

Thursday 25th September 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.



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- THE STATE OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE SECTOR AND WORKFORCE IN ENGLAND 2025: REGIONAL LAUNCH EVENT - 23rd October
 - Understanding and responding to self neglect conference – 21st November
- If you are aware of any upcoming events and would like to advertise on the Event Calendar, please visit [HERE](#) and post an entry.*

EDUCATION DROP-IN - FOR SUPPORT WITH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Is your child struggling to attend school regularly? Or does your child's school have concerns about your child's attendance?

Come along to this new drop-in session, for non-judgmental support and advice:

- A safe space to discuss worries or seek advice
- Putting families in touch with services that provide support
- An impartial link to support conversation with your child's school
- Connecting families with an attendance support worker

For parents and carers of children aged 5 to 16 who attend, or have a place at, a school in the Bradford District. Professionals also welcome to drop in for advice and information.

Sessions will be held weekly across the Bradford district's Family Hubs (during term time only). Drop-in session - no need to book.

Please check the [Family Hub timetables](#) for more information about upcoming sessions, or visit the What's On guide on the FYI website: [Education drop-in \(school attendance\)](#).

If you have any questions please email Attendance@bradford.gov.uk.

SHORT-TERM SUPPORT AND DISCHARGE TO ASSESS PATHWAY 3

Two opportunities will soon be launched via email- so please look out for these.

- 1) Short- Term Support – placement into a residential or nursing setting. These placements have historically taken place but without a formal contract. This specification for the service formalises this arrangement and is an addendum to the documentation under the current Provider List. These services will also now be chargeable to the individual under the Council's contribution policy.
- 2) Discharge to Assess Pathway 3. The DTA P3 list has been in operation for a year. The process will be re-opened to allow for new and existing DTA providers to sign up to an updated specification, which includes reference to the new brokerage team being set up. **If you wish to deliver these services, you will need to complete the survey, even if you have previously signed up to this.**

It is our intention to launch these in October, and start in November: this will be via two separate emails which contains a link to a short survey where Providers will confirm they agree to the arrangements.

Delivery under either of these specifications is not mandatory and homes are required to opt-in should they wish to be considered for a placement.

By doing so, homes are agreeing to deliver the requirements of the service and accept the contracted rate.

The specification and other documents will be attached to these emails and Providers are advised to familiarise themselves with the documents before completing the survey.

Immedicare Timetable for October 2025

WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY INCLUSIVE GROWTH DEVELOPMENT FUND, THRIVEN

What is ThriveND?

Led by the **Neurodiversity & Entrepreneurship Association**, through the kind support of the **West Yorkshire Combined Authority Inclusive Growth Development Fund**, **ThriveND** is a 12-month initiative to create a vibrant, inclusive business support network for neurodivergent entrepreneurs and aspiring self-employed individuals across the West Yorkshire region and beyond. Our vision is to build a thriving, self-sustaining community where neurodivergent people can connect, grow, and succeed in enterprise - on their own terms.

Why is it needed?

Despite the rise in entrepreneurship among neurodivergent individuals, there is a critical lack of tailored support. Many face cognitive overload, perfectionism, rejection sensitivity, or struggle with traditional time and workload management. These barriers are rarely addressed by mainstream provision, which often lacks accessibility, psychological safety, and peer relevance.

Neurodivergent people - including those with autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and other cognitive differences - are significantly more likely to pursue self-employment due to exclusion from traditional workplaces. Yet mainstream business support is rarely designed with their needs in mind, leading to isolation, inaccessibility, and missed opportunities for innovation and contribution.

Who is it for?

ThriveND focuses specifically on neurodivergent adults who are self-employed or exploring entrepreneurship.

Priority will be given to participants who are based in West Yorkshire. If you don't live in West Yorkshire, you are welcome to register your interest and we will contact you regarding available places.

Who is running the programme?

ThriveND will be led by Rob Edwards, NEA CEO and neurodivergent entrepreneur with over 20 years' experience in entrepreneurship education. He is supported by Claire Butcher, NEA's Head of Coaching and a specialist in inclusive learning design. Both led a 2023 WYCA-funded pilot supporting 20 neurodivergent founders, and many of the insights from that programme - including session structure, recruitment methods, and accessibility practices - will inform this delivery.

Thanks to WYCA's support, the programme is offered to participants at a heavily-reduced rate of **just £25 for the whole 12 months**.

To apply, please complete the **ThriveND** application form **by Monday, 29th September**. You can email info@nea.global with any queries.

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

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2025 – DO IT FAIR

This year's Fairtrade Fortnight is Monday, 22 September to Sunday, 5 October and there will be events across the district to mark the annual campaign.

[Fairtrade Fortnight](#) is the Fairtrade Foundation's annual promotion of Fairtrade and the global Fairtrade movement which seeks to raise awareness of the plight of farmers in less developed countries and help them get fairer pay, fairer treatment and fairer futures.

This year's theme is 'Do It Fair'. Choosing Fairtrade products such as Fairtrade tea, coffee, bananas and chocolate ensures farmers receive the Fairtrade Minimum Price for their products and are empowered to invest in their farms, families and futures.

