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.*

ADULTS COMMISSIONING AND CONTRACT TEAMS' EQUALITIES DATA COLLECTION 2026

We are pleased to announce that the Adults Commissioning and Contract Teams' Equalities Data Collection for 2026 is now officially underway.
This marks the beginning of a crucial month-long effort to gather meaningful data that will help us better understand the people who use our services. By capturing this information, we can work together to ensure that our commissioned services are not only accessible, but also genuinely inclusive and reflective of the diverse communities we serve.
Thanks to your support, last year's data collection in 2025 was a great success. The insights gained have already led to tangible improvements in how services are delivered, making them more responsive to the needs of individuals across all backgrounds.
We now invite you to begin collecting equalities data throughout November. Your organisation should have received a resource pack, which includes:

- Step-by-step guidance for data collection
- Unique ID codes for your organisation
- Secure submission links

Please ensure your teams are aware and ready to participate. Your contribution is vital in helping us build more inclusive service landscape.
If you have any questions or need support, please contact us at commissioninginbox@bradford.gov.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

PREPARING FOR THE INFLUENZA SEASON

The UKHSA Yorkshire and Humber Health Protection Team would like to offer the opportunity for colleagues to attend this short information session to support partnership working and early identification and notification of influenza outbreaks in Care Homes.

The session will provide practical guidance on recognising an outbreak early, knowing when and how to notify the Health Protection Team, and understanding what support is available. We would particularly encourage colleagues working with, supporting or providing advice to care homes to attend.

The sessions will cover:

- Influenza – what it is and why it matters
- A review of care home influenza outbreaks across Y&H in 2025/26
- Identification of an influenza outbreak in a care home
- Notification to the Y&H Health Protection Team (HPT)
- Actions by the HPT following notification
- Q and A Session

There are three dates available, each will have a focus on a particular area of Yorkshire and the Humber. However, you are welcome to attend an alternative date if this works better for you, as most of the content will apply to all.

Sessions available to book, please click on the links below to book.

Monday 02 November, 11:00 – 11:45 *(Focused on Humber/North Yorkshire)*
Webinar - Preparing for the Influenza Season – Information Session for Care Homes and local IPC teams

Tuesday 03 November, 14:30 – 15:15 *(Focused on West Yorkshire)*
Webinar - Preparing for the Influenza Season – Information Session for Care Homes and local IPC teams

Wednesday 04 November 11:00 – 11:45 *(Focused on South Yorkshire)*
Webinar - Preparing for the Influenza Season – Information Session for Care Homes and local IPC teams

BRADFORD CARES EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2026

Don't Miss Bradford's Biggest Celebration of Care!

Tickets are selling fast for the **Bradford Cares Excellence Awards 2026** 🏆

This is your opportunity to join colleagues, friends and professionals from across the adult social care sector for an unforgettable evening celebrating the people who make care happen every day.

🗓️ **Thursday 5 November 2026**
📍 **Cedar Court Bradford**
🕕 **6pm - Midnight**
🤵 **Black Tie / Formal Dress**

Make a Night of It

For guests travelling from further afield or those wishing to extend the celebrations, Cedar Court Hotel has kindly provided exclusive accommodation discounts for awards attendees:

18% Off Room Only
https://reservations.travelclick.com/115189?RatePlanId=7838513&identifier=EVE18OFF

18% Off Bed & Breakfast
https://reservations.travelclick.com/115189?RatePlanId=9443947&identifier=EVE18OFFBB

Whether you're attending to support a finalist, celebrate your organisation's achievements, recognise your staff, or simply show your support for the sector, we'd love you to be part of the evening.
A ticket to the awards also makes a wonderful thank you gift for hardworking care staff who rarely take the time to celebrate their own achievements.

📢 **Book your place, gather your colleagues and join the biggest celebration of adult social care in Bradford.**

LOCAL PLAN - REGULATION 19 CONSULTATION OPEN

Have your say on the future of the Bradford District.

Every local planning authority must have an up-to-date Local Plan, and the Bradford District Local Plan has now been published and is open for consultation.

The plan sets out how the district will plan for housing and economic growth to 2043, while supporting regeneration, improving places and protecting valued natural and historic assets. It will help guide future development and infrastructure investment across the district.

This stage is called Regulation 19 and at this stage, comments should focus on whether the plan is legally compliant and sound.

- Read the plan
- Share your comments
- Consultation open now until 30 November 2026
- Use our consultation hub webpage to find out more and have your say

Have your say

£1MILLION CAPITAL FUNDING LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT KEIGHLEY BUSINESSES

A £1 million funding package has been announced to support local businesses in Keighley.

Delivered by Bradford Council and supported through the Keighley Neighbourhood Board and the Local Regeneration Fund, this substantial investment provides vital financial backing to help local companies expand their premises and update their equipment.

