



City of
BRADFORD
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thursday 1st October 2026

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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.*



Partnering with Parents to Respond to Exploitation Training



Wednesday
7 October 2026



10:00am –
13:00pm



Online
Training



Stronger
Together



Working together
with parents and
carers to keep
children and young
people safe.

#NWGNetwork
#EndChildExploitation

Click [HERE](#) for more details and to book.

Digital Switchover

Analogue technology lines that have connected homes and business via the landline phone system will be moving across to a digital network.

The deadline for the completing the digital phone switchover is January 2027.

The reason for this change is due to the old network 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 important that you speak to your telecoms provider now if you are a telecare user, you need help setting up new equipment for the digital switchover, are unable to use a mobile phone in a power cut, (this might mean that you have an unreliable mobile signal), or if you 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's provider independently, please do support them to do this or contact the provider 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 at: [**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**](#)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AHEAD OF THE NEXT REPORTING WINDOW

NHS CAPACITY TRACKER - Adult Social Care Enforcement

The NHSBSA is working on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to support Care Quality Commission (CQC) registered Adult Social Care providers in submitting monthly data about the services they provide.

Submitting your data

It is a requirement of the [Health and Care Act 2022](#) that Adult Social Care providers must submit data regarding the NHS services they provide.

You must submit data via the Capacity Tracker between the 8th and 14th day of each month (or the next working day where the 14th falls on a weekend or public holiday).

Our Adult Social Care Enforcement team can provide support and guidance to help you.

Non-compliance

If you miss the data submission deadline on 3 consecutive months or any 4 months out of 12, you may be issued a Notice of Intent (NOI). We'll write to you to provide information and guidance on what you need to do to meet your contractual obligations.

After issuing an NOI, if you do not provide the data requested and do not have a reasonable explanation for not doing so, you may be issued a Final Penalty Notice.

For more information, read [the Health and Care Act 2022: adult social care information provisions](#).

Contact us

Adult Social Care providers can contact the NHSBSA Adult Social Care Enforcement Team if you:

- need support to submit your data
- have received a Notice of Intent (NOI)
- have received a Final Penalty Notice that you want to pay
- want to appeal a Final Penalty Notice

Contact the NHSBSA Adult Social Care Enforcement Team by telephone or email. We are open Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Email: enforcement@nhsbsa.nhs.uk

Telephone: 0300 330 2088

[Find out about call charges](#)

Capacity Tracker

If you have a query which relates to the Capacity Tracker, you can contact the Capacity Tracker Support Team by telephone or email. They are open Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm, except on Bank Holidays.

Email: necsu.capacitytracker@nhs.net

Telephone: 0191 691 3729

OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY TRAINING

HAVE YOU REVIEWED YOUR OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY TRAINING YET?

Now is a good time to review your arrangements and make sure your training records and supporting evidence are up to date.

Please remember that the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism is now a legal requirement for CQC-registered health and social care providers.

Providers should ensure that staff complete the appropriate training for their role, including Part 1 and Part 2 of either Tier. **See attached decision tree** for you to work through and decide the level of training your staff require.

Have you reviewed your risk assessment, clearly demonstrating how you have determined the appropriate level of training for your staff and the rationale for your decision? **See example risk below.**

- **OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY TRAINING RISK ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN TIER 1**
- **OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY TRAINING RISK ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN TIER 2**
- **OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY TRAINING DECISION-MAKING FRAMEWORK FOR CQC REGISTERED SETTINGS**

 **Find the next OMMT dates here!**

GOOD NEWS! BOOKING TRAINING ON BRADFORD CARES IS NOW EASIER

Bradford Care Association (BCA) has simplified the booking process for training courses available through the Bradford Cares Hub. There is no longer a need to log in to make a booking. Simply select the number of places required and click "**Get tickets**". For some courses, learners may instead be asked to complete a short online form or contact the BCA by email. Where this applies, full instructions are provided on the booking page.

