

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.

Thursday 18th April 2024

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- Local Friendship Grants Workshop for Groups supporting those with sensory impairments - 19th April
- Local Friendship Grants Q&A support session – 22nd April
- Provider Contact List Update deadline – 22nd April

PROVIDER CONTACT LIST UPDATES

The Contract & Commissioning Team continue to develop an updated set of contact lists that will allow the Local Authority to cascade important information with key members of partner organisations. For providers that still haven't submitted a response we require urgent action as the deadline of **Monday 22nd April** approaches.

A link to the form is contained within an email with the subject 'ACTION REQUIRED: Contact List - Please Complete This Form'. Please locate this email and complete a submission for your service urgently so that we may include details within our contact lists moving forward. Please note, the form takes approximately 3 minutes to complete and will require you to include contact emails for the following 5 members of your organisation:

- Legally Responsible Person
- Registered Manager and Operational Team Lead
 - Finance Lead
 - Contract Lead
- Emergency Planning Lead

If you are unable to locate the link to the form, please reach out to your Business Relationship Officer for support or contact

commissioninginbox@bradford.gov.uk

CARE SERVICES DIRECTORY UPDATE

The Council has taken the decision to withdraw from the Care & Support Bradford directory, produced by Chris Thorpe Graphic Design Ltd. Because of this decision, Chris has confirmed that the 2025 booklet will be their final edition.

From 2026, the sole directory of focus for the Council's adult social care services will be on Connect to Support, which will be included within the Bradford Shared Access Agreement work, more on this to follow shortly.

As we move through 2024 and 2025, we will continue to encourage you to sign up and update your services on the directory, help and support on this can be found here; <https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/advertise-your-service-on-connect-to-support/>. However a timeline will be shared once created, setting a deadline for your service to be on Connect to Support in full.

To confirm, the work on Social Workers, other professionals and members of the public utilising Connect to Support as the first option has already begun. In order to keep up momentum for this work, we ask that you review/create your profile sooner as possible.

SUPPORTING SAFER VISITING IN CARE HOMES DURING INFECTIOUS ILLNESS OUTBREAKS

Principles to support decision making for those involved in safely planning and protecting visiting during outbreaks of infectious illness in adult social care. Available [here](#).

eMAR WITH BOOTS

A booking Page for any providers to take advantage of frequent online eMAR Demonstrations most Tuesdays & Thursdays each week, 45 minutes with plenty of time for any questions from those who attend:

<https://forms.office.com/r/nt8nPTapJW>

An eMAR Information HUB explaining each of the four systems in more detail with some videos and with the above booking page loaded in too: <https://sway.office.com/i0VYTPzAgacFTFpi?ref=Link>

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Local Friendship Support Grants – Supporting those living with Dementia and/or Sensory Impairments – Round 3

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 are offering a further round of Local Friendship Support Grants of between £250 - £2,000 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.

Alternatively, new for this year groups can apply for between £2,000-£5,000 if they have ideas for a larger project.

These grants due to go live on Monday 8 April 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 will be Monday 3 June at 12 noon and the closing date for applications for £2,000-5,000 will be Tuesday 7 May at 12 noon.

TOWARDS A SMOKE-FREE GENERATION: HOW THE YOUNG OF TODAY ARE LESS LIKELY TO SMOKE THAN EVER BEFORE

Please read our latest blog by Jill Duffy, Reducing Inequalities Senior Manager at Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership. In this blog Jill discusses the recent government announcement to create a 'smoke-free generation', smoking inequalities in Bradford District and Craven, and why we need to keep our eye on the ball. You can [read it on the partnership website](#).

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO GET PEOPLE HOME FAST!

Colleagues within Airedale NHS Foundation Trust and City of Bradford Metropolitan Council have been working in collaboration to deliver a Home First Assessment Support Team (Home FAST) Pilot.

Adapted using the principles from the East Lancs Home First model, the pilot aims to discharge people within 24 hours and undertake an assessment (over a period of up to 3 days) within the individual's own home to determine their ongoing care and support needs.

Acute Therapists working on the wards identify people who no longer meet the criteria to reside but are eligible for an assessment to be undertaken within their own home to determine if they require a package of care from an independent provider, a period of rehabilitation and reablement from the Bradford Enablement Support Team (BEST) or require no further support due to being independent. Referrals are sent through to the Airedale Flow Team who triage and confirm who is eligible for Home FAST and the teams work together to ensure everything is in place (equipment, medication, transport) in time for the 11am discharge slot the next day.

Home FAST consists of a Trusted Assessor and a Physio Therapist or Occupational Therapist who will meet the person back at their home to assess them in a familiar environment to determine their ongoing needs.

Starting with a soft launch early March 2024, discharging one person per day, the pilot has already seen 12 people safely return home and remain home with H FAST which equates to approximately 60 bed days saved. Five of those discharged have had their package of care reduced and four people were able to end their support services due to being independent. Two were transferred onto private home care providers and six have been transferred to BEST for a period of re-ablement. The pilot is now discharging two patients per day and the team have started to explore more complex discharges such as those requiring assistance of two. Starting with people residing in Keighley, they have also expanded to Bingley to support a wider part of the District. It's been a true collaborative effort to set everything up in such a short space of time and overcome challenges whilst learning and adapting along the way.

The pilot is part of the system wide work taking place to implement our Intermediate Care Blueprint that aims to improve outcomes for our population, maintain flow across the health and care system and ensure everyone has equal access to the right care and support at the right time in the right place. A review of the pilot will take place in July to explore opportunities for wider roll out across Bradford district and Craven.



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The **BCA** are delighted to announce that we have joined the **Institute of Health and Social Care Management**. This means that you and your teams have **FREE MEMBERSHIP** and access to all their content which includes:

➤ **Accredited Leadership training** such as High Performance Leadership, "How to" sessions, Short Courses, Deputy Manager Leadership Training for new and/or aspiring leaders, and many more!

➤ **Individual learner portal** – Every member can create their own user portal. This means you can use this portal to create and manage your professional development. This provides the opportunity of gaining Bronze, Silver or Gold awards.

➤ **Access to their special interest groups** such as Women in Leadership, Dementia, Frailty & Living with Long Term Care Conditions, EDI.

➤ **Resources to support your professional development** e.g. resources on Wellbeing for you as leader and for your team.

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Who can join?

All BCA Members individual employees (includes all care and management staff) can join to access the benefits above.

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**If you have any questions please contact Sue Jones (Director of Social Care.)
sjones@ihm.org.uk**



SPOTLIGHT ON... DIGITAL

FREE!

**Tuesday 23rd April
10:30am - 12 pm**

Quality Workshop Agenda:

- ▶ All things CQC (Digital Focus) - *WY Care Associations*
- ▶ Importance of cyber security & useful digital resources - *North East Business Resilience Centre (NEBRC)*
- ▶ DSCR - context about programme, current & future direction - *Kirklees Council*
- ▶ Update on Caldicott Guardians, ICO guidance in relation to transparency and useful digital resources such as free eLearning for staff - *Better Security, Better Care*
- ▶ Digital Tools & Resources - *Skills for Care*
- ▶ Care Association Projects & Contacts - *WY Care Associations*

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE!](#)

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