

Thursday 10th July 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.

- People first Keighley and craven summer party – 14th July
 - Marie curie drop-in session – 16th July
 - Living safely and well in later life conference – 16th July
 - New care home brokerage service meeting – 22nd July
 - Zip the cow (BCA) 26th July
 - Free family fun day (Bradford bulls) – 31st July
 - Health and wellbeing event for people with learning disabilities – 10th September
- If you are aware of any upcoming events and would like to advertise on the Event Calendar, please visit [HERE](#) and post an entry.*

AUTUMN COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Advice accepted on autumn 2025 COVID-19 vaccination programme - GOV.UK

From autumn 2025, the COVID-19 vaccination will be offered under the national programme to individuals at highest risk of serious disease. The eligible cohorts are:

- Adults aged 75 years and over
- Residents in care homes for older adults
- Individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed, as defined in the 'immunosuppression' sections of the COVID-19 chapter 14a of the [Green Book](#) (tables 3 and 4)

For the digital week resource pack click [here](#)

CARE WORKERS (SOC 6135) AND SENIOR CARE WORKERS (SOC 6136) WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO MAKE NEW APPLICATIONS FOR VISAS

A transition period will be in place until 22 July 2028, which will be kept under review, and will allow individuals to extend or switch from other visa routes, after which these roles will be removed from the ISL and TSL. Workers must have been legally employed by their sponsor for at least three months prior to their application to qualify.

The requirement for sponsors to first try to recruit from the pool of skilled workers seeking new sponsorship will be removed before sponsoring new recruits for visas, due to the closure of these visa applications. Providers are still encouraged to engage with regional partnerships to employ displaced workers.

To prevent the occupation SOC 6131 (nursing auxiliaries and assistants) being misused, a clarification is being added to confirm this occupation code only applies to roles in environments where registered nurse roles also exist.

Further changes to be implemented by the end of this year also include:

- increasing of the immigration skills charge by 32 per cent
- uplifting language requirements across the immigration system
- unveiling a new family policy framework to Parliament.

The statement of changes to the immigration rules can be found on the [**GOV.UK website**](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/immigration-rules-statement-of-changes-2025).

[Immigration rule changes - July 2025 | NHS Employers](#)

[Immigration rule changes for sponsoring care workers and senior care workers](#)

GET FUNDING TO TRAIN YOUR WORKFORCE

An ADASS Y&H hosted webinar – Friday 11 July at 1pm.

The Adult Social Care Learning and Development Support Scheme (LDSS) provides funding to help the non-regulated adult social care workforce complete training courses and qualifications.

Designed to improve retention in the sector, the scheme gives organisations and staff the chance to gain recognition for existing expertise and develop new skills and specialisms.

The scheme is administered by NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care. It is the same scheme that used to be administered by Skills for Care up until last year. Eligible employers can claim varying levels of reimbursement from this fund. You'll need an up-to-date ASC-WDS account to apply online.

Join our regional session with NHSBSA on the 11th July to learn:

- How employers can claim towards costs for staff training courses and qualifications.
 - What you can claim for
 - How you can claim and what you need to provide
 - Where you start
- (For financial year 2025 to 2026, as well as 2024 to 2025)

Microsoft Teams **[Need help?](#)**

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 314 414 920 527

Passcode: pG2fU9or

Dial in by phone

[+44 113 486 2965, 469032016#](#) United Kingdom, Leeds

[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 469 032 016#

Join on a video conferencing device

Tenant key: **[460199026@t.plcm.vc](#)**

Video ID: 121 796 395 6

[More info](#)

What makes us different, makes us Leeds

Leeds is diverse and vibrant and we want everyone to feel welcome, safe and respected. With a high-profile campaign running across the city during June you can find out more about what we're doing around equality, diversity and inclusion and how we're tackling discrimination here.

CARERS BI-MONTHLY LUNCH AND LEARN WEBINAR- 16TH JULY, 1:30-2:30PM

You are invited to register for our Carers Bi-Monthly Lunch and Learn Webinar- **South Asian family carers of Dementia and social prescribing project** to be held on **16th July 2025, 1:30pm – 2:30pm.**

Our online lunch and learn bi-monthly webinars aim to bring together carers and professionals from across the country in an informal atmosphere to collaborate, learn, and drive the identification and support for unpaid carers.

This session will be led by Sarah McMullen and Abi Woodward from University College London.

