

Thursday 30th January 2025

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.

PROVIDER BULLETIN

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- Photo Conversations – February 22nd
 - Grue (walk) – 15th – 24th February
- Women's Health Conference – February 27th
 - Goals Bradford – 5th March
- Have your say on proposed savings – March 6th
- Improving your cqc rating seminar – March 12th
- THET/Global Health Partnerships Diaspora Healthcare Champion Awards – March 18th
- Huntington's Disease and mental health - online study day – March 20th
 - Dragons - Eun-Me Ahn Dance Company – March 21st – 22nd
 - Black Dyke Band - April 12th

If you are aware of any upcoming events and would like to advertise on the Event Calendar, please visit [HERE](#) and post an entry.

Local Friendship Grants Round 4 Workshop for Groups supporting people living with dementia and their carers:

- Tuesday 25th February, 10:30-12:30

Local Friendship Grants Round 4 Workshop for Groups supporting those with sensory impairments:

- Thursday 6th March, 11:00-13:00

*Grants go live on 20/02/2025 – further information to follow shortly.

Local Friendship Support Grants – Supporting those living with Dementia and/or Sensory Impairments – Round 4

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 is offering a further round of Local Friendship Support Grants of between **£250 - £2,000** and **£2,000 - £5,000** 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.

These grants due to go live on **Thursday 20th February** 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 is Tuesday 22nd April at 12 noon and the closing date for applications for £2,000-5,000 is Thursday 20th March at 12 noon.

Please note: If you have already successfully applied for a previous round of this funding **you are welcome to apply again**. You cannot submit the same application but may build on a previous application or apply for something different.

To be successful, applications must focus on the benefit you could have to people living with dementia and their carers and/or people with sensory impairments. However, your group does not need to only support these cohorts.

[More information on the following page]

We are hosting two workshops to further explain how you can access these grants and offer support with applications. Anyone is welcome to attend these sessions.

Local Friendship Grants Workshop for groups supporting people living with dementia and their carers:

A workshop to give further information on the grants process, the criteria and how to apply

- Tuesday 25th February 2025, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- CNet, 10 Mornington Villas, Bradford, BD8 7HB

To book a place at this workshop, please email grants@cnet.org.uk or phone 01274 305045.

Local Friendship Grants Workshop for Groups supporting those with sensory impairments:

A workshop to give further information on the grants process, the criteria and how to apply (please note there will be a BSL interpreter at this session)

- Thursday 6th March 2025, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Morley Street Resource Centre, 124 Morley Street, Bradford, BD7 1BB

To book a place at the Sensory Impairment specific workshop, email or phone the Sensory Needs Service Reception at sns.general@bradford.gov.uk or on 01274 435001

If you have any queries or would like further details, please contact:

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**MARKET BRIEFING ON BRADFORD COUNCIL ADULT SOCIAL CARE
FEE UPLIFT 25/26**

View the briefing [HERE](#).

WELL TOGETHER WALKS AND SERVICES

For the walk schedule click [here](#)
For virtual or face to face services click [here](#)
For service professional referral form click [here](#)

BCA Care Fee 25/26 Response Survey

This survey will help to inform Bradford Care Association's response on behalf of providers to the 25/26 fee uplift proposals from Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC).

[Click here for the Market Briefing on BMDC Adult Social Care Fee Uplift 25/26](#)

All your information will be anonymous. The short survey will only take 2 minutes to complete. The survey deadline for final submissions is **Monday 24th February**.

[Click here to complete the short survey!](#)

If you have any problems responding to the survey, please contact admin@bradfordcareassociation.org.

Skills for Work – The Digital Landscape Workshop

Learn to navigate the modern work environment and increase your productivity using AI tools.

Free 2 hour workshop at Britannia House covering creativity and brainstorming, communication data conversation, learning conversations and CV writing/ checking.

