

Thursday 9th July 2026

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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

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

COST OF CARE – PLEASE SHARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Bradford Council will shortly be launching a new cost of care exercise managed by Grant Thornton. We want to make sure information about the cost of care exercise is sent to the right people in your organisation. This means people who are able to complete template information about your organisation's costs and finances.

Please complete this short form by 5pm on Monday 13th July: **Bradford Council Cost of Care Exercise - Contact Details – Fill out form** (<https://forms.office.com/e/JUYMd3P15A>)

CARE HOME BROKERAGE SITREP REPORT - JUNE 2026

Unfortunately, we have not been able to publish the Care Home placement activity report for June 2026 this week.

However, we will arrange its publication in a future edition of The Provider Bulletin as soon as this report becomes available.

YELLOW HEAT HEALTH ALERT

A Yellow Heat Health Alert was issued today for Yorkshire and the Humber. The alert is in effect from 8 July 2026 at 09:00am to 12 July 2026 at 09:00pm. The yellow alert has a matrix score of 10. This means:

Significant impacts are **possible** across health and social care services due to the high temperatures, including:

a rise in deaths, particularly among those aged 65 and over or with health conditions.
There may also be impacts on younger age groups

a likely increase in demand for health services

internal temperatures in care settings (hospitals and care homes) may exceed the recommended threshold for clinical risk assessment

the heat affecting the ability of the workforce to deliver services

indoor environments overheating increasing the risk to vulnerable people living independently in community and care settings

water-related incidents may increase, including risks from cold-water shock and drowning

As the hot weather continues, we ask that you review your extreme weather procedures and read and share the guidance below to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of those people we support across the Bradford district.

You can see all the [**weather health alerts currently in place across England**](#) on the UKHSA data dashboard.

Thank you for your continued support.

Supporting vulnerable people before and during hot weather: social care managers - GOV.UK

CareCubed

We are sharing below information received from iEse about the most recent update of the tool.
For more detail, please see [HERE](#).

Annual Data Model Update: Summary

The CareCubed cost model is reviewed twice-annually to ensure that it continues to provide an excellent basis for the negotiation of care packages. For this annual update, the CareCubed model was refreshed in March 2026.

In brief, the following changes were applied:

- Hourly rates were updated and compliant with National Living Wage changes and Real Living Wage where applicable
- On costs updated in line with revised hourly rates and HMRC (HM Revenue & Customs) published rates for employer NI contributions and pension
 - Cover costs updated and compliant with Oliver McGowan training requirements where applicable
 - Non-staff costs updated in line with inflation
- Property prices updated in line with Land Registry/Registry of Scotland data

The overall impact on CareCubed guide prices will vary from case to case.

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW-TO-CARE REGISTERED NURSES

The last few places have now been made available on a fully-funded 12-month development programme for social care Registered Nurses living or working in West Yorkshire. The preceptorship programme has now been opened to include any Registered Nurse new into role (employed within the last 12 months within a social care setting).

Commitment is a 2-hour virtual session each month and the programme starts in September 2026. All that's asked is support from the employer and the commitment of individual to the programme.

The programme sessions include:

1. Welcome to Social Care Nursing
2. The NMC Code: What It Looks Like in Social Care Practice
3. Communication, Language, and Confidence
4. Assessment, Decision-Making, and Clinical Judgement
5. Medicines Management and Accountability in Social Care
6. Mental Capacity, Consent, Safeguarding Adults and UK Law
7. Infection Prevention, Pressure Area Care, and Long-Term Conditions
8. Leadership, Supervision, Delegation, and Working with the Wider Team
9. Documentation, Digital Confidence, and Information Governance
10. Resilience, Wellbeing, and Professional Self-Care
11. Career Development and Social Care Nursing in the UK
12. Reflection, Revalidation, and Programme Completion

Please contact leadership.academy@leeds.gov.uk for an application form.

Application closing date is Tuesday 21st July 2026.

RESIDENTS ASKED TO VOTE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BINGLEY

Residents of Bingley are being asked to vote in referendum on the Bingley Neighbourhood Development Plan on Thursday 16 July 2026.

If the majority of residents vote in favour, it will then be formally adopted by Bradford Council as part of the overall planning policy framework for the district.

It can then be used by the local authority in making decisions on planning applications in the Bingley area. Developers will also be able use it as guidance when putting together proposals.

[Find out more](#)

AIREDALE GENERAL HOSPITAL

Airedale NHS Foundation Trust has shared the proposed outline design of the new Airedale General Hospital, and they want to hear from you.

This is an exciting milestone in the journey to build a state-of-the-art hospital.

The design reflects the Trust's ambition to not just replace the hospital, but to improve how care is delivered, enhance patient experience and create a hospital to be proud of.

Share your views by taking part in their survey - **<https://re-url.uk/WHDG>**

Survey closes at midnight on 24 July.

[Take the survey](#)

STOP SMOKING MEDICATIONS – NOW AVAILABLE

The Living Well Stop Smoking Service can now offer stop smoking medications for people in Bradford district who want to quit.

After an assessment with a Stop Smoking Advisor, people who are eligible can now get a range of clinically approved medications to help them quit for good.

Available Medications

- **Varenicline (Champix)**
 - **Cytisinicline**
- **Bupropion (Zyban)** *(subject to suitability following assessment)*

Stop smoking medicines are highly effective at helping people to quit smoking by reducing cravings, managing withdrawal symptoms, and blocking the pleasurable effects of nicotine.

