City of BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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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.*

MESSAGE FROM PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICE- CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Please be aware that we will be closed during the Christmas period from Friday 25th December 2026 to Sunday 3rd January 2027 inclusive.

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

FAIR PAY AGREEMENT

In April 2028 the first Fair Pay Agreement for Adult Social Care will come into place. Although this might seem a long time in the future, it's important that providers stay up-to-date on what is happening. You can find information, sign-up for updates and book places on webinars here: **https://www.local.gov.uk/fair-pay-agreement**

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC) IN ADULT SOCIAL CARE (ASC)

Guidance for all ASC settings, including care homes, supported living, day services and domiciliary care.

ADULTS COMMISSIONING AND CONTRACT TEAMS' EQUALITIES DATA COLLECTION 2026

We are pleased to announce that the Adults Commissioning and Contract Teams' Equalities Data Collection for 2026 is now officially underway.

This marks the beginning of a crucial month-long effort to gather meaningful data that will help us better understand the people who use our services. By capturing this information, we can work together to ensure that our commissioned services are not only accessible, but also genuinely inclusive and reflective of the diverse communities we serve.

Please begin collecting equalities data throughout November. Your organisation should have received a resource pack in October, which includes:

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

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

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

A DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR WEST YORKSHIRE REGISTERED NURSES NEW TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE

A fully-funded development programme designed for Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs) working as a Registered Nurse in adult social care in West Yorkshire will commence in January 2027. Nurses must either work in or live in West Yorkshire.

Please note that UK Educated Nurses who are new to adult social care (employed within the last 12 months) are also welcome to join the programme, subject to places being available.

The 12-session programme (delivered virtually) addresses UK professional expectations, legal frameworks, cultural transition, language confidence and workforce integration, while remaining aligned with the NMC Principles of Preceptorship.

This is a fully funded opportunity in collaboration with the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (WYICB) Global Partnerships programme.

There are **15 funded places available**, and the programme will be delivered by the University of Huddersfield.

If interested in applying, please email **leadership.academy@leeds.gov.uk** by **Friday 20th of November 2026**.

If you have any questions, please contact **leadership.academy@leeds.gov.uk**

PROVIDER SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY 2026/27

Bradford Care Association (BCA) is inviting adult social care providers commissioned by Bradford Council to complete our **Provider Sustainability Survey 2026/27**.

The survey will help us understand the impact of current funding and commissioning arrangements on providers, including financial pressures, workforce challenges, service delivery, and future sustainability.

⏰ **Please complete the survey by Friday 6 November 2026.**

🏠 **Providers delivering more than one type of care service are asked to complete a separate survey for each service type to ensure all services are accurately represented.**

🔗 **Complete the survey here:**
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3D6CCYY

Thank you for taking part and helping us represent the voice of the sector.

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE SURVEY 2026

The survey takes no more than **20 minutes** to complete and covers topics including wellbeing, workload, pay and conditions, learning and development, feeling valued at work, and the support available to you.

Your answers are confidential. No responses will be shared with your employer.

Your views matter because you have first-hand experience of working in adult social care. By taking part, you will help build a clearer picture of what it is really like to work in the sector today, including both the challenges people face and the things that help staff provide high-quality care and build rewarding careers.

The survey is commissioned by the **Department of Health and Social Care**, and the **findings will help inform decisions about the future of adult social care in England,** including work relating to the **Fair Pay Agreement**. At a time when the future of the sector is receiving significant attention, it is important that the voices of care workers and other people working in adult social care are heard.

Every response counts. If people in your role do not take part, their experiences may not be reflected in the evidence used to inform future decisions about the sector.

Have your say and complete the survey today:

https://ipsos.uk/ASCWorkforceSurvey

Last week, Prime Minister Andy Burnham said:

''I want to speak directly today to our care workers. You are not invisible to me. I see you. I thank you, and I am sorry that my profession has let down yours for so long. I promise you, I won't leave this job without doing everything I can to change things for you.''

Speaking about the survey, The Minister for Social Care and Mental Health, Alison McGovern, explained why it is important:

"Care workers have been ignored for years. They are a workforce equal in size to the NHS but remaining among the lowest paid and unacceptably underappreciated. This survey will provide crucial insight into their working lives and experiences, helping to identify the issues that we have a responsibility to address."

