

Thursday 18th December 2025

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#### **KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### Message:

This will be the last provider bulletin until 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Have a great Christmas break and a Happy New Year ©

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

Immedicare training sessions – resume 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
 If you are aware of any upcoming events and would like to advertise on the Event Calendar, please visit HERE and post an entry.





#### FSS WILL BE CLOSED OVER THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR BREAK

Please note Financial Support Services is closed during the Christmas and New Year period from Thursday 25th December 2025 and will not reopen until Monday 05 January 2026.

Please click **HERE** to find out key dates for non-residential and residential provider payments, direct payment cycles, and the Support Options team's availability to help ensure continuity of services throughout the holiday period.

#### **ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES SERVICE**

Over the upcoming holiday period, the AwD duty landline will not be in use; all enquiries should be by way of e-mail to the duty inbox <a href="mailto:awd.frontdoorteam@bradford.gov.uk">awd.frontdoorteam@bradford.gov.uk</a>

Adult Social Care will be transferring from SystmOne to Liquid Logic in **April 2027**.

We are planning this change well in advance, which will:

- Standardise case management processes across Adult Social Care.
  - Improve efficiency, access to information, and reporting.
    - Support best practice and compliance.

Some partner organisations currently using SystmOne are likely to require access to Liquid Logic to continue joint working with ASC.

If this applies to you organisation or you would like further information, please contact the Adult Social Care Liquidlogic programme team on the following email address: <a href="mailto:ascliquidlogicprogrammeteam@bradford.gov.uk">ascliquidlogicprogrammeteam@bradford.gov.uk</a>

#### Protect yourself from flu this winter

As you may have seen in the news, cases of flu are surging in the UK, and according to the UKHSA, hospitalisations have increased by 63% in the last week.

As people socialise more in the lead up to Christmas, it is likely that cases will continue to increase.

The best way to protect yourself from getting seriously ill from flu is vaccination.

If you are over 65, pregnant, or have a long-term health condition, you are eligible for a free NHS flu jab.

To check if you are eligible and to book an appointment visit the NHS website or speak to your GP or local pharmacy.

#### **VCSE Gambling Harms Prevention & Resilience Fund**

Please see below link providing details of an Expression Of Interest - Gambling harms prevention levy funding for the Voluntary Sector.

The VCSE Gambling Harms Prevention & Resilience Fund represents a significant step forward in establishing an independent, public health led approach to preventing gambling related harms. All voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations working to help prevent the harms caused by gambling can apply for this grant.

Please do consider the opportunity for Bradford. If you want to discuss the EOI with the Bradford Gambling Related Harms Group, or if you would lie to be involved in the group in future, please contact Richard Porter, Senior Public Health Manager, richard porter@bradford.gov.uk.

Expression Of Interest - Gambling harms prevention levy funding for the Voluntary Sector - GOV-UK Find a grant

# West Yorkshire Police Cyber Team Winner of the National Cyber Awards 2025 are offering two new learning opportunities to help professionals protect people from online abuse and exploitation.

## Cyber Safety Basics for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Online 10.00-12.00 on Wednesday 28th January 2026- Virtual

In today's digitally connected world, cyber safety is an essential component of safeguarding practice, not merely a technical issue. Whether protecting children from online grooming and bullying, or shielding vulnerable adults from scams, coercion, and digital exploitation, understanding cyber safety is vital for anyone in a safeguarding role.

This session is designed to equip professionals, carers, and families with the foundational knowledge needed to identify and respond to digital risks early—before they escalate into safeguarding emergencies. By recognising the signs of technology-facilitated harm, practitioners can take proactive steps to reduce opportunities for abusers to target children and adults at risk, and create safer online environments for those they support.

## Cyber Protect – Clicks to Consequences 10.00 to 11.00 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - virtual

Online harm groups are becoming more sophisticated, exploiting gaming platforms and encrypted messaging apps. Early intervention and open conversations are critical. This webinar will give you the tools to spot the signs, start the conversation, and take action.

#### "The internet never sleeps—and neither do the risks."

From gaming platforms to encrypted messaging apps, online spaces can quickly turn dangerous for children and vulnerable adults. Join our **Cyber Protect – Clicks to Consequences** webinar to uncover the hidden threats, hear real-life cases, and learn **practical steps to safeguard those you care about**.

This isn't just theory—it's actionable advice from experts on the front line. If you work with young people, care for vulnerable individuals, or simply want to stay ahead of online dangers, this session is for you.

Don't wait for harm to happen—get informed, get prepared, and make the digital world safer.

To book your place please login into your Enable account. Once on your account, go to "Events," "Available Events" and type the training into the search engine and request your place.

If you do not have an account please request <u>Create an account</u>. Once you have an account please follow the instructions above.

