

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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## **KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

- New care home brokerage service meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> July
    - Zip the cow (BCA) 26<sup>th</sup> July
    - Free family fun day (Bradford bulls) – 31<sup>st</sup> July
  - Health and wellbeing event for people with learning disabilities – 10<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## **EQUALITIES DATA – ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE | OCTOBER 2025**

We're pleased to let you know that, following the success of last year's initiative, the Adults Commissioning and Contract Teams will once again be collecting equalities data from our providers as part of our annual process.

The response in 2024 was excellent, and the information gathered has proven to be extremely valuable in helping us better understand and support the diverse communities we serve.

This October, you will receive a link to our Equalities Questionnaire, which will include a unique service ID.

More information will be available in the coming weeks in the Provider Bulletin.

For the Immedicare timetable 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 visas 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\*\*](#).

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

**For information about funding for people interested in building skills in social care research, please click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#)**

## **NATIONAL TELECARE CAMPAIGN**

By January 2027, the analogue technology that has connected homes and businesses throughout the country for decades will be shut down. The network, which is called the Public Switched Telephone Network, is becoming more fragile, less reliable and harder to maintain. As a result, communication providers are upgrading the old technology to modern digital services.

The transition will be seamless for most users, but vulnerable individuals who rely on telecare alarms will require special attention to help make sure alarms keep working through the switchover.

A national telecare campaign is running throughout June, July and August to protect vulnerable telecare users by providing a simple and consistent message that is easy to understand.

Landlines switching from analogue to digital could stop telecare alarms working, but landline providers can help. The switchover is already happening, so please ask your family, neighbours, friends to call the landline provider for support now.

**[Find out more](#)**

## **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

- Tuesday 22nd July, 10am – 1pm
- Wednesday 30th July, 10am – 12pm
- 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](#)**



# Springfield *Fest*

Saturday 19th July  
2pm - 6pm

FREE ENTRY

**PossAbilities**

Live music and DJ  
Stalls including plants, garden  
accessories, Bradford city of culture, toys  
& many more

BBQ, Tombola, Raffle, Face Painting,  
Cakes, Sweet Treats and Much More

Springfield Gardens

Stirling Crescent

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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](mailto:palliativecareadmin@bdct.nhs.uk)

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

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](#).

# 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](mailto:admin@bradfordcareassociation.org) for a calendar invite!**

