



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.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

### **KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

- Carers ambassador induction – 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Positive leadership course – starting 11<sup>th</sup> December



**Capacity Tracker**  
*Insight for Care*

### **Capacity Tracker Team to Launch a Public Facing Vacancy Search Website**

Dear colleagues,

At Capacity Tracker, we're developing a new tool to help members of the public to search for Care Home vacancies via a new public facing website, CareFind. Capacity Tracker will provide this as a **free service for Providers**, on an opt-out basis, with some conditions in place.

The concept of CareFind has been developed with the support of the DHSC and NHSE. CareFind aims to give benefits to both providers and people looking for care services, building on the information and resource of Capacity Tracker.

In the paper *Care Data Matters*, the government clearly set out the importance of data in ensuring that people are able to get the right care. Through the selective use of Capacity Tracker data, which is already publicly available, CareFind will allow members of the public to search for Care Homes with vacancies matching their chosen criteria. We expect that this tool will be of great benefit to those looking for Care Homes, as well as to Care Home providers.

We are currently refining Phase 1 of CareFind which will be offered to providers free of charge. Our ask is that you come along to our training and engagement events, to understand more of the benefits this can bring to your organisation.

**Watch out for further updates and training dates in the coming weeks.**

If you have any questions in the meantime, you'll find some FAQs [here](#), or you can contact us at [necsu.ctengagement@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.ctengagement@nhs.net).

With kind regards,  
The Capacity Tracker Team

This week (18th-24<sup>th</sup> November) is **WORLD ANTIMICROBIAL AWARENESS WEEK**

This aims to raise awareness of antibiotic and antimicrobial resistance and the need for prudent use of antimicrobials. Please can the attached information be included in this week's bulletin?

The information has links to YouTube short videos in English, Urdu and Romanian on Antimicrobial Resistance, Hydration, Continence, Catheter Care and the Diagnosis of Urinary Tract infections. These videos have been produced by the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board and may be useful to raise awareness of antimicrobial resistance amongst staff and service users in care settings.

Further information on World Antimicrobial Awareness Week can be found through the link below:

[World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week \(WAAW\) and European Antibiotic Awareness Day \(EAAD\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Links and QR codes for West Yorkshire AMR / IPC Animations](#)

## **Nursing recruitment and retention webinar series**

**6 December 2023 to 5 March 2024**

Recruiting and retaining the nursing workforce within the social care sector is now more important than ever. We're running a series of webinars for those invested in the social care nursing workforce. Each webinar is designed to explore the recruitment and retention best practice approaches of the nursing workforce, including career opportunities, developing learning environments and supporting early careers nurses.

[Book now and find out more](#)

Or contact [denise.baran@skillsforcare.org.uk](mailto:denise.baran@skillsforcare.org.uk)

# Smiling for life

## Oral Health training for Care Homes

The Bradford Community Dental Service's Oral Health Improvement team is delighted to invite you to take part in the FREE Smiling for life, oral health training for care home staff. This training is being offered to care homes within West Yorkshire.

### Smiling for life programme

Mouth care is a CQC requirement that must be carried out in care homes. To support care homes meeting the requirements the Smiling for life training programme will:

Provide each nominated Oral Health Champion (preferably care home manager or deputy) with training resources and knowledge to cascade the training to their colleagues and help to implement national guidance to meet CQC requirements.



If you would like to take part in our free training Oral Health programme, please [email](mailto:elisha.mistry@bdct.nhs.uk)

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**OUR LIVES OUR WAY** is a Self-Directed Support Programme which means its members are the ones that decide what activities they want to do.

The programme is open to any adult (18+) with an identified need.

We offer tailored support on 1-1 basis and through user led group activities and other groups to support people in: Building confidence, Capacity, Life Skills, Informed decision making

As they grow to become more independent and achieve their ambitions

### **We Offer:**

### **Trips and Travel**

Our long-established Trips and Travel Group is led by its members who plan their own trips. People visit different places then after each visit, they discuss how it went before planning the next one. This is a great way of building confidence and developing new friends along the way.

