

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 - Groups supporting people living with dementia - 17<sup>th</sup> April
- Local Friendship Grants Workshop for Groups supporting those with sensory impairments - 19<sup>th</sup> April
- Local Friendship Grants Q&A support session - 22<sup>nd</sup> April



## CAPACITY TRACKER UPDATE

Please be aware that providers of Care Home and Home Support services are legally required to update the Capacity Tracker. This must be completed between the 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> each month to have a submission recorded.

Non-compliance of 3 consecutive months or 4 periods in a 12 month period may result in the Department of Health and Social Care taking action against providers and fines being issued. The **clock will not be re-set in April 2024** (as it was in 2023) and Bradford Council have been informed that enforcement is now commencing. If providers have not reported in the previous reporting windows then they are at risk of action being taken, particularly if the last two reporting windows have already been missed.

Bradford Council also operate a vacancy map for care homes which is used by social workers. The map is populated by care homes showing vacancies on the Capacity Tracker. It is updated each Wednesday. Please ensure your data is up to date each Tuesday to appear on the map.

If any provider does not have access to the Capacity Tracker or need to change the details of their log in please contact the support desk at the Capacity Tracker directly. The Capacity Tracker also have training available on their website, should any provider need support with using the system.

## ADULT SOCIAL CARE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

To read more about the Adult Social Care Training and Development Fund, please click [HERE](#).

## **WEST YORKSHIRE MARCH 2024 DIGITAL MONTH – RESOURCE PACK**

In March 2024, a series of webinars with a digital focus on specific topics were held, inviting West Yorkshire Providers to attend for free.

Topics covered included digital resources & tools for CQC support, data & cyber security, record keeping tips, eMAR, social media training, Microsoft 365, and more.

The resource pack includes recordings of all webinars and contact details of speakers.

To find out more, click [HERE](#)

## **PROVIDER CONTACT LIST UPDATES**

The Contract & Commission 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. 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.

# Uniform Savers



## SIGN UP TODAY!

Did you know you may be eligible for £100 to put towards the cost of school uniforms? We've teamed up with Bradford City Council to bring back our UniformSavers project for the third time!

## Start Saving

UniformSavers is a West Yorkshire Combined Authority-funded project that enables single parent families to develop healthy savings habits. Save with us three times before August 2024 and receive a £100 incentive.



Follow us on Facebook  
@BfdCreditUnion

## How do I apply?

Simply contact

[uniformsavers@braford.gov.uk](mailto:uniformsavers@braford.gov.uk)  
or visit

[www.bdcu.co.uk](http://www.bdcu.co.uk)

 **Credit Union**  
BRADFORD DISTRICT

your **local** credit union

[Bradford: Parents urged to sign up to school uniform saving scheme - BBC News](#)

## **DEVELOPING A WORKFORCE STRATEGY FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH REGULATED PROFESSIONS**

On the 30 April 2024 Skills for Care convening a roundtable discussion with nurses, nursing associates, occupational therapists and social workers currently practising in social care settings. This will be an opportunity to hear an update on our work to develop the strategy and share your thoughts on what must be included and addressed within it.

To find out more on how to join this discussion, please click [HERE](#).

Please note, this event is for practitioners. If you are a manager, Principal Social Worker or Principal Occupational Therapist, or other senior leader, please pass details of this opportunity to your staff.

## **VIEWS OF UNPAID CARERS NEEDED TO HELP REFRESH THE BRADFORD CARERS STRATEGY**

We know from the census that there are over 45,000 people in Bradford District, looking after someone who needs help, without being paid. We want to understand about people's experiences, whether you feel supported and what can be done to help. We are now reviewing the Carers Strategy and would like to hear from unpaid carers about their experiences. [Share your views through this online survey](#) that's running until Tuesday 30 April 2024.

## **NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR SKILLSHOUSE CAREERS AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AWARDS 2024**

The prestigious SkillsHouse Careers and Technical Education Awards 2024 will take place on 25 June 2024. Last year over 350 people attended the event to celebrate the success of young people across the district, local business and careers educators. Nominations are now open until Friday 28 April 2024. [Find out more and get nominating.](#)

## **CELEBRATING SOCIAL CARE NURSING ON INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY**

An Introduction from Deborah Sturdy the Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care followed by exceptional stories from exceptional people. This virtual event will be a celebration of all things social care nursing, with people who draw on care and support and from all fields of practice including our wonderful nursing associates in the sector.

Our greatest impact can be heard loudest from those who draw on a care and support. This is an opportunity to come together, visit your nursing purpose and leave with a shared value of nursing in social care.

Whether you are an adult nurse, a mental health nurse, a learning disability nurse, a children's nurse or a nursing associate working in adult social care this session is for you. Be prepared to share your pride in nursing, be inspired and feel connected to your social care nursing identity

<https://events.skillsforcare.org.uk/skillsforcare/1870/home>

## **UNIFORM SAVER SCHEME**

Uniform Savers is a West Yorkshire Combined Authority funded project working in partnership with Bradford District Credit Union to help single parent families get into a savings habit with the incentive of receiving £100 into their Credit Union account in August 2024 once they have saved with us three times. This is to help with the cost of school uniform.

To sign up for this scheme you will need to make an appointment at Britannia House Bradford or Keighley Town Hall by emailing [uniformsavers@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:uniformsavers@bradford.gov.uk). This featured in the BBC earlier this year and has proven very successful in previous years, please note there are only 285 places available to benefit from the scheme.

## UNIFY FESTIVAL 2024 PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

The University of Bradford's UNIfy Festival takes place from Thursday 25 to Tuesday 30 April. They have now launched the festival programme. The theme for the UNIfy Festival 2024 is '**What a difference!**'. During the festival we will celebrate what makes us different; we will recognise people, projects and research that are making a difference; and we will demonstrate how when different people come together brilliant things can happen.

Here's some of what we have in store:

- Creating work environments for honest and open conversations: Thursday 25 April, 12:00 to 1.15pm. This online event featuring a panel of experts will share examples of how psychological safe spaces have been delivered and to share the differences and impact this has made. [Book online](#).
- Theatre in the Mill presents... You're having a laugh: Friday 26 April, 7 to 9.30pm at Theatre in the Mill. This will be a night of laughter, digging into the humorous aspects of diversity and intersectionality, with workshops and special guests. [Book a place](#).
- Community day: Saturday 27 April, 11am to 3pm in the Sports Hall at Unique Fitness. The Community Day is free and open to everyone, it will be packed with fun activities that bring projects and research from across the city to life.

## 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.





# 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!](#)**

**REGISTER NOW!**



# GladtoCare Week

## 20th - 26th May 2024



## GLADTOCARE

Following from the great success of the past couple of years, **Person Centred Software** are thrilled to announce that #GladtoCare Awareness Week is returning this year! It will be taking place from **Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May 2024**, where we will be celebrating the wonderful efforts of those working in the care industry.

Throughout the week you can join in with a variety of fun activities from Motivation Monday to Feel Good Friday, all designed to get the entire care community and residents involved.

If you would like to get involved in this year's #GladtoCare Awareness Week, head over to our [#GladtoCare website](#) to register your interest and download your free toolkit!

**For every registration, we will be donating £2 to the Care Workers Charity!**