory impairments:**

*A workshop to give further information on the grants process, the criteria and how to apply (please note there will be a BSL interpreter at this session)*

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Morley Street Resource Centre, 124 Morley Street, Bradford, BD7 1BB

To book a place at the Sensory Impairment specific workshop, email or phone the Sensory Needs Service Reception at [sns.general@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:sns.general@bradford.gov.uk) or on 01274 435001

If you have any queries or would like further details, please contact:

Wendy Collins  
CNet - Project Support Officer  
01274 305045, [wendy@cnet.org.uk](mailto:wendy@cnet.org.uk)

### **Local Friendship Grants Round 4 Workshop for Groups supporting people living with dementia and their carers:**

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 10:30-12:30

### **Local Friendship Grants Round 4 Workshop for Groups supporting those with sensory impairments:**

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 11:00-13:00

\*Grants go live on 20/02/2025 – further information to follow shortly.

## WELL TOGETHER WALKS AND SERVICES

For the walk schedule click [here](#)  
For virtual or face to face services click [here](#)  
For service professional referral form click [here](#)

## BCA CARE FEE 25/26 RESPONSE SURVEY

This survey will help to inform Bradford Care Association's response on behalf of providers to the 25/26 fee uplift proposals from Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC).

[Click here for the Market Briefing on BMDC Adult Social Care Fee Uplift 25/26](#)

All your information will be anonymous. The short survey will only take 2 minutes to complete. The survey deadline for final submissions is **Monday 24th February**.

[Click here to complete the short survey!](#)

*If you have any problems responding to the survey, please contact*  
[admin@bradfordcareassociation.org](mailto:admin@bradfordcareassociation.org).

## SKILLS FOR WORK – THE DIGITAL LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP

Learn to navigate the modern work environment and increase your productivity using AI tools.

Free 2 hour workshop at Britannia House covering creativity and brainstorming, communication data conversation, learning conversations and CV writing/ checking.

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## SKILLS FOR WORK – SHORT ONLINE QUALIFICATIONS

Access a wide variety of short online qualifications currently open and funded for all UK permanent residents aged 19+

Examples include Level 1 Award in Health & Safety, Level 3 Award in Introduction to Safeguarding, Level 3 Award in Healthy Living for Wellbeing and Mental Health and many more!

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## **Care Provider Alliance Review – The Single Assessment Framework: An Update**

We have just published our response to the Care Provider Alliance's review of our single assessment framework.

We commissioned the Care Provider Alliance (CPA) last autumn to review our single assessment framework alongside the review by [Professor Sir Mike Richards](#). We are grateful to the members of the CPA who took part in and supported this work.

The review examined the perspectives of adult social care providers of the assessment framework and what they want from regulation by CQC. It also raised provider concerns about assessment, registration, and backlogs. Sir Julian Hartley, Chief Executive of CQC commented “We welcome this report which has been instrumental in ensuring we hear the voices of a wide range of adult social care providers, as the findings are a robust reflection of their views and experiences.”

Feedback represents over 1,200 respondents to an online survey and the views of more than 100 providers shared through 5 workshops.

James Bullion, Chief Inspector of Adult Social Care and Integrated Care, added:

“This report gives us a practical agenda for change which we will incorporate into our urgent improvement work underway in CQC. Professor Vic Rayner, as chair of the CPA, met with me and my Executive Team colleagues and with the CQC Board to discuss the findings of this report. She articulated a powerful message on behalf of providers, including in some cases the distressing impact of approaches to regulation and assessment on their organisations and mental wellbeing. We are grateful for their feedback and acknowledge their experience.

“We acknowledge too the strength of feeling from providers about the need to improve their experience of inspection. Underlying this report (but not looked at in detail) are the changes needed to improve our computer systems, portal arrangements and communications. CQC colleagues have themselves struggled with the challenges caused by the technology issues and rollout of the assessment framework, including the clarity of how the system worked, training, complexity of the approach, and the consistency of approaches in different care sectors. CQC inspectors are skilled and dedicated to good regulation and have struggled to be effective because of these factors”.

There is more on the review and on [our response on our website](#).

### **VIRTUAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SKIN CARE CHAMPIONS** **EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

Click [here](#)

For a free conference with care homes click [here](#)

# **RESILIENCE BASED CLINICAL SUPERVISION SOCIAL CARE**

## **MANAGERS FORM**

### **About Resilience-based Clinical Supervision**

Nursing in a social care setting is recognised as increasingly challenging in today's world. Resilience-based Clinical Supervision (RBCS) is a way of supporting you and your team by recognising your own and others' emotions and how you can positively respond to them. The Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) is delighted to offer a programme that will enable nurses to experience RBCS with a view to becoming facilitators. This programme is free for participants who are registered nurses or nurse associates working in social care in England. RBCS is a tried and trusted model experienced by hundreds of nurses across the country and beyond. The model's rationale is to increase an individual's ability to respond positively to the emotional and physiological demands of their role.

### **Programme outline**

The programme consists of 5 sessions, 3 x 3-hour sessions, followed by 2 x 2-hour sessions in small groups of 6-8. It will be delivered online using Teams. There will be some pre-work (approx. 1 hour). The total commitment is 14 hours. The programme will help your staff understand how RBCS works, what its underpinning values are, and support them to facilitate RBCS with your care team. Dates for the whole cohort are compulsory and cannot be swapped with other cohort dates.

### **Accessing the programme**

This is a virtual programme which involves individual participation and reflection. To get the most out of it, your member of staff will require:

- A quiet, private space where they feel comfortable and safe to participate and share learning.
- Access to a laptop/computer/iPad which can access Teams, and which has a camera and a microphone.

This is a participatory programme.

**Please register your interest by signing [THIS FORM](#) to say that you support your member of staff to access and participate in the programme. If you require any further information, please email [rbc.socialcare@fons.org](mailto:rbc.socialcare@fons.org)**