By taking part, you will help provide the evidence the government needs to improve the conditions of the adult social care workforce.

The survey is being conducted by **Ipsos** in partnership with **Skills for Care**, the **University of Kent**, and **King's College London**. If you have any questions about the survey or need support to take part, please contact Ipsos at UK-PA-ASCW@ipsos.com or call 0800 157 7794.

LIVING WELL BRAIN MATTERS COMMUNITY MICRO GRANTS

In May 2026 Living Well 'Brain Matters' was launched across Bradford district aimed at adults 40-65, highlighting how taking action can help keep brains healthy and reduce the risk of dementia in later life (**https://mylivingwell.co.uk/campaigns/brain-matters/**)

Bradford Public Health are inviting voluntary and community organisations to help promote this through holding events and/or activities across Bradford district. Each event/activity will receive **£500** to do this. They are looking for organisations who can organise events or activities to be delivered between January and March 2027 (maximum of two awards per organisation). These will be to share the campaign messages on keeping brains healthy to reduce the risk of dementia in a way that is relevant to their communities.

Please note: this campaign is to help reduce ***risk factors for dementia***, not focus on dementia diagnosis or support when living with dementia.

- **Grants open** - Mon 2nd November 2026
- **Deadline for applications -** Fri 27th November 2026 (5pm)
- **Grants Awarded -** December 2026

Application form and guidance documents are available by emailing:
Sharron.mcmahon@bradford.gov.uk

To find out more about the grants an information webinar is taking place using Microsoft Teams on **Tue 10th November 2026, 10:00-11:00:**
Join:
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3978148399033757?p=YnMoGVCDfIqY3kSGuH
Meeting ID: 397 814 839 903 375 7
Passcode: JZ7sW7JC

OR
If you would like a calendar invite to the webinar please e-mail
sharron.mcmahon@bradford.gov.uk

KiActiv WEBINAR - NOVEMBER 12TH

West Yorkshire is now offering '**KiActiv**' to support members of the Bradford care workforce who may benefit from improving their health and physical activity, including supporting staff with MSK or Mental Health problems, a high blood pressure or higher BMI.

BCA has organised a short information and demo session on **November 12th, 1 - 1.45pm**, to talk you through the KiActiv offer, how it works and how it can support staff.

The session will also cover the eligibility criteria and referral process, helping you to identify colleagues who may benefit from taking part. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Join the demo session here:

https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3296551655412 65?p=drzZjzTvHG917SUO8B

Meeting ID: 329 655 165 541 265

Passcode: h6vG39Vb

DBS REGIONAL SAFEGUARDING OUTREACH WORKSHOPS

If you have staff or volunteers engaging in regulated activity i.e., they have an enhanced DBS with barred list check, then you have a legal duty to refer to the DBS if you remove them from regulated activity due to harm or relevant conduct. DBS Regional Safeguarding Outreach Workshops are offering a free workshop covering:

- the benefits of DBS and your organisation working together
- what 'regulated activity' is
- when a DBS barring referral should be made, including when the legal duty is met
- the three different referral routes
- how to make a good quality referral

Book your place here **DBS Barring and Legal Duty to Refer Workshop Tickets, Tuesday, 26 January 2027 • 1 PM - 3 PM GMT | Eventbrite**

WELL TOGETHER ACTIVITIES AND WALKS

Please click HERE for the Professional Referral Form

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

If you're worried about money or facing an unexpected change in circumstances, help is available.

We and our local partners can provide support with essentials such as food, heating and household costs, as well as advice on benefits, debt, budgeting and maximising your income.

If a sudden financial shock has left you unable to afford essential items, you may also be eligible for support through the Crisis Resilience Fund.

Don't struggle alone. Early support can help you get back on track and improve your financial wellbeing for the future. Funded by UK Government.

Find out more

PROTECTIVE SECURITY SCHEME FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES – OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Home Office's Protective Security Scheme for Faith Communities, formerly the Places of Worship Protective Security Scheme, is now open for applications.

Through this scheme, eligible sites can apply for fully funded physical security measures such as:

- CCTV
- Secure fencing/gates
- Stronger doors and locks
- Window protection
- Intruder alarms
- Entry systems (keypad, fob, intercom)
- External lighting
- Secure mailboxes

The **application portal** is now open and will close on 21 December 2026.

