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Thursday 15 December 2022

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2022 – March 2023 - The Cellar Trust Free Training

Thursday 15th December – Nursing Strikes

Tuesday 20th December – Nursing Strikes

Upcoming events can also be viewed in the [Events Calendar](#) on the Provider Zone!

RCN STRIKE ACTION

Please be aware that the RCN has [announced what NHS services will be exempt from the nursing strike on](#) December 15th and December 20th. Chemotherapy, dialysis, critical care units (such as intensive care and high dependency), neonatal and paediatric intensive care are the services exempt from the strike action. Other services, which do not meet the criteria, may be reduced to a 'Christmas Day' or 'night duty' staffing level. More [details here](#).

ASC PROVISIONS UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT

This is an update from DHSC on the Adult Social Care Provider Information Provisions that require you to submit data monthly through Capacity Tracker.

The [Adult Social Care Information \(Enforcement\) Regulations 2022](#) were made law on 10 November 2022 after being debated in both Houses of Parliament and commenced in December 2022. The guidance on the enforcement process will be published in the week commencing 19th December. This guidance will let you know how DHSC will enforce the information provisions, i.e. what will happen if, from December, you do not update your data monthly, via Capacity Tracker, as outlined in the [guidance on data collection](#) first published in July.

As we have outlined in previous communications, financial penalties will normally be a last resort and the majority of the enforcement process will focus on what support we can give to help you meet the requirements of the Information Provisions.

CARE HOME VACANCY MAP

The Social Work Teams are now using a map to find vacancies for care home placements across the Bradford District. The map displays care homes that are recording vacancies, and are open for placements, on the Capacity Tracker. The map is refreshed on a weekly basis. Please ensure vacancy information is kept up to date on the Capacity Tracker and please make sure that an accurate submission is updated by the end of Tuesday each week. If you require any support with using the Capacity Tracker this can be requested via: necsu.capacitytracker@nhs.net

INFORMATION FOR: ALL PROVIDERS

BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD AND PLATINUM AWARDS FOR COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINATIONS

The Contract and Quality Team is again introducing Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards for Care Homes and Home Support Providers based on the uptake of the Covid-19 Boosters amongst staff members.

Providers that receive the Gold or Platinum award will receive a letter of commendation from Iain Macbeath, Strategic Director of Health and Wellbeing, and Sarah Muckle, Director of Public Health, at Bradford Council.

Below, is a breakdown of the Care Homes and Home Support providers that currently qualify for each award.

This is based on figures from Capacity Tracker therefore it is crucial that you update regularly.

| Award | No. of Care Homes |
|----------|-------------------|
| Bronze | 2 |
| Silver | 2 |
| Gold | 0 |
| Platinum | 2 |

| Award | No. of Home Support |
|----------|---------------------|
| Bronze | 0 |
| Silver | 1 |
| Gold | 1 |
| Platinum | 3 |

There is no deadline for these awards. Should your service become eligible for a higher award, we will issue your new award once the uptake of staff evidence stated above is submitted. To find out more about the Capacity Tracker, please visit [HERE](#).

Please note that the figures on the Capacity Tracker do not differentiate between staff that are hesitant and those that are medically not eligible. If you have vaccinated all eligible staff, please email the Commissioning Inbox and we can update your rating on our records.

EMERGENCY POWER CUTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

Northern Powergrid have answered frequently asked questions about emergency power cuts. To read the Emergency Power Cuts Frequently Asked Questions, please click [HERE](#).

BULK ENERGY CONTRACT FOR CARE PROVIDERS

Care England has worked with Box Power to create a sector-wide tender for gas and electricity. The idea being that by combining sector buying power, Box Power (a registered charity which gives its profits to good causes) can achieve better arrangements for care providers for 2023 than they can alone, which in turn reduces costs to the sector. Any provider interested in this can find more information and express their interest by following this link: [Care England's action to establish the largest Gas and Electricity Tender for Care Providers - Care England](#)



DECEMBER NURSING STRIKES



WHEN?