Visit www.skills-for-work.co.uk for information, or contact familylearning@bradford.gov.uk / 01274 433648

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Access a wide variety of short online qualifications currently open and funded for all UK permanent residents aged 19+

Examples include Level 1 Award in Health & Safety, Level 3 Award in Introduction to Safeguarding, Level 3 Award in Healthy Living for Wellbeing and Mental Health and many more!

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Care Provider Alliance Review – The Single Assessment Framework: An Update

We have just published our response to the Care Provider Alliance's review of our single assessment framework.

We commissioned the Care Provider Alliance (CPA) last autumn to review our single assessment framework alongside the review by [Professor Sir Mike Richards](#). We are grateful to the members of the CPA who took part in and supported this work.

The review examined the perspectives of adult social care providers of the assessment framework and what they want from regulation by CQC. It also raised provider concerns about assessment, registration, and backlogs. Sir Julian Hartley, Chief Executive of CQC commented "We welcome this report which has been instrumental in ensuring we hear the voices of a wide range of adult social care providers, as the findings are a robust reflection of their views and experiences."

Feedback represents over 1,200 respondents to an online survey and the views of more than 100 providers shared through 5 workshops.

James Bullion, Chief Inspector of Adult Social Care and Integrated Care, added:

"This report gives us a practical agenda for change which we will incorporate into our urgent improvement work underway in CQC. Professor Vic Rayner, as chair of the CPA, met with me and my Executive Team colleagues and with the CQC Board to discuss the findings of this report. She articulated a powerful message on behalf of providers, including in some cases the distressing impact of approaches to regulation and assessment on their organisations and mental wellbeing. We are grateful for their feedback and acknowledge their experience.

"We acknowledge too the strength of feeling from providers about the need to improve their experience of inspection. Underlying this report (but not looked at in detail) are the changes needed to improve our computer systems, portal arrangements and communications. CQC colleagues have themselves struggled with the challenges caused by the technology issues and rollout of the assessment framework, including the clarity of how the system worked, training, complexity of the approach, and the consistency of approaches in different care sectors. CQC inspectors are skilled and dedicated to good regulation and have struggled to be effective because of these factors".

There is more on the review and on [our response on our website](#).

Survivor leaders - fighting for change after sexual violence

For the newsletter article click [here](#)
For the leadership academy click [here](#)

PROVIDER PORTAL IMPLEMENTATION

The online portal will replace the existing payment claim forms and introduce a more streamlined process for submitting and managing your service data directly online.

The Provider Portal has already been implemented in the following areas:

- Home Support
- Extra Care
- Day Activities
- Support at Day Care

The process for implementation is ongoing for Supported Living and Support at Residential & Nursing.

As this is a significant shift, it is **crucial** the correct staff within your organisation, particularly those responsible for data entry, financial management, payments and those overseeing or understanding service delivery, are fully engaged in this transition. Ensuring accuracy and familiarity with the system will be critical, as it will have a direct impact on payments.

Why this is important:

- The portal will replace manual payment claim forms, and submissions will be made directly through the portal.
- Incorrect or incomplete data entry could affect payment timelines, so it's crucial to ensure your staff are well prepared.

A section of Connect to Support has been dedicated to the Provider Zone, including a central dashboard full of useful tips on how to make a Provider Portal submission. You can access the page using this [LINK](#).

Please note, a useful links box can be in the top right of the page with links to service specific areas. We encourage you to share this information with members of your finance team so they can refer to helpful guidance documentation and tutorial videos where required.

PROVIDER PORTAL – SUPPORTED LIVING

Two sessions on the Provider Portal for supported living providers have taken place and the Provider Portal page on Connect to Support will be updated to include guidance.

The rollout date for Cohort 1&2 is Monday 17th February with payment claim forms not being issued from week 10th – 16th February 2025, therefore any reductions/changes will need to be completed on the portal for 10th – 16th February 2025.

PROVIDER PORTAL – SUPPORT AT RESIDENTIAL & NURSING

THE WAY PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE IS CHANGING FOR THOSE WHO ARE PROVIDING SUPPORT AT RESIDENTIAL AND SUPPORT AT NURSING

Please note that this message relates to managing payments for 1:1 placements. This is a new feature being added to the existing Provider Portal that Care Homes are already using.