This project/research focuses on the barriers and facilitators Pakistani and Bangladeshi dementia carers face when accessing carer support within primary care and identifying how support can be improved and developed to better support South Asian family carers of dementia

You can register for this webinar via this link: **[Carers Bi-Monthly Lunch and Learn Webinar- 16th July, 1:30- 2:30pm | NHS England Events](#)**

Please do share with your networks, the agenda and link to webinar will follow later.

Note that registration closes on Tuesday 15th July at 5pm.

All webinars are recorded and added to our **[Commitment to Carers](#)** workspace on **[FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#)**.

Any issues or questions please contact Steve Mbara:
England.nhsthinkcarer@nhs.net



Is your practice safe?

Are you aware of the changes to this equipment?

Do you know which pump is fit for its purpose?

Do you know what to check before using this?

IF YOUR ANSWER IS 'NO',

PLEASE BOOK YOUR **FREE** SYRINGE DRIVER TRAINING
VIA palliativecareadmin@bdct.nhs.uk

Please bring the syringe driver if you have one in the
nursing home.

INTO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Into Employment is a 12-month programme, supporting people aged 16-25 with disabilities to gain the right skills on their journey to employment.

Working towards a Level 1 qualification in Preparing for Employment or Further Education, the programme offers placement opportunities which match people's strengths, skills and dreams for their future.

Students are paid a bursary every 4 weeks to support their education, and you can apply with or without an Education, Health and Care Plan.

The learning approach will be fun, practical and focused on the skills and behaviours people need to become work ready as well as improving self-awareness and confidence. Support will also be provided for preparing for interviews, applying for jobs and work-related communication skills

For more information email: employment.matters@bradford.gov.uk

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY

I'm part of the Physical Activity team at Parkinson's UK and I would like to share information on your website about two new grants programmes which are now available for any local community groups and activity providers.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like any other information in the meantime.

- **Physical Activity Grants:** <https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/information-and-support/grants-physical-activity-providers>

- **Marginalised Communities**

Grants: <https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/information-and-support/physical-activity-grants-marginalised-communities>

- **Meet the Funder**

webinars: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4RHTWSjlwVd2RM8rdFjjUH5cWp9cRy6BbA13DFQoWm2sttg/viewform>

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

WEST YORKSHIRE NEURODIVERSITY PROGRAMME

We really pleased to share our new **co-produced** resources which are part of **#AutismADHDAllies** and **#LetsConnect** campaign (initiated by the **West Yorkshire Neurodiversity Programme** and co-produced with All Star).

Our aim is to empower children and young people to feel independent and supported as they navigate life's challenges. We have episodes on (School **transitions, sleep** and **eating**, and we've included a variety of top tips and suggestions to help children and young people find what works best for them. With an emphasis on reducing pressure and encouraging Children & Young People to take their own path.

This information is grounded in lived experience, with the creation to be beneficial for all—not just for neurodiverse children and young people.

We have also concentrated on the content being fully accessible to different learning needs, which is why it's available in a range of formats, including **videos** (with and without subtitles and background audio), **booklets** (with images and plain text), and **audio recordings**.

You can also listen to our panel discuss the resources and working together to produce the work for our young people in the **behind the scenes** area of the webpage.

Please do feel free to visit our **Routes and Routines webpages** and share wide, **I am available to present the resources in meetings and with local groups** – we would like to reach far and wide.

YouTube play list:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSEYtPE8N909Z01lInKH3Y_VZR0xPSRX

WELL TOGETHER

FACE TO FACE AND VIRTUAL GROUPS

WALKS & BAILDON WALKERS

NEWSLETTER

PROFESSIONAL REFERRAL LETTER

An event hosted by CNet on behalf of
the Roma Collaborative Network

Bradford Council Roma Strategy Review & Refresh

Networking lunch and discussion
groups. Open to stakeholders and
community members.

7 August 2025
12noon - 2:30pm

**Manningham Mills
Community Hub,
Lilycroft Road,
Bradford
BD9 5BD**

Book your place on [Eventbrite](#).



To read the **European Roma Communities: A Strategy
for the Bradford District 2021 - 2025**, please click [HERE](#).

