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Thursday 4th April 2024

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- Targeting Active and Passive Candidates for your Social Care roles webinar - 10th April
- CQC fundamental standards sessions – 22nd May
- Palliative Care and End of Life Training – 25th April

COVID-19 TESTING GUIDANCE CHANGE

There are some major changes which have come into force this month with the return of *targeted* PCR testing through UKHSA and the removal of pre discharge LFD testing for people being discharged to care homes. There is a handy summary of the changes on the page labelled 'Testing recommended in care services (adult social care and hospices).

[COVID-19: testing from 1 April 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-testing-in-care-services)

There is also an update on the management of residents/service users with acute respiratory infections in adult social care settings which reflects the changes to Covid 19 testing, as outlined above.

[Infection prevention and control \(IPC\) in adult social care: acute respiratory infection \(ARI\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/infection-prevention-and-control-ipc-in-adult-social-care)

VIEWS OF UNPAID CARERS NEEDED TO HELP REFRESH THE BRADFORD CARERS STRATEGY

We know from the census that there are over 45,000 people in Bradford District, looking after someone who needs help, without being paid. We want to understand about people's experiences, whether you feel supported and what can be done to help. We are now reviewing the Carers Strategy and would like to hear from unpaid carers about their experiences. [Share your views through this online survey](#) that's running until Tuesday 30 April 2024.

CityConnect COMMUNITY GRANTS

Not-for-profit organisations are invited to bid for grants of up to £5,000 to deliver projects, which provide local solutions to local barriers stopping people from walking, cycling or wheeling.

Applications are now open and the application deadline is midnight on 9th April. For more information use this [LINK](#).

GROUNDWORK COMMUNITY GRANTS

Groundwork is working with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to deliver 'Community Grants' – a programme designed to support people with more complex barriers to accessing work move towards employment and digital inclusion.

Use this [LINK](#) for more info and to register your interest.

SURVEY WITH CARE PROVIDERS ABOUT CYBER SECURITY: CARE PROVIDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART

A survey of adult social care providers is taking place to understand more about how cyber security is currently managed within the Adult Social Care sector. This is part of a project conducted by Ipsos, an independent research company, and the Institute of Public Care (IPC) at Oxford Brookes University, to research the state of cyber resilience in adult social care. Ipsos and IPC are conducting this project on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care.

If some of the care providers you are working with ask you about this survey, we would be very grateful if you could encourage them to take part.

More information about the survey is available on the Digital Social Care Hub.

If you have any queries about the survey, please contact Ipsos at ASCCyber@ipsosresearch.com or call 0800 046 1486.

[Read this article](#) or [View this blog](#) (this requires an account).

Palliative Care and End of Life training schedule 2024
for CARE HOME & DOMICILIARY CARE TEAMS

Dates	Topic, Times & Venue
7 th May 2024	Palliative care and End of life 9am-1pm Syringe driver – 2-4pm New Mill, Saltaire BD18 3LD Rm 8
9 th May 2024	Palliative care and EOL 9-1pm Syringe driver 2-4pm New Mill, Saltaire BD18 3LD Rm 4.25
16 th May 2024	Palliative care and End of life 9am-1pm Syringe driver – 2-4pm New Mill, Saltaire BD18 3LD Rm 4.25
21 st May 2024	Palliative care and End of life 9am-1pm Syringe driver – 2-4pm New Mill, Saltaire BD18 3LD Rm 2.04

Please email palliativecareadmin@bdct.nhs.uk to book a place.

State the training and date you wish to attend.

NATIONAL DIABETES EXPERIENCE SURVEY

NHS England has commissioned a new survey for people living with type 1 or type 2 diabetes, the National Diabetes Experience Survey (NDES). From 18 March 2024, over 100,000 people in England will be directly contacted by letter and invited to take part in the survey. However, additional promotion of the survey can help to encourage people to take part.

A toolkit of resources has been developed to support with this (including copy, social media text, posters and website banners). This can be found at <http://www.diabetessurvey.co.uk/promote-the-survey>. You can use the content in this toolkit to start publicising the survey and encourage people living with diabetes to take part if they are selected.

This closes at the end of May 2024.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR SKILLSHOUSE CAREERS AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AWARDS 2024

The prestigious SkillsHouse Careers and Technical Education Awards 2024 will take place on 25 June 2024. Last year over 350 people attended the event to celebrate the success of young people across the district, local business and careers educators. Nominations are now open until Friday 28 April 2024. [Find out more and get nominating.](#)

Uniform Savers



SIGN UP TODAY!

Did you know you may be eligible for £100 to put towards the cost of school uniforms? We've teamed up with Bradford City Council to bring back our UniformSavers project for the third time!

Start Saving

UniformSavers is a West Yorkshire Combined Authority-funded project that enables single parent families to develop healthy savings habits. Save with us three times before August 2024 and receive a £100 incentive.



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Simply contact

uniformsavers@braford.gov.uk
or visit

www.bdcu.co.uk



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[Bradford: Parents urged to sign up to school uniform saving scheme - BBC News](#)

BRADFORD CARE HOMES WEEKLY UPDATE

Please find the data below on Care Homes in the Bradford District for your information. The following data has been provided by the Council's Senior Management Team in the Contract and Commissioning Team.

Tracker content is currently being refreshed and is not available to be included in this edition

Data Sources:

Weekly Deaths, Office National Statistics.
Covid Infections, Occupancy and Tracker, NESCC Capacity
Tracker. Bradford

Outbreaks,
HPT