The [attached form](#) is for you to complete details of those personnel you would like to grant access to financial information and to submit necessary information to ensure payments are up to date and accurate.

PLEASE RETURN THE FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO - Provider.Portal@bradford.gov.uk

Please note access will only be granted to personnel who are named on the returned form

Personnel who are granted access will be able to view all financial information for all the services you provide

The roll out will be week beginning Monday 24th February 2025 with payment claim forms not being issued from week 17th – 23rd February 2025, therefore any reductions/changes will need to be completed on the portal for 17th – 23rd February 2025.

We are hosting dedicated training session on **Monday 10th February at 11am – 12pm hosted on MS Teams**. You can join the session with this [LINK](#).

We look forward to seeing you on the training session and supporting you with the changes.

For BCA Forum February 25th click [here](#)

For internal into employment factsheet click [here](#)

For the DVSA Training Calendar Click [Here](#)

For the Provider Briefing click [here](#)

For a free conference with care homes click [here](#)

Have your say on anticoagulation services

We're looking at ways to improve anticoagulation services—which support people taking blood thinners like Warfarin or Direct Oral Anticoagulants (DOACs). Warfarin users need regular blood tests (INR tests) to stay safe, but newer DOACs don't require them. As more people switch to DOACs, services may need to change. If you use these services, care for someone who does, or work in this area, we want to hear from you. Your views will help us improve care. [Take our short survey before 3 March](#). Please share this through your networks with anyone who might be interested—your feedback can make a real difference.

Improving support for ethnic minority communities in North Yorkshire

Do you or your family member need extra help with daily living tasks because of age, disability or long-term physical illness or emotional wellbeing – or are you an organisation that works with people locally?

Healthwatch North Yorkshire is reaching out to ethnic minority communities to better understand the views and experiences of people who need extra support to stay safe, healthy, and cared for.

[Find out more and share your experiences.](#)

RESILIENCE BASED CLINICAL SUPERVISION SOCIAL CARE

MANAGERS FORM

About Resilience-based Clinical Supervision

Nursing in a social care setting is recognised as increasingly challenging in today's world. Resilience-based Clinical Supervision (RBCS) is a way of supporting you and your team by recognising your own and others' emotions and how you can positively respond to them. The Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) is delighted to offer a programme that will enable nurses to experience RBCS with a view to becoming facilitators. This programme is free for participants who are registered nurses or nurse associates working in social care in England. RBCS is a tried and trusted model experienced by hundreds of nurses across the country and beyond. The model's rationale is to increase an individual's ability to respond positively to the emotional and physiological demands of their role.

Programme outline

The programme consists of 5 sessions, 3 x 3-hour sessions, followed by 2 x 2-hour sessions in small groups of 6-8. It will be delivered online using Teams. There will be some pre-work (approx. 1 hour). The total commitment is 14 hours. The programme will help your staff understand how RBCS works, what its underpinning values are, and support them to facilitate RBCS with your care team. Dates for the whole cohort are compulsory and cannot be swapped with other cohort dates.

Accessing the programme

This is a virtual programme which involves individual participation and reflection. To get the most out of it, your member of staff will require:

- A quiet, private space where they feel comfortable and safe to participate and share learning.
- Access to a laptop/computer/iPad which can access Teams, and which has a camera and a microphone.

This is a participatory programme.

Please register your interest by signing [THIS FORM](#) to say that you support your member of staff to access and participate in the programme. If you require any further information, please email rbc.socialcare@fons.org



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Requirements:

MINIMUM 12 HOURS SIGN UP
OVER 2 DAYS

6 HOURS PER DAY

TIMING 9.00 - 15.00

HAVE THE ABILITY TO ACCESS
A 1:3 GROUP RATIO

PICK UP AND DROP OFF SERVICE
AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL COST

OPTION TO FUND THROUGH DIRECT PAYMENTS

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For the adult day service package click [here](#)