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## BOOK YOUR CHILD'S FREE PLACE AT A HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) CLUB THIS CHRISTMAS

Our HAF clubs are filling up fast for the Christmas school holidays – don't miss out!

There are lots of fun activities for children to enjoy, plus a nutritious meal each day.

Places are free for children who live in Bradford District and are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, and for children with special educational needs or disabilities.

Spaces are limited, so check what's on and book today before they're gone!

#### **Find out more**

# Catch Your Breath: A new anti-vaping campaign aimed at young people

Bradford City FC Community Foundation charitable arm of Bradford City AFC, and Bradford Council have launched a new anti-vaping campaign, with a video that uses humour, the to highlight the negative impacts of vaping in young people.

The 'Catch Your Breath' campaign will run until the end of the 2025/26 football season and aims at tackling the issue of vaping in young people in Bradford and the wider district.

Highlighting the negative impacts of vaping throughout a day out across Bradford landmarks, and during a Bantams matchday, the films feature local actor Mia Drew, as well as Youth Ambassadors from the Bradford Youth service. Watch the video here:

youtu.be/anET9Fmy9l8?si=ygQ9sVOldvjuMGtO

Vapes should only be used as a quitting tool to help people stop smoking.

If you need help to quit, visit the Living Well Stop Smoking Service

https://myllvingwell.co.uk/smoking/support-to-quit/

## Request to Care Homes

- Please can you ensure you are regularly updating the Care Home Capacity Tracker to ensure your vacancy information is up to date for the upcoming week.
- Please ensure the data is updated by the end of Sunday each week.
- This will support the Care Home Brokerage team in identifying vacancies for referrals we are processing.
- ▶ Thank you

#### **Adult Speech and Language Therapy Digital Clinics**

The Adult Speech and Language Therapy Team is now offering bookable digital appointments for Professionals to discuss patients who are having swallowing difficulties. These can be used as an alternative to patient tasks, to discuss patients in more detail and have an opportunity for advice and support regarding the patients swallowing. They will also provide the opportunity for support and learning to those on the call.

We will be offering 30-minute bookable appointments with a Clinical Specialist Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) on Tuesday Mornings from January 2026 for a trial period. We ask that bookings are one slot per patient. These appointments provide an opportunity for you to seek support for patients who have already been referred to and accepted into our community service, who are awaiting assessment. The SLT will update SystmOne with details of the discussion and advice provided.

### **Bookings**

Bookings can be made by following the link below:

https://outlook.office.com/book/AdultSLTDigitalClinic@bdct.nhs.uk/?ismsaljsauthenabled

Please ensure you add the patient's NHS number with a brief description of what you would like to discuss in the special requests section.

You will be sent an email confirmation, and a booking will be added to your diary to access the MS Teams meeting. There will also be a link to amend or cancel the appointment as needed. Email reminders will be sent out the day prior to your booking, if no one joins the meeting after 10 minutes the SLT will end the call. Follow up digital appointments will not be given, please complete a task if further support is needed or rebook another digital clinic slot

We hope you find our new digital clinics helpful,

Thank you **Adult Community Speech and Language Therapy Team** 

**NEW IN 2026** 

## LEAD TO SUCCEED COURSE

**Exclusive Offer** 

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5 Modules delivered Face to Face Fees claimable through LDSS



Contact Us ami@bradfordcareassociation.org



Starts 15 January 2026









# WELLBEING & ACTIVITY COORDINATORS GROUP

**NEXT ONLINE MEETING ON MS TEAMS** 

**10AM THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2026** 

Aimed at Activity Coordinators, Social Prescribers, Creative Health practitioners, Registered Managers within ASC!

Guest speakers, sharing ideas, useful contacts and experiences and networking!

For more information and to join this Network, email: ami@bradfordcareassociation.org



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# BCA is a dementia friendly organisation

We have many sessions that can be accessed by our beneficiaries and their families

- 📌 Friday Friends
- Dance sessions for the over 55's
- **Reminiscing group**
- 📌 Games group

We have a safespace for carers to meet and have a chat over a cuppa &



# Pressure Ulcer Prevention Training

Face to face training offered to all care homes in the Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven district.

Would your care home staff benefit from pressure ulcer training?

Do you have new starters joining your team?

If yes to any of these questions, then please do not hesitate to get in touch via the email below.

#### The training covers:

- · What a pressure ulcer is and how it develops
  - Risks and causes
  - Categorising pressure ulcers
  - Prevention and management strategies
    - Correct use of equipment
    - · Documentation and responsibility

All training offered/delivered to care homes and agencies is shared with the CBMDC Commissioning Team

For more information please contact: <a href="mailto:pressureulcerteam@bdct.nhs.uk">pressureulcerteam@bdct.nhs.uk</a>