Places are currently available on a range of upcoming courses, including:

 **CQC Fundamental Standards** (15 October)

 **Oliver McGowan Tier 1 and Tier 2 Training** (various dates through to November)

To view the full programme and book training, visit:

 **<https://bradfordcares.co.uk/training-calendar/>**

Lord Mayor's DINING CLUB

RESTAURANT 19
14

Tuesday 27th October
7 PM

2 Course Meal
Raffle
£25pp

To Book a Place email
lordmayorsappeal@bradford.gov.uk
01274434965



BCA QUALITY WORKSHOP

THE **GOLDEN** THREAD

Better Care from
Assessment to Care Support Planning



Thurs, 8th Oct



9.00am – 1pm

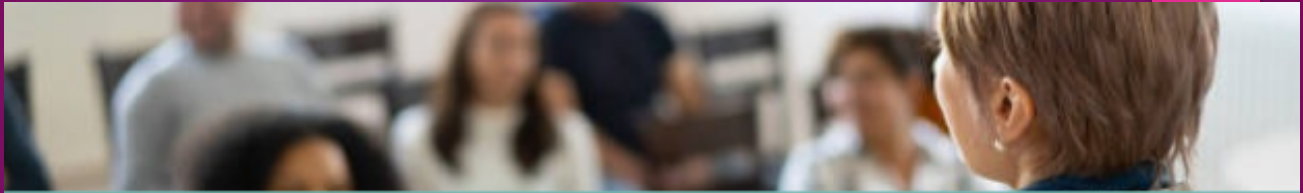


**Mercure Hotel
BD16 1TU**

**BOOK
NOW**

[Click here to
register for free](#)

**or visit Bradford
Cares**



Leadership Development Training Well Led Programme

Following the success of last year's Leadership Development Programmes, Bradford Care Association (BCA) is pleased to once again support providers through access to the Skills for Care Well-Led Programme, delivered by Leeds Leadership Academy.

Leeds Leadership Academy is a Skills for Care quality-assured learning provider, recognised for delivering high-quality leadership development that meets the needs of the adult social care workforce and the people who rely on care and support services.

About the Programme

This programme consists of four full-day, face-to-face workshops designed specifically for leaders working in adult social care.

Developed in partnership with registered managers who understand the day-to-day realities and challenges of leading care services, the programme equips leaders with the skills, knowledge and confidence to deliver services that meet the expectations of a well-led organisation.

Why Attend?

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) expects leaders at all levels to be capable, compassionate, inclusive and credible, with the skills, knowledge, experience and integrity required to deliver safe, effective and person-centred care.

By attending, delegates will:

- Gain an understanding of what leaders in well-led organisations do to achieve high standards.
- Explore practical examples and approaches that can be applied within their own services.
- Strengthen their leadership skills to support the delivery of high-quality, person-centred care.
- Build confidence in meeting the expectations of the CQC Well-Led framework.

Costs: The programme costs £525 per person, which will be invoiced directly by Leeds Leadership Academy.

Funding Available

Yes. Adult social care employers in England may be able to claim the full cost of the programme through the [ASC Learning and Development Support Scheme \(LDSS\)](#), subject to eligibility criteria and successful completion of the course.

See next page for more details



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Well Led Programme

This programme consists of four interactive modules that help managers develop effective leadership skills in adult social care. It focuses on understanding what good leadership looks like, improving service quality, building confidence to lead in challenging environments, setting personal leadership goals, and learning through collaboration and networking with other professionals.

[Click here for more information about this training.](#)

Who Should Attend? This programme is suitable for:

- New and experienced Registered Managers
- Deputy Managers
- Service Managers
- Other managers working within adult social care services

Programme dates:

This course consists of four classroom sessions. Delegates **must attend all four sessions**. Individual sessions cannot be booked separately. Attendance by the same individual at all four workshops is essential to complete the course.

Module	Date & Time	Venue
Module 1	5 October 2026, 09:30-16:30	<u>Czajka Training Centre</u> 3-5 Moorhead Road Shipley, BD18 4JH United Kingdom
Module 2	19 October 2026, 09:30-16:30	
Module 3	4 November 2026, 09:30-16:30	
Module 4	26 November 2026, 09:30-16:30	

**BOOK
NOW**

[For more information & booking - CLICK HERE!](#)



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Care Home Brokerage Sitrep

monthly report for September 2026

01 Oct 2026
Last Refreshed

Currently in progress

This includes requests received in the past 7 days

Type	Sep 26
	less than 5
New DTA	26
New LTS Nursing	13
New LTS Residential	22
New Short Term Residential	7
Respite	11
Total	80

42

Homes awarded in month

30

Homes updated over 2 weeks ago

28 Sep 2026

Latest capacity report date

Placed in September 2026

Placed

Type	Sep 26
New DTA	30
New LTS Nursing	7
New LTS Residential	28
New Short Term Nursing	less than 5
New Short Term Residential	5
Respite	9
Self Funder	less than 5
Total	80

Placed by Constituency

Area	Sep 26
Bradford East	17
Bradford South	11
Bradford West	20
Keighley and Ilkley	14
Shipley	16
Unknown	less than 5
Total	81

Placements by Constituency