By combining medication with 1:1 support, we can offer smokers the best possible chance of quitting for good, helping them to live longer, healthier lives.

Please note the service is free but charges may apply if you usually pay for your prescriptions.

[Find out more](#)

IS IT TIME TO RETHINK YOUR DRINKING HABITS?

Reaching for alcohol too often can increase blood pressure and, over time, damage our heart and other organs. While it may feel like a good way to relax or unwind, especially at weekends or in the evenings, the effects are often short-lived.

Regular drinking can also disrupt our sleep and impact our mental health, leading to feelings like anxiety, low mood, or irritability. Over time, this can start to affect the things that matter most in life.

The good news? Change is possible.

If you live in Bradford district, you can get **FREE support from DrinkCoach.**

DrinkCoach offers free flexible online coaching that fits around your life and helps you take positive steps towards feeling healthier and more in control.

You can also assess your drinking by **[taking a 2 min test.](#)**

FREE MHFA ACCREDITED MENTAL HEALTH AWARE TRAINING!

10 September 10–2pm on Microsoft Teams

This practical mental health awareness course is designed to give you:

- An understanding of what mental health is and how to challenge stigma
 - Basic knowledge of some common mental health issues
- An introduction to looking after your own mental health and maintaining wellbeing
- Confidence to support someone in distress or who may be experiencing a mental health issue

[Book your free place](#) or email the course code: MHFAhalf028 with your name, telephone number and email address to: Learning@MyLivingWell.co.uk

Become a Mental Health First Aider in your workplace!

The FREE course is held over four days: 15/17/22/24 September (You must attend all sessions to qualify). 10am–2pm on Microsoft Teams

This online course qualifies you as a Mental Health First Aider, giving you:

- An in-depth understanding of mental health and the factors that can affect wellbeing
 - Practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues
 - Confidence to step in, reassure and support a person in distress
 - Enhanced interpersonal skills such as non-judgemental listening
- Knowledge to help someone recover their health by guiding them to further support – whether that's self-help resources, through their employer, the NHS, or a mix.

[Book your free](#) place or email the course code: MHFA034 with your name, telephone number and email address to: Learning@MyLivingWell.co.uk



CARING IS LIVING

Personal Assistants (PAs) needed

Personal Assistants (PAs) are people employed directly by an individual needing social care support rather than an agency – to help them live independently at home and in the community. They offer personalised, flexible support for daily tasks, personal care, and social activities, often funded through Direct Payments.



Find out more about how you can help:

www.bradford.gov.uk/personalassistantdirectory

SUMMER AT MIND THE GAP

SONGS OF RESISTANCE

Political Songwriting with
Maddie Morris
4th to 6th August

ALL THE FEELINGS

Sensory Sculpture with YAYA
11th to 13th August

GET IT IN WRITING

Poetry with Hope Shooter
18th - 20th August



For people with a learning disability
and/or autism aged 18+



Free to attend



MTG Studios, Patent Street,
BD9 4SA



10.30am to 2.30pm



No experience needed - if you have
something to say, we want to hear
from you!



Get in touch to find out more:

Email community@mind-the-gap.org.uk
Phone 01274 487390
WhatsApp 07564 939642



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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Bradford Cares

awards



Nominations Extended until 12th July at 11:59pm



DEADLINE

EXTENDED

Recognising those who make care exceptional!

The Bradford Cares Excellence Awards celebrate the individuals and teams delivering outstanding care in CQC Registered Adult Social Care services across the Bradford District. These awards recognise compassion, leadership, innovation and commitment, and shine a light on those who make a real difference to people's lives every day.

Award Categories:

- **Care Worker of the Year** – Care Home
- **Care Worker of the Year** – Community-Based Support
- **Frontline Leader of the Year** – Care Home
- **Frontline Leader of the Year** – Community-Based Support
- **Registered Manager of the Year** – Care Home
- **Registered Manager of the Year** – Community Based Support
- **Service support worker of the Year**
- **Wellbeing & Activities Initiative of the Year**
- **Innovation in Care Award**
- **Outstanding Contribution to Care Award**



MORE INFO

Nominations close on 12th July at 11:59pm

To find out more [CLICK HERE](#) or visit - www.bradfordcares.co.uk/awards

admin@bradfordcareassociation.org



Supporting working-age people living with a long-term condition

Vocational rehabilitation enables people to overcome obstacles associated with illness, injury or health conditions that impact their ability to work. It can help people enter or return to work or remain in employment, training or an alternative occupation.

Here's an opportunity to access bespoke **vocational rehabilitation training** to support conversations that can help people stay in work. You'll learn about:

- the importance of work and health for wellbeing
- vocational rehabilitation – what it is and how we do it in practice
- reasonable adjustments, relevant policies and legal protections
- having return-to-work conversations
- supporting people to advocate for themselves in employment discussions
- signposting and the range of services and resources available

If you work or volunteer for a health or social care service in West Yorkshire, this training is for you. Just select which session you'd like to attend and click the link to register.

[Monday 13th July 2026 - 1.00pm to 2.30pm](#)

[Friday 24th July 2026 - 2.00pm to 3.30pm](#)

[Thursday 20th August 2026 - 9.00am to 10.30am](#)

[Tuesday 8th September 2026 - 11.00am to 12.30pm](#)

Of the 146 people who have already attended the training 82% rated the session as 'very good' or 'excellent'.