SKILLS FOR CARE
NORTH ASC-WDS WORKSHOP

Discover the benefits of the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS).
Find out how ASC-WDS can support your organisation with staff records, training, funding opportunities and more.
Choose one of three free online sessions:

Monday 9 November 2026 | 10:30–11:30 | Book now

Wednesday 9 December 2026 | 14:00–15:00 | Book now

Tuesday 12 January 2027 | 10:30–11:30 | Book now
You only need to book onto one session.

https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/news-and-events/Events/Ongoing/North-ASC-WDS-workshop.aspx

Click **HERE** for the Immedicare NOVEMBER timetable.

The DASV team bring you a powerful learning event for International Men's Day 2026

This event will combine the latest research evidence, frontline practice insight, and a powerful lived experience exhibition to challenge the silence surrounding childhood sexual abuse and improve access to support - particularly for male survivors. We welcome all practitioners, and encourage male practitioners to join us.

The seminars will be led by Survivors West Yorkshire, showcasing Ben's Place, West Yorkshire's only large-scale specialist service for male survivors.
Dr Stacey Maher (University of Huddersfield) will present her latest research into male survivors.
Lee Cooper will speak about the event's key feature, Victorious Voices, a wraparound survivor-led photography exhibition, which brings together both male and female survivors to demonstrate the strength, solidarity, and allyship that exists across genders in the healing journey.

Event date: Friday 20th November 2026

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Venue: Bronte Lecture Theatre, Bradford College, David Hockney Building, Great Horton Road, Bradford, BD7 1AY



Booking:

Bfd Council Internal Link | Children's Trust Link | External Staff Link

for any booking queries, please contact Evolve@bradford.gov.uk

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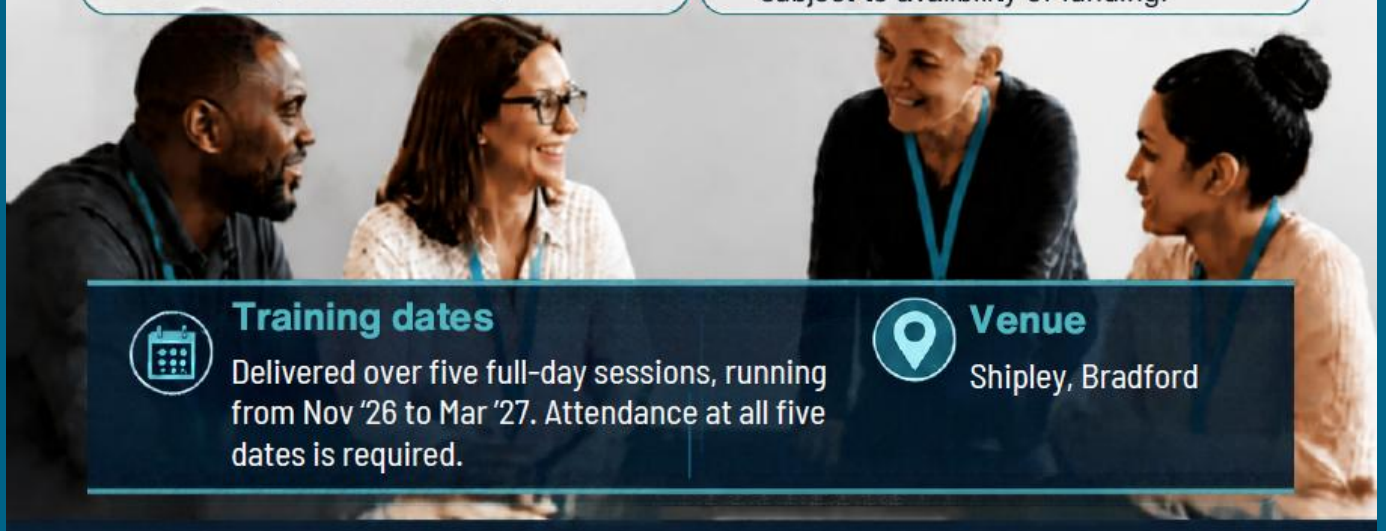
Nationally recognised programmes, delivered by a Quality Assured Care Learning Service training provider.

