City of BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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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 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.*

Equalities Data – Annual Questionnaire | NOVEMBER 2026

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 2025 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 November, 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.

The next round of Local Community Support Grants for projects starting on 1st April 2027 is now open for applications.

Please see the link below for the guidance including a link to the application form here:
Local Community Support Grants | Bradford Connect to Support

There are also two webinars being held on Teams to give further information and as an opportunity to ask questions:

- 9 October 2026 at 12.30pm-1.30pm - **Join: here**
- 12 October 2026 at 4pm-5pm - **Join: here**

Applications will close on Friday 20th November 2026.
If you have any queries, please email ASCGrantsInbox@bradford.gov.uk

Flu vaccination

It is important to get vaccinated every year, even if you have had a vaccine or been ill with flu before, as protection from the vaccine fades over time and flu viruses change each year.

Adults eligible for a free flu vaccination include:

- pregnant women;
- those aged 65 years and over;
- those aged 18 years to under 65 years in clinical risk groups (as defined by the Green Book Influenza);
- those in long-stay residential care homes;
- individuals staying at a voluntary managed hospice;
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person;
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals;
- rough sleepers and those using homeless hostels or night shelters aged 16 years and over
- frontline workers in a social care setting, including:
  - those working for a registered residential care or nursing home;
  - registered domiciliary care providers;
  - voluntary managed hospice providers; and
  - those that are employed by those who receive direct payments (personal budgets) or Personal Health Budgets, such as Personal Assistants.

How to access the flu vaccine

The adult flu vaccination programme starts from 1 October. We encourage those eligible to get vaccinated before winter to help protect themselves, their families and the people they care for.

If eligible staff cannot access the flu vaccine through their employer, they can get it through their GP, a participating community pharmacy or the general booking portal.

All other eligible people can access the flu vaccine from their GP, a community pharmacy, maternity services (if they are pregnant) or a care home (if they live in a care home).

You can find a pharmacy that offers free flu vaccination online now.
You can book, change or cancel a flu vaccination appointment online or in the NHS App.

Click HERE for The Training Hub brochure of courses for October 2027

COVID-19 vaccination

The COVID-19 vaccination programme helps protect those at increased risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19.
The autumn COVID-19 vaccination programme starts on 1 October 2026 for:
adults aged 75 years and over;
residents in older adult care homes; and
people aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed.

How to access the COVID-19 vaccine

Eligible people can get their COVID-19 vaccination through participating community pharmacies, their GP, or a care home (if they live in a care home). You can book a **COVID-19 vaccination appointment online** or in the **NHS App** now.

One-off vaccines for winter respiratory protection

The following vaccines provide further protection against respiratory illnesses in the winter but are offered as a one-off year-round programme.

RSV and pneumococcal vaccinations

RSV vaccination is available for eligible older adults and pregnant women. Pneumococcal vaccination is available for babies, adults aged 65 and over, and those at higher risk of serious illness.

Information on how to access the RSV and Pneumococcal vaccinations can be found on the NHS website: **RSV vaccine - NHS** , **Pneumococcal vaccine - NHS.**

Well Together

- Walking groups
- Face to face and virtual groups
- Professional referral form

You can refer into our service (please do check referral criteria) by going to our webpage **Well Together service - BDCT** where you can find a professional referral form to complete. A copy of the form is also attached.

Before making a referral to Well together Service please discuss our service with your patient/client to ensure our service is suitable for them, and they are interested in attending our activities.

The Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS) is a free online data collection service that covers the adult social care workforce in England. Data from ASC-WDS is used by key decision makers and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) when planning, funding and monitoring the sector.

Along with Locality Managers in Yorkshire and Humber, we are running **2 sessions** to help organisations understand the **benefit of having an up-to-date Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS) account**. To book your place one either 22nd October or 13th January please complete the MS form before 5pm on 9th October 2026 (but please hold the date in your own calendar).

Join a Yorkshire and Humber workshop led by your Locality Manager to learn about the benefits of ASC-WDS and a live demo on how to set up an account.

We will be covering:

- **What ASC-WDS is and how the data is used by key stakeholders**
- **Benefits of creating an account including access to funding for training**

- **Live demo**
- **What you'll need to create an account**
- **Q&A**

To book your place one either 22nd October or 13th January please complete the MS form before 5pm on 9th October 2026 (but please hold the date in your own calendar).