The following local events are also planned over the fortnight:

- Sunday, 28 September, 8.45am - 10am - [Fairtrade Breakfast at Bradford Cathedral.](#)
- Saturday, 4 October, 11.30am – 4pm - 'Paddington's Haworth Adventure'. Fairtrade Haworth has teamed up with Haworth Twinning Group to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight and 20 years of Haworth's twinning with Machu Picchu, Peru. Meet outside Haworth Old Hall at 11.30am for a 12-noon Fairtrade and Peru themed trail and quiz up Main Street. Take a picnic lunch to West Lane Baptist Church, where there will be a screening of 'Paddington in Peru' at 1.15pm. Small film charge – [tickets via Eventbrite.](#) Fairtrade refreshments will be available.
- Saturday, 4 October, 2pm - 4pm - 'Brew it Fair' Fairtrade tea party with Fairtrade tea tasting at Christchurch Lower Hall, The Grove, Ilkley.
- Sunday, 5 October, after 10.30am service - [Big Brew for Transform Trade at Bradford Cathedral](#)

LIVING WELL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our September newsletter!

Free offers, support, and local events to help you feel good, get connected, and live well in Bradford district.

Link to view newsletter as a webpage: [Living Well September Newsletter](#)

SENDiVERSE SCULPTURE COMPETITION

Dear Children, Young People, Families, Schools and Community Organisations,

We are delighted to invite you to take part in the **SENDiVERSE Sculpture Competition** as part of this year's SENDiVERSE Festival.

This is a fantastic opportunity for **children and young people aged 4–25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)** across Bradford & Keighley to showcase their creativity.

What's it all about?

The winning sculpture design will be transformed into a **large outdoor artwork**, decorated in vibrant **Pakistani-style truck art** and glowing with lights for everyone to enjoy at the **SENDiVERSE Festival Big Bang** on **Saturday 1st November 2025**.

Prizes

- **1st Prize:** £50 voucher
- **4 Runners-up:** £25 vouchers

Key Dates

- Entries close: **12 noon, Friday 18th October 2025**
- Finalists announced and celebrated at the Festival

Competition Details Attached

Please see the attached competition document for:

- Step-by-step instructions on how to create and submit your sculpture idea
 - Entry requirements
 - Terms and Conditions

Entries should be submitted by email to [**info@the-leap.org.uk**](mailto:info@the-leap.org.uk) with the subject line: **Sculpture Competition**.

We can't wait to see the bold, brilliant and imaginative designs that Bradford's SEND children and young people create!

For more information click [**HERE**](#)

VETERANS CAFE REMINDER

Wednesday 24th September 2025

Firstly, we hope you enjoyed our Veterans Cafe at the 2025 Craven Nursing Home Summer Fete. The day was a huge success, and it was great to see so many different aspects of the Spellman Care community coming together.

As we move out of summer, it's time for us to remind you about our first autumn Veterans Cafe this Friday (26th September).

Join us between our usual times of 2 pm and 3.30 pm for another brilliant social occasion, this time at Ghyll Royd Care Home in Guiseley.

Can't make it this Friday? Don't worry, we have included our upcoming dates for the rest of the year below.

BRADFORD - MENCAP ACTIVE COMMUNITY & OUR ACTIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

Mencap Active Community is delighted to announce that our national tour of conferences is coming to **Bradford Wednesday, October 29 · 10am - 4pm GMT! Click the link below to book your place FOR FREE!**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bradford-mencap-active-community-our-active-community-conference-tickets-1411742121689?aff=oddtcreator>

Triple A screening for men with learning disabilities

Men aged 65 and over should have Triple A screening. This is a one-off ultrasound examination.

Waddiloves has a Triple A screening clinic for men with learning disabilities who have not attended Triple A screening before.

It is Thursday 2nd October 2025
between 1 – 3 pm.



Please email waddilovesclinic@bdct.nhs.uk with the person's NHS number if you or someone you support wants to attend.

More information is available at
www.gov.uk/government/publications/abdominal-aortic-aneurysm-screening-easy-guide

For more information click [HERE](#)



Grants of £2500-£4500 available NOW to local groups and organisations



(*Total Grant Pot is £14,000)

Grant applicants must be based,
or operate, in the communities
served by Saltaire & Windhill
Medical Partnership and/or Idle
Medical Centre



For an application pack - or more information - contact:

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CLOSING DATE:

FRI 24th OCTOBER 5pm



Our priority population groups are:

- People living on their own aged 60+ with one or more long term health conditions
- Individuals (children, young people and adults) who are Neurodiverse
- Carers
- Care leavers (aged 16 +)
- Physically disabled adults





ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025



Thursday 13th November 2025



9:30am - 4pm



Mercure Bradford Bankfield Hotel, BD16 1TU



Lunch and Refreshments included



Agenda Includes:

- Update from CQC
- Hempsons CQC Update
- Local and Regional Update
- National Update
- Digital Update
- BCA Update
- Bradford 2025 Quiz

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