City of BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PROVIDER BULLETIN

Thursday 22nd October 2026 Edition 332

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 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.*

EQUALITIES DATA – ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE | NOVEMBER 2026

Adults Commissioning and Contract Teams will once again be collecting equalities data from our providers as part of our annual process.

The main manager contacts in your organisation will receive a resource pack, you will receive this via email from your assigned Contract Officer which includes:

- Guidance for data collection
- Unique ID codes for each service
- Easy read, audio guides and BSL questionnaire
- Secure submission links

https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/equalities-data-people-commissioning-service/

The questionnaire link will go live on 1st November 2026. Please ensure your teams are aware and ready to participate.

Your contribution is vital in helping us build more inclusive service landscape.

If you have any questions or need support, please contact us at: **commissioninginbox@bradford.gov.uk**.

MESSAGE FROM PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

We are writing to advise you that due to a change in our approved supplier list, a number of transport routes are needing to be re-tendered.

As a result, some clients will experience a change to their current transport arrangements, in terms of a change of transport provider, vehicle or escort commencing 26th October 2026.
We appreciate that consistency is important to all clients and their families, and we recognise that any change can cause some uncertainty. We will therefore aim to provide families with information about revised arrangements as soon as these have been confirmed.

Please be assured that our priority throughout this process is to ensure that appropriate transport arrangements remain in place for clients and that any changes are managed as smoothly as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Kind regards,

Travel Assistance Service

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.

MONITORING OF SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES ON THE DAPL

The Commissioning Team have been reviewing the current information we collect from DAPL providers delivering, Support Employment and Volunteering (SE&V) activities and are proposing to roll out a revised quarterly monitoring template that will more fully acknowledge the work that providers do with people taking part in SE&V and the progressions toward employment goals of people taking part in these activities. To this end we feel sure DAPL providers will see the benefit of revising the monitoring template and how it will support providers ability to evidence the work they do with people taking part in SE&V activities. Full details of the revised monitoring report will be sent to all DAPL providers by email in the next week or so.

This is an early notice of the email being sent out to DAPL providers, which will be followed up by face-to-face visits between now and January 2027 when it is proposed these changes will be implemented.

BRADFORD WINS NATIONAL UK DESIGN CAPITAL OF THE YEAR 2026

Bradford has scooped Building Design's prestigious UK Design Capital of the Year Awards 2026, after the complete transformation of the city centre.

The city had been shortlisted alongside Cardiff, Plymouth and York for the award, which recognises cities leading the way in architecture, placemaking and regeneration.

Part of Building Design's long-running Architect of the Year Awards, the award looks beyond individual buildings to celebrate communities where strategic ambition is shaping their built environment, from carefully crafted planning policies to bold urban interventions.

Find out more

FREE CPD-ACCREDITED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Our project, **Resilient Bradford**, provides fully funded trauma-informed training to professionals, staff and volunteers working across the Bradford District.

We currently offer two levels of training:

Tier 1 – Trauma-Informed Practice

An introduction to understanding adversity, trauma and their impact on individuals, families and communities.

Tier 2 – Trauma Skilled Practice

A more in-depth course designed to strengthen trauma-informed knowledge and develop practical skills for supporting people affected by trauma.

Both courses are:

✅ Completely FREE
✅ CPD-accredited
✅ Available to professionals and volunteers across Bradford District
✅ Designed to strengthen trauma-informed approaches across local services

These opportunities are particularly relevant to organisations working in adult social care, health and wellbeing, mental health, education, housing, family support and the voluntary and community sector.

Participants can view upcoming training dates and book directly through our Eventbrite page:

https://www.eventbrite.com/o/resilient-bradford-66696317823

More information about our project:

https://bradfordtrident.co.uk/adversity-trauma-resilience-atr-workforce-development-project/

Follow our Facebook page for training updates:

https://www.facebook.com/p/Bradford-ATR-Workforce-Development-61583718674562/

WINTER PRESSURES - PRACTICAL ADVICE TO REFINE YOUR CONTINGENCY PLANS

Explore how to build, test, and strengthen contingency plans to help services remain safe, resilient, and high-quality during periods of increased demand, workforce challenges, and rising costs.

Delivered in partnership with **The Outstanding Society**, this Skills for Care webinar combines sector expertise with frontline experience and examples of how Outstanding services are preparing for the season.

You'll gain practical insights into operational preparedness, risk management, communication, partnership working, governance, and the resources available to support effective planning and continuity of care.

- **Winter pressures and contingency planning checklist** – an excellent resource to walk you through all areas for consideration

- **Vaccination programmes 2026 2027**

- **Extreme weather resilience webinar**

DBS UPDATE SERVICE RAPID READ

The DBS Update Service is a government subscription that keeps your Standard or Enhanced DBS certificate up to date. It costs £15 a year (free for volunteers) and allows employers to check online whether anything has changed since your certificate was issued. This service is particularly beneficial for individuals who are likely to change jobs, work for more than one organization, or are self-employed. It helps maintain confidence in safeguarding information and supports ongoing workforce assurance. Please see the **Rapid Reads – DBS Update Service** for more information

GET ACTIVE AND MEET NEW PEOPLE WITH AGE UK BRADFORD DISTRICT

Looking to get out, get moving and meet new people? Age UK Bradford District has launched friendly walking groups for people aged 65 and over. No previous walking experience or high fitness level is needed, just come along, enjoy a gentle walk and connect with others in your local community.