Invitation to attend – Fill out form

For nursing staff working in adult social care

We are inviting you to our Adult Social Care Virtual Focus Group as part of the RCN's Branch Review Project.

The Branch Review Project is looking to understand what member participation looks like across the RCN in order for us to build a better future in which branches are built around member's experience and leadership.

The Focus Group will take place on:

🗓️ **16th November**

🕕 **6.30pm - 8pm**

📍 **Microsoft Teams**

🔗 **Sign-Up to receive a link here: Adult Social Care Virtual Focus Group Sign-Up Form – Fill in form**

The Focus Group will be an opportunity to discuss:

✅ What members value/ want from RCN.

✅ What helps members get involved.

✅ The barriers members face to participate.

✅ Ideas on how to strengthen branches.

✅ How branches can better support members to organise, influence and make a difference.

We recognise that you may have a unique perspective on RCN Branches and this is why we are keen to hear from you on how branches can better support members to organise, influence and make a difference within the Adult Social Care Sector.

You do not need to be an RCN member, or active in your local branch to attend. In fact, we are particularly eager to hear from people who have never attended their branch meetings or who feel that the existing structures do not reflect their experiences.

The Focus Group will be highly interactive and will include:

- **Small group discussions.**
- **Digital collaborative activities.**
- Live polling.
- Opportunities to share ideas directly with the Branch Review Team.

You can find out more about the Branch Review Project here: RCN Branch Review | Royal College of Nursing

We look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts on how RCN branches can be improved for the future.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Maria Feeney: maria.feeney@rcn.org.uk

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AHEAD OF THE NEXT REPORTING WINDOW
NHS CAPACITY TRACKER - Adult Social Care Enforcement

The NHSBSA is working on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to support Care Quality Commission (CQC) registered Adult Social Care providers in submitting monthly data about the services they provide.

Submitting your data

It is a requirement of the **Health and Care Act 2022** that Adult Social Care providers must submit data regarding the NHS services they provide.

You must submit data via the Capacity Tracker between the 8th and 14th day of each month (or the next working day where the 14th falls on a weekend or public holiday). Our Adult Social Care Enforcement team can provide support and guidance to help you.

Non-compliance

If you miss the data submission deadline on 3 consecutive months or any 4 months out of 12, you may be issued a Notice of Intent (NOI). We'll write to you to provide information and guidance on what you need to do to meet your contractual obligations. After issuing an NOI, if you do not provide the data requested and do not have a reasonable explanation for not doing so, you may be issued a Final Penalty Notice. For more information, read **the Health and Care Act 2022: adult social care information provisions**.

Contact us

Adult Social Care providers can contact the NHSBSA Adult Social Care Enforcement Team if you:

- need support to submit your data
- have received a Notice of Intent (NOI)
- have received a Final Penalty Notice that you want to pay
- want to appeal a Final Penalty Notice

Contact the NHSBSA Adult Social Care Enforcement Team by telephone or email. We are open Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Email: **enforcement@nhsbsa.nhs.uk**

Telephone: 0300 330 2088

Find out about call charges

Capacity Tracker

If you have a query which relates to the Capacity Tracker, you can contact the Capacity Tracker Support Team by telephone or email. They are open Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm, except on Bank Holidays.

Email: **necsu.capacitytracker@nhs.net**

Telephone: 0191 691 3729

OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY TRAINING
HAVE YOU REVIEWED YOUR OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY TRAINING YET?

Now is a good time to review your arrangements and make sure your training records and supporting evidence are up to date.

Please remember that the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism is now a legal requirement for CQC-registered health and social care providers.

Providers should ensure that staff complete the appropriate training for their role, including Part 1 and Part 2 of either Tier. **See attached decision tree** for you to work through and decide the level of training your staff require.

Have you reviewed your risk assessment, clearly demonstrating how you have determined the appropriate level of training for your staff and the rationale for your decision? **See example risk below**.