The funding builds on a previous round of the Capital Asset Grant Scheme, which has already delivered critical funding to enable 36 local businesses modernise their facilities, improve their infrastructure and ultimately to boost their capacity, creating 127 new jobs.

Find out more

ARE YOU EMERGENCY READY?

Everyday emergencies like storms can disrupt the essential services you rely on—like your phone, water, power and the internet.

Taking a few simple steps to prepare can make a big difference, helping you manage while emergency support reaches those who need it most.

If you or someone you know might need extra support during a gas, electricity or water outage, they may be able to sign up for the Priority Services Register. It's a free service that ensures utility companies know who may need extra assistance. Lots of households are eligible, including those of pensionable age, people with long-term illnesses, and families with children under 5.

Find out more

DBS REGIONAL SAFEGUARDING OUTREACH WORKSHOPS

If you have staff or volunteers engaging in regulated activity i.e., they have an enhanced DBS with barred list check, then you have a legal duty to refer to the DBS if you remove them from regulated activity due to harm or relevant conduct. DBS Regional Safeguarding Outreach Workshops are offering a free workshop covering:

- the benefits of DBS and your organisation working together
- what 'regulated activity' is
- when a DBS barring referral should be made, including when the legal duty is met
- the three different referral routes
- how to make a good quality referral

Book your place here **DBS Barring and Legal Duty to Refer Workshop Tickets, Tuesday, 26 January 2027 • 1 PM - 3 PM GMT | Eventbrite**

Click HERE for the Immedicare NOVEMBER timetable.

FREE CPD-ACCREDITED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Our project, **Resilient Bradford**, provides fully funded trauma-informed training to professionals, staff and volunteers working across the Bradford District.

We currently offer two levels of training:

Tier 1 – Trauma-Informed Practice

An introduction to understanding adversity, trauma and their impact on individuals, families and communities.

Tier 2 – Trauma Skilled Practice

A more in-depth course designed to strengthen trauma-informed knowledge and develop practical skills for supporting people affected by trauma.

Both courses are:

✅ Completely FREE
✅ CPD-accredited
✅ Available to professionals and volunteers across Bradford District
✅ Designed to strengthen trauma-informed approaches across local services

These opportunities are particularly relevant to organisations working in adult social care, health and wellbeing, mental health, education, housing, family support and the voluntary and community sector.

Participants can view upcoming training dates and book directly through our Eventbrite page:

https://www.eventbrite.com/o/resilient-bradford-66696317823

More information about our project:

https://bradfordtrident.co.uk/adversity-trauma-resilience-atr-workforce-development-project/

Follow our Facebook page for training updates:

https://www.facebook.com/p/Bradford-ATR-Workforce-Development-61583718674562/

Quality Assured Care Learning

Government Recommended

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Bradford Cares

Leading Change, Improving Care

Develop the skills, confidence and knowledge to lead change and improve outcomes in adult social

Book today

Build confidence

Inspire teams

Make a positive difference

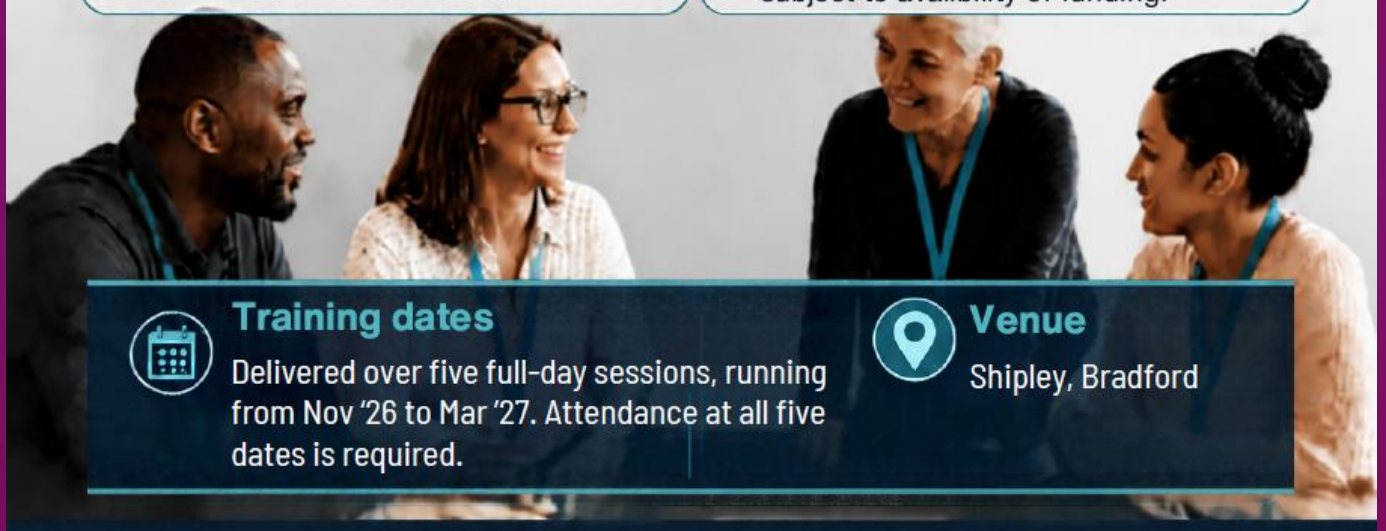
Nationally recognised programmes, delivered by a Quality Assured Care Learning Service training provider.