Groups run in Idle, Manningham (Lister Park), Keighley (Cliffe Castle) and Bingley, with more activities planned through our Communities in Motion programme.

Find out more

BRADFORD CARES EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2026

Don't Miss Bradford's Biggest Celebration of Care!

Tickets are selling fast for the **Bradford Cares Excellence Awards 2026** 🏆

This is your opportunity to join colleagues, friends and professionals from across the adult social care sector for an unforgettable evening celebrating the people who make care happen every day.

🗓️ **Thursday 5 November 2026**
📍 **Cedar Court Bradford**
🕛 **6pm - Midnight**
🤵 **Black Tie / Formal Dress**

Make a Night of It

For guests travelling from further afield or those wishing to extend the celebrations, Cedar Court Hotel has kindly provided exclusive accommodation discounts for awards attendees:

18% Off Room Only
https://reservations.travelclick.com/115189?RatePlanId=7838513&identifier=EVE18OFF

18% Off Bed & Breakfast
https://reservations.travelclick.com/115189?RatePlanId=9443947&identifier=EVE18OFFBB

Whether you're attending to support a finalist, celebrate your organisation's achievements, recognise your staff, or simply show your support for the sector, we'd love you to be part of the evening.
A ticket to the awards also makes a wonderful thank you gift for hardworking care staff who rarely take the time to celebrate their own achievements.

📢 **Book your place, gather your colleagues and join the biggest celebration of adult social care in Bradford.**

FOR NURSING STAFF WORKING IN ADULT SOCIAL CARE

We are inviting you to our Adult Social Care Virtual Focus Group as part of the RCN's Branch Review Project.

The Branch Review Project is looking to understand what member participation looks like across the RCN in order for us to build a better future in which branches are built around member's experience and leadership.

The Focus Group will take place on:

🗓️ **16th November**

🕕 **6.30pm - 8pm**

📍 **Microsoft Teams**

🔗 **Sign-Up to receive a link here: Adult Social Care Virtual Focus Group Sign-Up Form – Fill in form**

The Focus Group will be an opportunity to discuss:

✅ What members value/ want from RCN.

✅ What helps members get involved.

✅ The barriers members face to participate.

✅ Ideas on how to strengthen branches.

✅ How branches can better support members to organise, influence and make a difference.

We recognise that you may have a unique perspective on RCN Branches and this is why we are keen to hear from you on how branches can better support members to organise, influence and make a difference within the Adult Social Care Sector.

You do not need to be an RCN member, or active in your local branch to attend. In fact, we are particularly eager to hear from people who have never attended their branch meetings or who feel that the existing structures do not reflect their experiences.

The Focus Group will be highly interactive and will include:

- **Small group discussions.**
- **Digital collaborative activities.**
- Live polling.
- Opportunities to share ideas directly with the Branch Review Team.

You can find out more about the Branch Review Project here: RCN Branch Review | Royal College of Nursing

We look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts on how RCN branches can be improved for the future.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Maria Feeney: maria.feeney@rcn.org.uk

SENSORY NEEDS SERVICE

Supporting adults across the Bradford District who are Deaf or living with sight and/or hearing loss.



We work to support you and those who care for you to identify your strengths, community resources and to jointly plan how to support you to achieve personal goals.

Who we are

- Social Workers
- Community Care Officers
- Vision Rehab Officers
- BSL Interpreting Service
- The Deaf Independence Project
- Specialist community led social groups

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What we do

- Advice and information
- Signposting/referrals
- Demos and advice on sensory equipment
- Mobility skills, including long cane and travel training
- Independent living skills
- Sensory Needs Passport
- Specialist assessments for Deaf, deafblind, vision impaired and people with hearing loss
- BSL interpreter bookings for appointments and mail reading
- Support with your communication and accessible information needs
- Technology Support

How to contact us

Vision Impairment & Deaf Team
Telephone: 01274 435001
Email: sns.general@bradford.gov.uk
WhatsApp video & text: 07966 431073

BSL Interpreter booking
Telephone: 01274 435019
Text: 07800 002274
Email: bsl.interpreting@bradford.gov.uk

To speak to someone face-to-face contact:
Morley Street Resource Centre, BD7 1BB
Visual Impairment Duty: Mon – Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm
Deaf Duty: Mon/Weds/Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm

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Action for Nature Day

Thursday 29 October, 11am – 4pm

Cartwright Hall & Lister Park, Bradford, BD9 4NS

Join Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Bradford Council, and friends for a wild day at Lister Park