- **OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY TRAINING RISK ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN TIER 1**
- **OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY TRAINING RISK ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN TIER 2**
- **OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY TRAINING DECISION-MAKING FRAMEWORK FOR CQC REGISTERED SETTINGS**

👉 **Find the next OMMT dates here!**

🎉 GOOD NEWS! BOOKING TRAINING ON BRADFORD CARES IS NOW EASIER

Bradford Care Association (BCA) has simplified the booking process for training courses available through the Bradford Cares Hub. There is no longer a need to log in to make a booking. Simply select the number of places required and click **"Get tickets"**. For some courses, learners may instead be asked to complete a short online form or contact the BCA by email. Where this applies, full instructions are provided on the booking page.

Places are currently available on a range of upcoming courses, including:

🗓️ **CQC Fundamental Standards** (15 October)

🗓️ **Oliver McGowan Tier 1 and Tier 2 Training** (various dates through to November)

To view the full programme and book training, visit:

🔗 **https://bradfordcares.co.uk/training-calendar/**

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Tackling Child Exploitation

MOUNTAIN HEALTHCARE

SARC Training

Introduction to Sexual Assault Referral Centre Services and SARC Pathways

Provided by Mountain Healthcare Ltd.



Improving knowledge.
Strengthening pathways.
Supporting survivors.

Thursday
15th October 2026

10:30am – 11:45am

Online
via Microsoft Teams

This training will help you:

- Understand SARC referral pathways
- Know the timeframes for forensic evidence
- Understand time-sensitive medical interventions
- Learn what a SARC medical involves
- Explore onward support and care available

Who should attend?

Professionals across all services who work with children and young people under 18 and adults aged 18–25 with complex learning needs.

FREE TO ATTEND
NWG Members & Non-Members

Book your place today!

Visit our events page:
nwgnetwork.org/events

#TacklingChildExploitation #SARCTraining #SexualAssaultReferralCentre #SupportAfterSexualAssault

BOOK HERE



Leadership Development Training
Well Led Programme

Following the success of last year's Leadership Development Programmes, Bradford Care Association (BCA) is pleased to once again support providers through access to the Skills for Care Well-Led Programme, delivered by Leeds Leadership Academy.

Leeds Leadership Academy is a Skills for Care quality-assured learning provider, recognised for delivering high-quality leadership development that meets the needs of the adult social care workforce and the people who rely on care and support services.

About the Programme
This programme consists of four full-day, face-to-face workshops designed specifically for leaders working in adult social care.

Developed in partnership with registered managers who understand the day-to-day realities and challenges of leading care services, the programme equips leaders with the skills, knowledge and confidence to deliver services that meet the expectations of a well-led organisation.

Why Attend?
The Care Quality Commission (CQC) expects leaders at all levels to be capable, compassionate, inclusive and credible, with the skills, knowledge, experience and integrity required to deliver safe, effective and person-centred care.

By attending, delegates will:

- Gain an understanding of what leaders in well-led organisations do to achieve high standards.
- Explore practical examples and approaches that can be applied within their own services.
- Strengthen their leadership skills to support the delivery of high-quality, person-centred care.
- Build confidence in meeting the expectations of the CQC Well-Led framework.

Costs: The programme costs £525 per person, which will be invoiced directly by Leeds Leadership Academy.

Funding Available
Yes. Adult social care employers in England may be able to claim the full cost of the programme through the ASC Learning and Development Support Scheme (LDSS), subject to eligibility criteria and successful completion of the course.

See next page for more details

Bradford Cares skillsforcare BCA Bradford Care Association

Well Led Programme

This programme consists of four interactive modules that help managers develop effective leadership skills in adult social care. It focuses on understanding what good leadership looks like, improving service quality, building confidence to lead in challenging environments, setting personal leadership goals, and learning through collaboration and networking with other professionals.

Click here for more information about this training.

Who Should Attend? This programme is suitable for:

- New and experienced Registered Managers
- Deputy Managers
- Service Managers
- Other managers working within adult social care services

Programme dates:

This course consists of four classroom sessions. Delegates **must attend all four sessions**. Individual sessions cannot be booked separately. Attendance by the same individual at all four workshops is essential to complete the course.

Module	Date & Time	Venue
Module 1	5 October 2026, 09:30-16:30	Czajka Training Centre 3-5 Moorhead Road Shipley, BD18 4JH United Kingdom
Module 2	19 October 2026, 09:30-16:30	
Module 3	4 November 2026, 09:30-16:30	
Module 4	26 November 2026, 09:30-16:30	

BOOK NOW

For more information & booking - CLICK HERE!

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