Why this matters:

- Leaders at all levels are expected to be capable, compassionate, inclusive and credible, with the skills, knowledge, experience and integrity to deliver safe, effective, person-centred care.
- Develop leadership skills and build an action plan to facilitate change sensitively and successfully.

Who it's for:

- For anyone who **leads and manages processes of change** within their teams.
- Usual cost outside Leeds - £600.
- **Special Bradford cost - £525.**
- Eligible organisations can claim back full costs from the Learning and Development Support Scheme subject to availbility of funding.



Training dates

Delivered over five full-day sessions, running from Nov '26 to Mar '27. Attendance at all five dates is required.

Venue

Shipley, Bradford

For more training visit www.bradfordcares.co.uk



CELEBRATE WITH US AND HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE COMMUNITY WORK WE'RE DOING AT MIND THE GAP.

From **Monday 2 to Saturday 7 November**, we're opening the doors at MTG studios for you to experience our multi-artform installation, **Strength in Numbers**. We'll be taking group bookings during the week and the Installation will be open to the public on Saturday 7th of November.

Spread the word! Help us grow the Strength in Numbers community: share this email with a group or person you think might be interested in finding out more about our co-creation approach.

There is lots more information to come yet, and there will be a variety of fun, creative and interactive activities and events to book onto, so please keep an eye out by registering your interest using the following email address and also by visiting the link below for updates.

https://www.mind-the-gap.org.uk/event/strength-in-numbers/1

Email community@mind-the-gap.org.uk to register your interest to find out more about the programme of events.

Please feel free to get back to me if you have any questions or queries and I'd be happy to help.

NHS
Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Ilkley Walk

Every Friday at 10.00am.

Join us for our friendly walk that lasts around 2 hours, starting from the bandstand on The Grove. This is a walk for people of a reasonable level of fitness, although a shorter and longer walk are usually available to accommodate walkers on the day. There are some gradients and uneven ground. Suitable footwear and clothing is required.
Walking is a great way to keep fit, meet new people and explore your local area. All walks are free and no need to book. Just turn up!



Day and times may be subject to change. To join the walk contact: Well Together 01274 259190 or welltogether@bdct.nhs.uk

For more information phone Well Together Service on 01274 259190 or email: Welltogether@bdct.nhs.uk
Or visit our Website to find out more about our service
https://www.bdct.nhs.uk/services/well-together-service/

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CARE HOME BROKERAGE – SEPTEMBER REPORT

City of BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Care Home Brokerage Sitrep

monthly report for September 2026

30 Oct 2026
Last Refreshed

Currently in progress

This includes requests received in the past 7 days

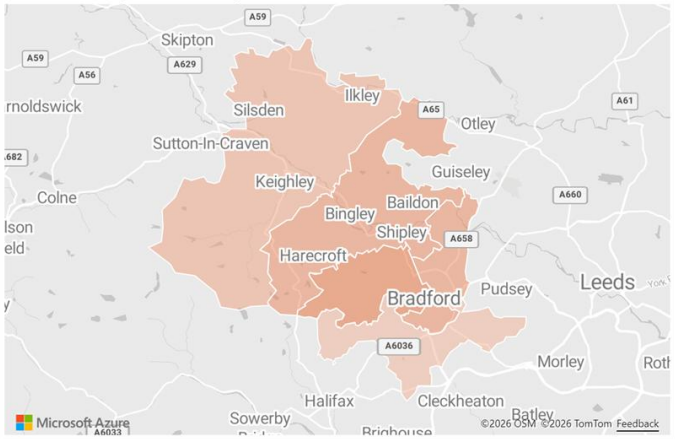
Type	Sep 26
New DTA	29
New LTS Nursing	5
New LTS Residential	18
New Short Term Residential	7
Respite	8
Total	**67**

42
Homes awarded in month

33
Homes updated over 2 weeks ago

26 Oct 2026
Latest capacity report date

Placements by Constituency



Placed in September 2026

Placed

Type	Sep 26
New DTA	30
New LTS Nursing	8
New LTS Residential	29
New Short Term Nursing	less than 5
New Short Term Residential	5
Respite	9
Self Funder	less than 5
Total	**82**

Placed by Constituency

Area	Sep 26
Bradford East	17
Bradford South	12
Bradford West	20
Keighley and Ilkley	14
Shipley	17
Unknown	less than 5
Total	**83**