Why this matters:

- Leaders at all levels are expected to be capable, compassionate, inclusive and credible, with the skills, knowledge, experience and integrity to deliver safe, effective, person-centred care.
- Develop leadership skills and build an action plan to facilitate change sensitively and successfully.

Who it's for:

- For anyone who **leads and manages processes of change** within their teams.
- Usual cost outside Leeds - £600.
- **Special Bradford cost - £525.**
- Eligible organisations can claim back full costs from the Learning and Development Support Scheme subject to availbility of funding.



Training dates

Delivered over five full-day sessions, running from Nov '26 to Mar '27. Attendance at all five dates is required.

Venue

Shipley, Bradford

For more training visit www.bradfordcares.co.uk

SKILLS FOR CARE
NORTH ASC-WDS WORKSHOP

Discover the benefits of the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS).
Find out how ASC-WDS can support your organisation with staff records, training, funding opportunities and more.
Choose one of three free online sessions:

Monday 9 November 2026 | 10:30–11:30 | Book now

Wednesday 9 December 2026 | 14:00–15:00 | Book now

Tuesday 12 January 2027 | 10:30–11:30 | Book now
You only need to book onto one session.

https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/news-and-events/Events/Ongoing/North-ASC-WDS-workshop.aspx

PROVIDER SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY 2026/27

Bradford Care Association (BCA) is inviting adult social care providers commissioned by Bradford Council to complete our **Provider Sustainability Survey 2026/27**.
The survey will help us understand the impact of current funding and commissioning arrangements on providers, including financial pressures, workforce challenges, service delivery, and future sustainability.
⏰ **Please complete the survey by Friday 6 November 2026.**
🏠 **Providers delivering more than one type of care service are asked to complete a separate survey for each service type to ensure all services are accurately represented.**

🔗 **Complete the survey here:**
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3D6CCYY

Thank you for taking part and helping us represent the voice of the sector.



CELEBRATE WITH US AND HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE COMMUNITY WORK WE'RE DOING AT MIND THE GAP.

From **Monday 2 to Saturday 7 November**, we're opening the doors at MTG studios for you to experience our multi-artform installation, **Strength in Numbers**. We'll be taking group bookings during the week and the Installation will be open to the public on Saturday 7th of November.

Spread the word! Help us grow the Strength in Numbers community: share this email with a group or person you think might be interested in finding out more about our co-creation approach.

There is lots more information to come yet, and there will be a variety of fun, creative and interactive activities and events to book onto, so please keep an eye out by registering your interest using the following email address and also by visiting the link below for updates.

https://www.mind-the-gap.org.uk/event/strength-in-numbers/1

Email community@mind-the-gap.org.uk to register your interest to find out more about the programme of events.

Please feel free to get back to me if you have any questions or queries and I'd be happy to help.

SENSORY NEEDS SERVICE

Supporting adults across the Bradford District who are Deaf or living with sight and/or hearing loss.



We work to support you and those who care for you to identify your strengths, community resources and to jointly plan how to support you to achieve personal goals.

Who we are

- Social Workers
- Community Care Officers
- Vision Rehab Officers
- BSL Interpreting Service
- The Deaf Independence Project
- Specialist community led social groups

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What we do

- Advice and information
- Signposting/referrals
- Demos and advice on sensory equipment
- Mobility skills, including long cane and travel training
- Independent living skills
- Sensory Needs Passport
- Specialist assessments for Deaf, deafblind, vision impaired and people with hearing loss
- BSL interpreter bookings for appointments and mail reading
- Support with your communication and accessible information needs
- Technology Support

How to contact us

Vision Impairment & Deaf Team
Telephone: 01274 435001
Email: sns.general@bradford.gov.uk
WhatsApp video & text: 07966 431073

BSL Interpreter booking
Telephone: 01274 435019
Text: 07800 002274
Email: bsl.interpreting@bradford.gov.uk

To speak to someone face-to-face contact:
Morley Street Resource Centre, BD7 1BB
Visual Impairment Duty: Mon – Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm
Deaf Duty: Mon/Weds/Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm

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