For more information contact Ben: [Ben.purkiss@btm.org.uk](mailto:Ben.purkiss@btm.org.uk) Tel: 01274 848150

### **Travel Training**

We now offer one-to-one support if you want to work on your independent travel skills. If you need confidence to travel to any of our activities, your place of work or anywhere else, one of our travel trainers will work with you to develop your independence and confidence to travel safely.

For more information please contact:

[ourlivesourway@bradfordpeoplefirst.org.uk](mailto:ourlivesourway@bradfordpeoplefirst.org.uk) Tel: 01274 744151 Or Darryl  
Tel: 07950 173437

### **Keighley Social Club**

The club meets monthly on a Friday at Central Hall. Pool table, Karaoke, Video games and refreshments are available. Come along, have a chat, make new friends and chill!

For more information contact Amber:

[Angus.watson@peoplefirstkc.com](mailto:Angus.watson@peoplefirstkc.com) Tel: 07895 520849

## **Pathways to Employment**

Whether you think you are job ready now or would like some support to build your confidence before you apply for a job, we can work with to improve your skills and confidence. We offer one – to one support that is right for you.

**For more information contact: [ourlivesourway@equalitytogether.org.uk](mailto:ourlivesourway@equalitytogether.org.uk)**

**Tel: 07950 173437**

## **Volunteering**

Volunteering is great for so many different reasons. You might want to use your skills and time in the community, you might want to learn new skills, you might want to keep busy and active. Or you may have a favourite hobby or thing to do. Whatever your reason, we can support you in finding the right place for you to volunteer.

For more information please contact:

[Ourlivesourway@equalitytogether.org.uk](mailto:Ourlivesourway@equalitytogether.org.uk) Tel: 07950 1733437

## **Taster sessions**

We aim to develop different activities and taster sessions for members to try out new things and build friendships:

## **Coming soon..!**

### **Walking Group**

### **Bradford Social Club**

### **Geek Club!**

Interested in video games? Warhammer? Coding? Podcasting? This is the club for you!

For more information contact Ben:

[Ben.purkiss@btm.org.uk](mailto:Ben.purkiss@btm.org.uk)

Tel: 01274 848150



# COMMUNITY HEALTH DEVELOPMENT GRANTS LGBTQ+ £7,500 - £15,000

Community Health Development Grants are available for up to 2 organisations to help reduce health inequalities, promote health and wellbeing and represent the voice of the LGBTQ+ community across the Bradford District.

**Guidance notes and the application form can be found at [www.cnet.org.uk/projects/grants](http://www.cnet.org.uk/projects/grants)**

**Closing date:  
Monday 4 December 2023, 12noon**



Funded by the Living Well Service,  
Public Health, Bradford Council

CHD Grants  
LGBTQ+  
guidance  
notes [HERE](#)

CHD Grants  
LGBTQ+  
application  
form [HERE](#)

## FoodCycle are offering free meals in Eccleshill

FoodCycle is launching a free communal meals service for people living in Eccleshill on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm from 16th November 2023, at The Rockwell Centre, 6 Summerfield Rd, Bradford BD10 8DP

There's no voucher or referral system – everyone is warmly welcomed! (Please note children need to be accompanied by an adult)

[Find out more](#)

## Free weekly Check-in and Chat service

FoodCycle are also offering a free Check in and Chat service, for anyone who wants to feel more connected with others and would enjoy a weekly chat. **Check in and Chat is open to everyone in Bradford.**

PLEASE NOTE: Calls will be from a blocked or withheld caller ID and will last around 15mins.

[Register for Check-in and Chat](#)



**Come in!**  
For tasty food  
and good company



**Free meals  
Thursdays  
6.30pm**

Everyone is welcome

**FoodCycle Bradford  
Thorpe Edge  
The Rockwell Centre  
BD10 8DP**



**FOOD CYCLE**

Do you want to feel connected to others and share the joy of a great chat? If so, sign up to our Free Check-in and Chat service and

**RECEIVE WEEKLY CALLS!**

To sign up visit  
<https://bit.ly/ReceiveCalls>

PLEASE NOTE: Calls will come from a blocked or withheld caller ID and will last around 15 minutes. Volunteers will make notes during the call to help with future calls and we can't guarantee that the same volunteer will contact you each week.