- Thursday 15 December 2022
- Tuesday 20 December 2022

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Whilst the strikes may not impact providers directly, it is likely that some disruption will be felt at the BRI, AGH and St. Luke's which could impact different ways of working.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO EASE PRESSURE?

Please consider how you might prepare for the strikes when hospital colleagues operate on a reduced workforce:

- Please try and avoid hospital admissions during the nursing strikes. Where possible, consider other options such as Telemeds etc.
- The strikes are likely to cause significant delays for those going into A&E and/or in need of ambulance services. This should be taken into consideration when measuring the impact of sending an escort from your workforce with a service user.
- There may be a need for patients to be diverted to alternative hospitals.

HOW WILL THE LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT YOU?

The Contract & Commissioning Team at Bradford Council will continue to update you of any major updates published by the Royal College of Nurses as they are released.

Please also ensure you are registered with the Bradford Care Association and included in their Provider WhatsApp Group for additional support.

If you encounter challenges and require the advice of the Local Authority advice you can contact the commissioning team at commissioninginbox@bradford.gov.uk or on 01274 434500

WHERE CAN YOU ACCESS MORE INFORMATION?

The Royal College of Nursing have launched a strike hub on their website to help you stay informed. Visit their website at www.rcn.org.uk and visit their strike hub to register for updates:

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaign-with-us/Fair-Pay-for-Nursing/Strike-hub>

NHS AND THIRD SECTOR STAFF & VOLUNTEER WELLBEING WORKSHOP

Mind Leeds are providing wellbeing workshops, open to NHS, voluntary sector and social care staff and volunteers. The workshops cover topics such as resilience, sleep problems and stress.

Resilience Workshop - Tuesday 24th January 2023 1pm - 3pm

Sleep Workshop - Tuesday 14th February 2023 10-12pm

Stress Workshop - Tuesday 21st March 2022 1:00pm – 3:00pm

To book please email bdcccg.wyh.mentalwellbeinghub@nhs.net

For more information, please click [HERE](#).

NHS NORTHERN GAMBLING SERVICE

To read more about the NHS Northern Gambling Service, please click [HERE](#).

YORKSHIRE LEARNING PROVIDERS

Yorkshire Learning Providers offer free, impartial support to small businesses looking to take on an apprentice or just wanting to know what an apprenticeship is!

Our expert advisors work with employers every step of the way to ensure that the process is smooth, and the benefits of apprenticeships are fully utilised. We can help with everything from recruitment right through to sign up – we will tailor this to meet your needs and at no cost to you.

The support is available to small businesses across West & South Yorkshire. To learn more and get involved visit www.wypl.org.uk/employer-engagement-project or contact info.wypl@gmail.com or Megan.graves@wypl.org.uk who will be happy to help!

OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY TRAINING ON LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM E-LEARNING

The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training aims to provide the health and care workforce with the right skills and knowledge to provide safe, compassionate and informed care to autistic people and people with a learning disability. The Health and Care Act 2022 introduced a requirement that regulated CQC registered service providers must ensure their staff receive training on learning disability and autism that is appropriate to their role.

The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training has been co-produced, trialled with over 8300 health and care staff and independently evaluated by the National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi). It comes in two tiers so all staff working across all CQC registered services can receive the right level of mandatory training. The elearning is the first part of The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training. A [communication toolkit](#) is available to help disseminate information about the training.

For further information, please visit [The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism webpage](#) and the [elearning programme webpage](#)

ORAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR THOSE SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES AND AUTISM

Free 1 Hour Virtual Training Session

This online training will give practical advice on oral health conditions and the management and risk factors for dental disease typically impacting on the patient with learning disabilities and autism.

| TRAINING DATES | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Tuesday 10th January 2023 | 13:00-14:00 |
| Tuesday 7th February 2023 | 13:00-14:00 |
| Wednesday 8th March | 13:00-14:00 |

A certificate for one-hour Continuous Professional Development will awarded. To book your place or for further information contact: oralhealthtraining.ne@hee.nhs.uk.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the Oral Health Training poster.

