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BCA NEWSLETTER



YOUR DATA MATTERS

Why does your data matter?

The pandemic has highlighted the lack of data available and demonstrated the importance of having robust data flows in the adult social care (ASC) sector.

It was identified that the need for quality and timely ASC data, is collected at a high standard and therefore, legislation was introduced this year to help support this.

In addition, you as a provider are a rich data source of information about the people you support. You are asked hold, collect and supply data by numerous different organisations (CQC, LA, DHSC, Skills for Care etc). This newsletter demonstrates to you where some key data areas are that you need to keep updated and how we can support you best.

Mandated Data

The DHSC has published the Formal Notice setting out what information is required by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care from CQC-regulated adult social care providers, under section 277A of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, as inserted by section 99 of the Health and Care Act 2022.

From 31 July 2022, the DHSC are mandating a core subset of the data that providers have been submitting regularly through the **Capacity Tracker**.

This mandated data will be gathered on a monthly basis and the first set of monthly data will be due by the end of 14 August 2022. All CQC Registered Social Care Providers will be required to update their data by the end of the 14th day of each month, or the next working day where the 14th falls on a weekend or public holiday. Data must be no more than a week out of date. **The data must be reviewed between the 8th and 14th day of each month.**

Although the department will be mandating data from 31 July 2022, they will not be rolling out the enforcement mechanism before November 2022. For more info [CLICK HERE](#)

The purpose of CQC's new monitoring approach, 'less inspections, more monitoring' is to help the commission prioritise its inspection activity. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info. The PIR remains one of the primary data collection points for the CQC.

BCA have developed a PIR Workbook to support you to complete your PIR. Some benefits of the PIR Workbook includes:

- Support you to delegate tasks/questions to other individuals
- Keep an up to date live document
- All your questions and answers are in one place
- Be able to copy and paste your answers into the actual PIR
- Be able to start you PIR early
- Have an on going record that you can refer back to each year
- Links to the relevant KLOE's, Good and Outstanding Characteristic's to help you to identify them clearly in your answers

Please email
admin@bradfordcareassociation.org
to request the PIR Workbook

Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set

The Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS) is an online data collection service that covers the adult social care workforce in England.

There are currently around 20,000 care providers using the ASC-WDS service.

The service helps care providers run their business and manage their staff training needs. It can also provide access to the Workforce Development Fund, a valuable source of funding for staff training.

The data collected is vital to the Government, the Department of Health and Social Care, local authorities and the Care Quality Commission as it allows them to plan, fund and monitor the sector.

You can find out more about the benefits of an ASC-WDS account [HERE](#).

Creating an ASC-WDS account is really simple and takes just five minutes - [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on registering.

Social Care Digital Solutions



Digital innovations and solutions are available to help care providers manage the regular data they collect, hold and monitor more efficiently and effectively. These include digital care planning systems, rostering and rota management solutions, E-MAR, training management platforms such as Altura. The benefits and efficiency savings of these digital solutions are significant but this does come at cost.

The DHSC have recognised the need to help the sector to adopt digital innovations and have taken the first step establish the Digitising Social Care Records Programme. The [NHS Transformation Directorate](#) have launched an Assured Supplier List to support adult social care providers in England to buy from an assured list of digital social care record solutions.

The Digitising Social Care Records Programme is aiming for all CQC-registered adult social care providers to have access to a digital social care record that can interoperate with a local Shared Care Record by 2024. These records will play an important role in joining up care across social care and the NHS, freeing up time spent by care workers and managers on administrative tasks whilst equipping them with the information they need to deliver care.

Making sure you're GDPR compliant

Whilst you're handling and managing data, you need to make sure you're GDPR compliant. The Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT) is a useful guide and a free self-assessment tool that can support organisations to keep people's confidential information safe.

It can also help to demonstrate that you're meets CQC expectations of good data security practice. The DSPT helps to evidence how you are protecting your organisation from and risk to cyber-attacks or breaches.

Once completed it will allow you to demonstrate to commissioners, GP's, CQC and other NHS services that you are handling information securely.

To find out where about's your organisation is up to with the DSPT and to find out your next steps please email admin@bradfordcareassociation.org

We will then set up a 1 to 1 on your preferred date and time and we will start to complete and publish the Toolkit - all with our help for free!

FREE BCA MEMBERSHIP



Fantastic News - BCA FREE Membership Extended for Another 12 Months!!!!

We are really pleased to be able to announce that with the support of Local Authority we are able to once again offer free BCA membership to all Bradford care providers for 22/23. The BCA fully understand and appreciate all the pressures providers are facing at the moment both financial and operational so we don't want to place any extra burden's on you at this time.

However, in April 2023 we will look to restart membership fee's when things have hopefully settled down. We will continue to fight for the care sector at a local, regional and national level, alongside working together with providers and system partners to develop and share best practice across the sector. The BCA membership have already demonstrated what can be achieved and the challenges we can overcome working together, we must continue to support each other in year ahead. Please take a moment to join the BCA and help to ensure the sustainable and thriving Bradford care sector of the future.

Please email admin@bradfordcareassociation.org to join the BCA

Are you or your management team part of the BCA's Managers WhatsApp Group?



If not please email your names, numbers, and position in the company and you will be added to the group.

The WhatsApp group is a great place where providers are updated on current guidance and updates. It also allows providers to ask questions, get quick responses, and can help one another out.

E: admin@bradfordcareassociation.org

Do you attend our weekly Provider Update Meetings?



The BCA Provider Meetings take place weekly on Tuesday's from 10:30 – 11:30 via Zoom. The meeting will include updates, guidance, discussions of good practice and will allow the opportunity for Providers to discuss any issues they may have.

Zoom access information:

Meeting ID - 993 772 1608

Password - Bradford20