

Thursday 30th 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.*

PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICE (PTS) CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Advance notice is given that PTS will be closed during the Christmas period from Friday 25th December 2026 to Sunday 3rd January 2026 inclusive.

There will be no PTS transport running during these dates, this includes taxis and PTS minibuses.

IMMEDICARE AUGUST TIMETABLE

WORKFORCE SURVEY (INTERNATIONAL RECRUITS AND UK DOMESTIC STAFF)

The People's Commissioning Service has launched a new **Workforce Survey (International Recruits and UK Domestic Staff)** and requires the following services to complete it:

- Residential Care Homes
- Nursing Care Homes
- Domiciliary/Home Care
- Supported Living Services
- Extra Care Housing (where care staff are directly employed)
 - Learning Disability Care Providers
 - Mental Health Supported Living/Care Providers
 - Complex Care Providers
- Shared Lives providers (if employing sponsored care workers)
 - Day Activities

The survey will help us understand current workforce capacity, recruitment activity and staffing challenges across commissioned services. This information will be collected **quarterly** to help us monitor trends and support workforce planning across the sector.

Survey link:

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/yu58lh>

Please complete the survey by **close of play 26 August 2026**.

You can also access the survey by scanning the QR code below:



MULTI-AGENCY RISK ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE (MARAC)

AUDIT

As part of the MARAC Audit we need your support in circulating this survey link to professional's across your organisation. It is open to professional's who in their role, might come across victims, children or perpetrators of domestic abuse.

The survey link is here –

[https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Professional Bradford](https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Professional_Bradford)

This survey covers a wide area and is for any professional working within Bradford.

The survey has been extended until 7th August and we need as many responses as possible. If you have any internal communication tools such as newsletters or all staff emails, we encourage the survey to be shared across those too.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE COMPLETING THE DIGITAL PHONE SWITCHOVER IS JANUARY 2027

The reason for this change is because the old network is becoming more fragile, less reliable and harder to maintain. As a result, landline telephone providers are upgrading the old technology to modern digital services.

It is especially important to speak the telecoms provider if you are a telecare user, would need help setting up new equipment for the digital switchover or are unable to reliably use a mobile phone in a power cut, (this might mean that you have no or unreliable mobile signal) or have a medical condition that would mean you cannot use a mobile phone. If you support someone who is unable to speak to their telecom provider independently, please do this with them or on their behalf to ensure they receive the support they need"

People who rely on **telecare alarms** will require special support to make sure their alarms keep working through the switchover. For more information on what to do please read the **[Telecare Alarm User section](#)**.

If you are a Bradford Council Safe and Sound customer there you can find out more about this service on the: **[Digital Switchover | Bradford Council](#)**

More information about the digital phone switchover can be found at: **[Digital Phone Switchover website](#)**.

If your deaf you can find information here about the digital switchover: **[Openreach video](#)**

BRIDGING THE GAP: **TRANSITIONAL SAFEGUARDING AND EXPLOITATION**

TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2026 | 9.30 AM - 1.00 PM | MS Teams

Following our popular Transitional Safeguarding Masterclass in November 2025, this year's regional conference will explore how a Transitional Safeguarding approach can strengthen responses to exploitation. Young people affected by exploitation and other forms of contextual harm often continue to experience significant risks beyond their 18th birthday. However, support, services and safeguarding responsibilities can change considerably during this period, creating challenges for young people, families and professionals alike.

Through contributions from three expert speakers and facilitated Q&A, this conference will:

- Explore the relationship between Transitional Safeguarding and exploitation
- Examine the experiences and needs of young people moving towards adulthood
- Consider how children's and adults' services can work together more effectively

- Share emerging learning, research and examples of local practice

This event is free to access and open to all Yorkshire and Humber professionals, including strategic leaders, managers and practitioners working across safeguarding partnerships, children's social care, adult social care, health, education, youth justice, policing, community safety, housing and the voluntary and community sector.

We are currently confirming our speakers and will share further details as they are announced. In the meantime, registrations are open and we encourage you to secure your place now!

This conference is funded by YHMAST and free-to-access for Yorkshire and Humber professionals.

Register your place now: <https://qrco.de/YHMAST2>

If you have any queries, please email
safeguardingtraining@bradford.gov.uk

LEARN NEW SKILLS WITH SKILLS FOR WORK

Skills for Work offers part-time courses and apprenticeships for people in the Bradford district and across West Yorkshire.

Whether you want to find a job, improve your skills or build your confidence, Skills for Work can help.

Courses include:

- Customer service
- Business administration
- Digital and data skills
- English and maths

You can also get advice and support to help you choose the right course and plan your next career move.

To find out more call 01274 433648 or visit the Skills for Work website.

[Find out more](#)

NEW WEST YORKSHIRE HEALTH AND CARE APPRENTICESHIP RESOURCE FOR VCSE AND SOCIAL CARE EMPLOYERS

A new practical apprenticeship resource is now available for VCSE organisations, social care providers and smaller employers across West Yorkshire.

If you're looking to recruit new staff, develop existing employees or better understand apprenticeship funding, the resource provides straightforward guidance on how apprenticeships work, how to access levy transfer funding, and where to find support locally.

The resource includes:

- A practical employer guide
- A short introductory webinar
- West Yorkshire case studies

All Resources are found here: [Apprenticeships in health and care :: West Yorkshire Health & Care Partnership](#)

Whether you're new to apprenticeships or looking to expand your current activity, the resources are designed to make apprenticeships easier to understand, access and use as part of workforce development.



CARING IS LIVING

Personal Assistants (PAs) needed

Personal Assistants (PAs) are people employed directly by an individual needing social care support rather than an agency – to help them live independently at home and in the community. They offer personalised, flexible support for daily tasks, personal care, and social activities, often funded through Direct Payments.



Find out more about how you can help:

www.bradford.gov.uk/personalassistantdirectory

SUMMER AT MIND THE GAP

SONGS OF RESISTANCE

Political Songwriting with
Maddie Morris
4th to 6th August

ALL THE FEELINGS

Sensory Sculpture with YAYA
11th to 13th August

GET IT IN WRITING

Poetry with Hope Shooter
18th - 20th August



For people with a learning disability
and/or autism aged 18+



Free to attend



MTG Studios, Patent Street,
BD9 4SA



10.30am to 2.30pm



No experience needed - if you have
something to say, we want to hear
from you!



Get in touch to find out more:

Email community@mind-the-gap.org.uk
Phone 01274 487390
WhatsApp 07564 939642



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People's Care Movement

Summer Gatherings | HAF Holiday Club

PCM is a collaborative group of people with lived connections to care, including through being disabled and neurodivergent, migrants, carers, parents, children, and people who are excluded from care, and affected by inequality and discrimination. We use our lived connection to care to create more caring and inclusive communities.

To experience a relaxing space of collective care and do fun activities to explore issues that matter to our communities, we want to invite you to our gatherings at **Loading Bay** (1 Duke Street, Bradford, BD1)

Saturdays 12 - 4 pm

1st Aug - Creative Day

8th Aug - Climate Day

15th Aug - Mental and Physical Health Day

22nd Aug - Culture Day



here for more info

wheelchair accessible venue | food | travel cost covered
child care must be booked
online access available



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