FREE END OF LIFE CARE TRAINING

- Do you look after patients/clients and at the end of life? attend these as standalone sessions or attend all 4 areas:
 - Do you support patients/clients and those important to them to start to think about their care as they become less well?
 - Do you want to gain more skills and knowledge around end of life care and having those challenging conversations?

Free places are available for those who deliver personalised care across West Yorkshire, including health, social care and VCSE staff and volunteers who need to be able to deliver culturally competent personalised care, taking into account individual needs, preferences and circumstances.

The virtual interactive education sessions will focus on 4 key areas of end of life:

- Supporting personalised and advance care planning discussions at the end of life
 - Difficult conversations at the end of life
- Supporting carers to care for patients in last weeks and days of life
 - Bereavement and loss (including self care)

Facilitators: Palliative Care Clinicians and educators from St Gemma's Hospice will deliver the sessions via zoom. All training will be delivered virtually via Zoom; you will need access to a PC with camera and microphone; or laptop; or Smart Phone. Once you have booked on you will be sent further detailed information for joining the session via zoom. If you have any questions, please email:

AUPCcourses@st-gemma.co.uk
www.st-gemma.co.uk/professional-development

To find out the dates and times for each session, please read the poster [HERE](#).

PAYING ON PLANNED SERVICES

In these exceptional times, in an attempt to help ease the financial and administrative pressures, payments will be made on the planned level of service.

All providers with the exception of residential and nursing homes will be required to keep a record of the actual level of service provided and to supply that information via payment claim forms as soon as possible. Payments will be made on a scheduled basis based on the planned level of service rather than waiting for completed payment claim forms to be supplied. Adjustments to the planned service will be processed as soon as possible after the PCF is returned.

For non-residential providers, please can you update the Payments Team with the email address the electronic payment claim form should be sent to. Please supply the details to cca.payments@bradford.gov.uk For Residential and Nursing homes, payment claim forms will cease to be provided.

For the time being, Residential and Nursing home providers are asked to email details of all discharges or deaths to the Contracts Team as and when they occur to cca.contractsteam@bradford.gov.uk



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THE CELLAR TRUST FREE TRAINING NEURODIVERSITY TRAINING

As part of the Living Well Mental Health Programme, The Cellar Trust and BTM are delighted to work in partnership to deliver some unique training on 'neurodiversity' and how this can intersect with mental health difficulties. This excellent face-to-face training is provided free of charge to any attendee who lives in the Bradford & Craven area. Each 2-hour session will explore the definition of 'neurodiversity', detail the different conditions that this can cover, in addition to looking at which services are available and what sort of reasonable adjustments could be considered within the workplace. Coproduced with people with lived experiences and includes case studies of their experiences.

Dates: Various dates between December 2022 – March 2023

Timings: 2 hour session, start time either 10am or 1pm

Location: BTM 11/12 Eldon Place, Bradford, BD1 3AZ.

Book your free place here: www.eventbrite.com/cc/neurodiversity-training-1123539

THE CELLAR TRUST FREE TRAINING INTRODUCTION TO COUNSELLING

Working in partnership with Cancer Support Yorkshire as part of the My Living Well Mental Health Programme. These sessions will use a mixture of sharing information to help you to participate in thinking and reflecting for yourself and with others on what counselling is about. Although Counselling is a serious subject, we will aim to make the training a fun experience too.

Dates: Various dates between December 2022 – March 2023

Timings: 10am – 4pm.

Location: The Cellar Trust, Farfield Road, Shipley, BD18 4QP

Book your free place here: www.eventbrite.com/cc/introduction-to-counselling-skills-1318739

THE CELLAR TRUST FREE TRAINING SELF-HARM TRAINING

The Cellar Trust and Battle Scars are delighted to work in partnership to deliver online Self-Harm Training as part of the Living Well Mental Health Programme.

These 2-hour sessions offer you the rare opportunity to ask those awkward questions and gain insights only survivors can provide. They are delivered with honesty and openness; please be aware that some may find them triggering. Battle Scars is a 100% survivor led and run charity supporting anyone affected by self-harm, whose aims are to raise awareness and break down the stigma by dispelling myths through education.