Registered Charity Number 1134423

## Disabled artists call out: Bradford 2025

Bradford 2025 is partnering with disabled-led arts commissioners, Unlimited to offer [Micro Commissions](#) for disabled artists to explore and experiment in the lead up to Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture.

They want to hear from disabled artists or disabled-led organisations living or working in the Bradford District who wish to develop, research, create or share an artistic idea. Applications close on Wednesday 6 December.

[More information here](#)



# MY SPACE

*SUPPORTING WOMEN WITH  
ADDITIONAL NEEDS*

**Weekly sessions will include:**

- **Life Skills** - cooking, travel training, visits to parks, museums & local attractions.
- **Wellbeing** - mindfulness, yoga & tai chi.
- **Exercise** - ping-pong
- **Learning and Hobbies** - gardening, photography, arts & crafts.

**Light lunch, tea & coffee will be offered. Carers must be present at all times.**

For more info:

**01274 665270**

[www.womenzone.co.uk](http://www.womenzone.co.uk)

19-21 Hubert St, Bradford BD3 9TE

**EVERY  
WEDNESDAYS  
BETWEEN  
10:00AM -  
3:00PM**





## Keighley Drop In Session

The Living Well Advisors and BEEP Team will be at Sue Belcher Centre:

**7th December 1 – 3pm**

Sue Belcher Centre 63 Bracken Bank Ave, Keighley BD22 7AE



### **A new course is available to help people who use wheelchairs improve their day to day wheelchair skills.**

The course will show people how to wheel around a safe and controlled course, it will be a great way to have some fun and brush up on active travel wheelchair skills.

**14 November – 12 December 2023 (Every Tuesday) 12.30 – 3.45pm**

**Keighley Leisure Centre, Hard Ings, Keighley BD21 3JN**

**Places must be booked.** Spaces are limited so please make sure you can attend **all** of the sessions before booking. Must be aged 18 years and over and have a physical disability that requires the use of a non-motorised manual wheelchair.

To book a place on the course please email: [info@experiencecommunity.co.uk](mailto:info@experiencecommunity.co.uk) or click the button below.

This course is part of the Active Travel Social Prescribing Experience and Community

[Book a place](#)

## Prostate Health

**Whether you're interested for yourself or a loved one, routine checking, being aware of signs and symptoms and early action is key to staying well.**

Prostate problems are common, particularly in people over 50. Conditions such as an inflamed or enlarged prostate can cause a range of symptoms. These symptoms should not be ignored, but they do not necessarily mean you have prostate cancer. It's important you know the facts, what to look out for and to take early action so that you receive the correct advice and treatment.

People who are of African or Caribbean descent, and people who have a family history (a brother or father with prostate cancer), are 2.5 times more likely to get prostate cancer. Early detection is key and so a visit to your GP for a conversation about early detection is advised.

[Find out more](#)

[You can find helpful information on the NHS website](#)

**Provider event:** Mental Health Supported Living Market Engagement

**Date & Time:** Fri 24th Nov 11:00-13:00

**Venue :** Ernest Saville Room, City Hall , Centenary Square, Bradford BD1 1HY

We are hosting a market engagement event for the future recommissioning of our Mental Health Supported Living. The event is open to providers who wish to provide: Supported living services with accommodation or community support services in people's own homes to people with mental health needs.

The purpose of this event is to:

- Seek the views of Providers about what works well currently in Bradford district, what we could do better and what needs to change so that we can plan services in a way that supports people in having choice and control in their lives.
- Influence and drive the pace of change for the whole market in order to deliver effective outcomes.
- Encourage and support providers to shape their services to meet the current and future needs of individuals in our District.
- Share the Department of Adult Social Care's thinking and future commissioning intentions.

To reserve a place please book through the Eventbrite website at the following link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-supported-living-market-engagement-event-tickets-749844494067?aff=oddtcreator> . If you are unable to book on the event please email me directly as the website has only allowed a limited number of tickets.



## BRADFORD COLD WEATHER PROVISION

The cold weather provision is a multi-agency partnership that provides emergency bed spaces, in Bradford, to anyone at risk of rough sleeping on freezing winter nights.