HEATH HEALTH ALERT

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

We would recommend you sign up to receive Heat Health Advice directly to their email: [**Heat-Health Alerting system - GOV.UK**](#)

There is also a helpful resource landing page for health and social care providers, which includes specific action cards for home care and care home providers: [**Heat-Health Alerting system: guidance for health and social care providers - GOV.UK**](#)

Within this page you can find:

- [**Heat-Health Alert action card for health and social care providers - GOV.UK**](#)
- [**Heat-Health Alert summary action card for care homes**](#)
- [**Heat summary action card - home care**](#)

The latest information and advice can be found here: [**Heat-Health Alerts issued by UKHSA and the Met Office - GOV.UK**](#)

Finally, there is a useful general guidance page on staying safe in hot weather: [**Beat the heat: staying safe in hot weather - GOV.UK**](#)

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to safeguarding those in your care.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON BRADFORD'S HEALTH VISITING AND SCHOOL NURSING SERVICES

In partnership with the The Institute of Health Visiting (iHV), we are carrying out an important project to better understand the experiences of families, staff, and partners involved with Bradford's Health Visiting and School Nursing services.

Your views will help identify what is working well, where there may be gaps, and how the service can be improved to better support babies, children, and families across Bradford. We want to hear from parents, carers and families.

If you've had experience with Bradford's Health Visiting or School Nursing Services, please take some time to complete our survey and share your thoughts.

[**Have your say**](#)

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) CLUBS THIS SUMMER

If your child gets benefits-related free school meals you can also take advantage of **free** activities and experiences during the summer school holidays with the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

There are more than 100 HAF holiday clubs running this summer offering a huge range of fun activities at venues across the district.

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. They also get a free healthy meal while at the club.

Places are limited and fill up fast so, take a look at what is on offer and book now to avoid missing out.

EVISA SUPPORT SESSIONS

As you may be aware, the Home Office is replacing expired physical immigration documents with eVisas (electronic visas). Anyone with longer than 3 months immigration permission to remain in the UK will require an eVisa to travel abroad, prove their rights and entitlements and to generate a share code. This can be used as proof of ID to access key services such as housing, benefits, education, and employment. This applies to people with different types of immigration status of all ages, including dependent children.

Migrant Help are running some further sessions in partnership with Bevan Healthcare (Bradford) & The Salvation Army (Keighley) throughout July to support participants to access their eVisas. These are run on a drop-in basis; no appointment is needed. All support is free and interpreters can be used to provide support in someone's own language if needed.

eVisa Support Sessions Bradford & Keighley: July 2025

Bradford Bevan, Keighley Salvation Army

- Wednesday 16th July, 10am – 12pm
- Tuesday 22nd July, 10am – 1pm
- Wednesday 30th July, 10am – 12pm
- Wednesday 9th July, 1 – 3pm
- Wednesday 16th July, 1 – 3pm
- Wednesday 30th July, 1 – 3pm

If you support anyone who would like help but is unable to attend the drop-in sessions, please fill in the referral form below and we will get in touch with them to make sure they get the support they need.

Referrals:

[**Transition to eVisa support | Migrant Help**](#)

NEW CARE HOME BROKERAGE SERVICE MEETING

 **22nd July | 10:30 - 11:30am**

We're pleased to announce that **Holly Watson** from the **Local Authority** will be joining the second part of the Provider Update Meeting to share **important updates** on the **new Care Home Brokerage Service**.

Agenda Timings


- 10:30 - 11am (Whole Sector BCA Provider Update - *Louise Bestwick*)
- 11 - 11:30am (New Care Home Brokerage Service Meeting - Holly Watson)

From **November 2025**, the new brokerage service will manage **all new placements for older people**.

This session will cover:

- How the new process will work
- What actions care homes need to take to prepare
- Expectations for care homes under the new approach
- A chance to give feedback and suggest improvements



 Your input matters! This is your opportunity to shape how the new system works for everyone.

 **Audience: Care Home Providers**

 **Email admin@bradfordcareassociation.org for a calendar invite!**



Age, Ageism and Inequalities



BITESIZE TRAINING SESSION

Tuesday 15 July, 1– 2pm (Microsoft Teams)

The UK's population is changing, with people living to a greater age. Yet what does this mean for our residents across the district who are vulnerable to deprivation and poverty, and where growing older will further exacerbate existing inequalities.

The next Reducing Inequalities Alliance bitesize training session will focus on:

- The concept of ageism across health and other life areas and how age can be an exacerbating factor in health inequalities (**Sharron McMahon**, Public Health Specialist from **Bradford Council**).
- **Frailty**: identifying those at greatest risk as well as challenging common misconceptions (**Andrea Hudson**, Matron for Frailty and **Paul Street**, Lead for Falls Improvement from **Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**).
- How the communities in our district who are susceptible to deprivation are far more likely to experience multiple illnesses at the same time (multi-morbidity) at a younger age (**Polly Masson**, Reducing Inequalities Lead from the **Reducing Inequalities Alliance**).

To book your place at the session, please email:
RIA@bradford.nhs.uk.