- Fun nature-themed crafts and activities for all the family
- Nature and wellbeing walks
- Wildlife talks and workshops
- Plant seeds to take home
- Make homes for wildlife
- Learn about how to make your community wildlife-friendly
- Discover local groups, projects and volunteering opportunities
- Find out about the Nature's Way project in Bradford and Keighley

Accessible by public transport

Light refrsehments will be provided

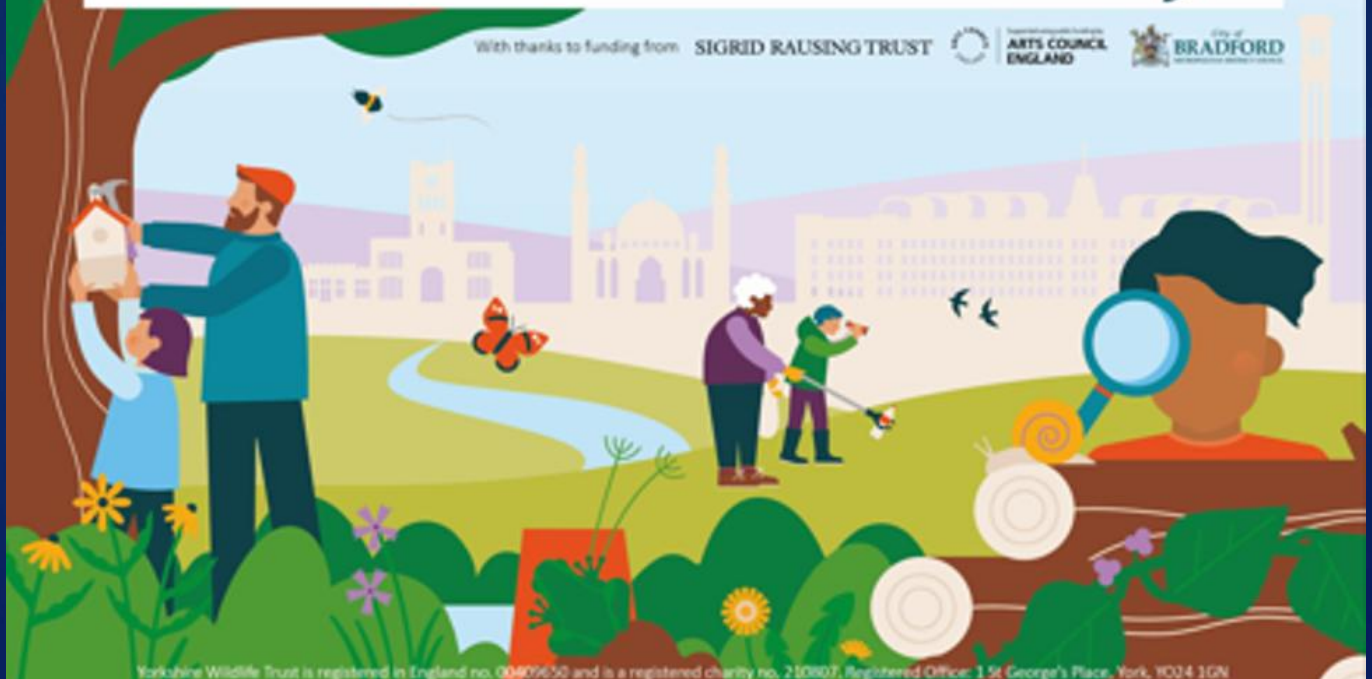
Parking available on site

Free event, no booking needed

Scan for more information or visit:
ywt.org.uk/events/2026-10-29-action-nature-day

Scan for site information or visit:
bradfordmuseums.org/venue/cartwright-hall-art-gallery

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The Lord Mayor's Appeal Christmas Luncheon with The Lord Mayor (Cllr Herd) Lady Mayoress (Mrs Linda Herd)

CHRISTMAS Luncheon

STARTERS

Scorched red pepper & tomato soup served with a fire toasted artisan roll & salted butter

Chicken liver parfait served with sourdough & ruby onion jam"

Prawn Cocktail served with crisp lettuce, Marie Rose sauce & sourdough

MAINS

Roasted Turkey served with seasonal vegetables, potatoes & pan gravy

Roasted Salmon Fillet served with seasonal vegetables, potatoes & hollandaise silk

Root Vegetable Wellington served with seasonal vegetables, potatoes & pan gravy

DESSERTS

Christmas Pudding served with velvet smooth cognac cream

Vanilla Cheesecake served with frosted fruits

Profiteroles & Baileys Toffee Ice cream served with ruby winter shards

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Tea and Coffe

All mains served with skin on baby roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Friday 11th December 12 Noon

Midland Hotel Cheapside, Bradford, BD1 4HU

Bookings: Lord Mayor's Office, telephone: 01274 434965/07970 828597
Email: lordmayorsappeal@bradford.gov.uk
Please inform the office of any dietarys at your booking

£30 per person

Includes a festive three course meal, tea/ coffee, Christmas quiz, raffle and plenty of cheer!