Dates: Various dates between December 2022 – March 2023

Timings: 2 hour session, start time either 10.30am, 1.30pm or 6.30pm

Location: Online

Book your free place here: www.eventbrite.com/cc/self-harm-training-1258149



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ACTIVITY COORDINATOR NETWORK

Why join the network?

- Support one another
- Showcase ideas and resources
- Learn from each other
- Hear from external speakers / organisations
- Monthly Meetings with other Activity Coordinator's
- WhatsApp Group - sharing ideas on the go



How to join the Activity Coordinator Network?

Email admin@bradfordcareassociation.org to join the network. You can then receive the Monthly Zoom Meeting Calendar Invites + be added to the WhatsApp Group



**For more information email:
admin@bradfordcareassociation.org**

INFORMATION FOR: ACCOMMODATION BASED SERVICES

IMMEDICARE MOODLE VIRTUAL TRAINING

The Moodle virtual training sessions are cancelled until the 9th of January. The January timetable will be sent out in the next few weeks. if you have any questions, please email Angela at acunningham@immedicare.co.uk.

The Immedicare Team

COVID-19 INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN CARE SETTINGS

Care workers and visitors to care homes do not routinely need to wear a face mask at all times in care settings or when providing care in people's own homes. However there remain a number of circumstances where it is recommended that care workers and visitors to care settings wear masks to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

These are:

- if the person being cared for is known or suspected to have COVID-19 (recommended Type IIR fluid-repellent surgical mask)
- if the member of staff is a household or overnight contact of someone who has had a positive test result for COVID-19
- if the care setting is in an outbreak – see section on outbreak management for further information

If a care recipient is particularly vulnerable to severe outcomes from COVID-19 (for example, [potentially eligible for COVID-19 therapeutics](#)) mask wearing may be considered on an individual basis in accordance with their preferences.

Mask wearing may also be considered when an event or gathering is assessed as having a particularly high risk of transmission.

If the care recipient would prefer care workers or visitors to wear a mask while providing them with care then this should be supported. Providers should also support the personal preferences of care workers and visitors to wear a mask in scenarios over and above those recommended in this guidance.

As per the recommendations for standard precautions, type IIR masks should always be worn if there is a risk of splashing of blood or body fluids.

INFORMATION FOR: COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

THE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME FOR ORGAN DONATION

Funding available to groups who help raise awareness of organ donation amongst Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities

The Community Grants Programme, run by NHS Blood and Transplant, is aiming to fund community, faith or belief organisations to deliver projects that encourage more Black and Asian people to become donors. NHS Blood and Transplant is looking for applications that will engage diverse communities at grassroots level.

There is a total of £700,000 available to community-based projects across England and Wales. Organisations can apply up to £20,000 in funding for a 12 month project. For further information, please visit the NHS Blood and Transplant website. Applications should be submitted by midnight on 8 January 2023.

SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANTS

The Suicide Prevention Small Grants scheme is funded by Bradford Council Public Health to improve support and positive wellbeing of Bradford citizens. The scheme will fund new or emerging areas of work tailored towards adults aged 18 and over. The aim is to support projects that reflect key priorities of the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Suicide Prevention Plan and the Bradford District Suicide Prevention Plan.

For more info please visit <https://cnet.org.uk/Projects/Grants>. Deadline for applications: 4pm on Monday 9 January 2023

HOSPITAL PROCESS FOR HOME SUPPORT PROVIDERS

By informing the Trusted Assessors based in Bradford Royal Infirmary and Airedale Hospital when service users have been admitted, they will allocate a worker to act as a key worker and support with communication between the wards and service provider to ensure a smooth discharge. The Trusted Assessors can assist with moving and handling and equipment queries as well as ensuring that the current package of care is adequate to meet their needs on discharge. Please use this service as so far only a handful of providers are regularly sending this information. The process is there to assist you and ensure a smooth discharge process as well as improving communication.

Please email address the Trusted Assessors at HospitalDTAManagers@Bradford.gov.uk. In addition to the email address there are two duty numbers which are;

AGH 01535 293711 or 01535 293712
BRI 01274 383617 or 01274 364292