- The service operates between **1st October and 30th April** and opens when the predicted temperature for the upcoming evening is due to fall to zero degrees Celsius.
- The service provides an emergency bed for that night only, which is often located in the communal area of an existing service.
- Referrals can **only** be made in person at the Cold Weather Provision desks which are located at:

**Salvation Army**  
371 Leeds Road  
BD3 9NG  
Monday- Friday, 9am- 3pm

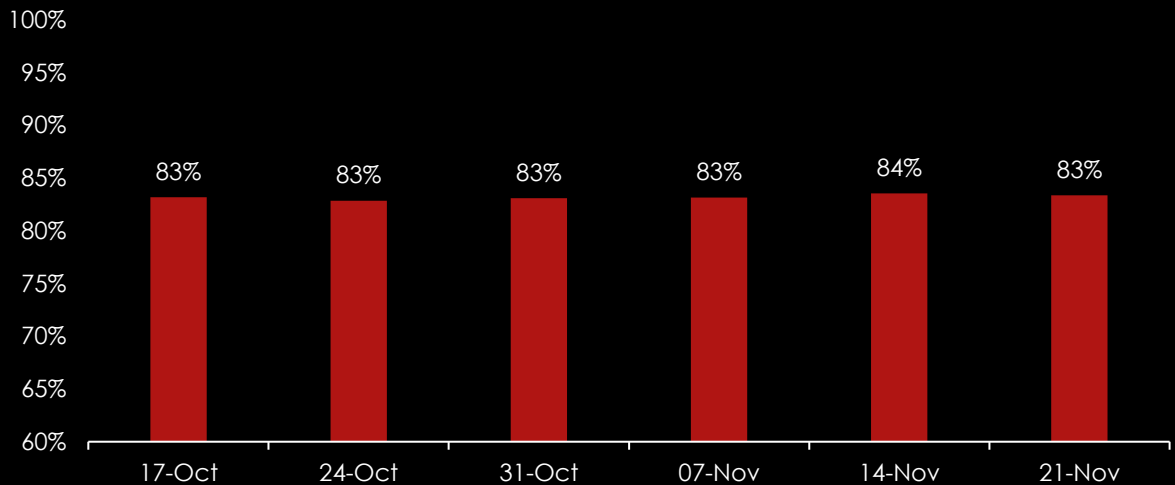
**Discovery House,**  
133 Barkerend Road  
BD3 9AY,  
Saturday- Sunday, 1pm- 4pm

A brief assessment will be undertaken to assess a suitable bed space for the person in need.

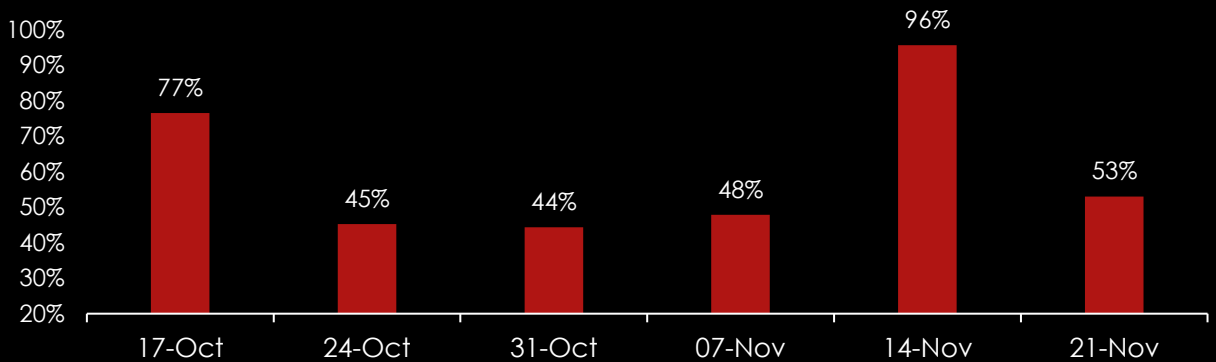
# BRADFORD CARE HOMES WEEKLY UPDATE

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.

## Bradford Care Home Occupancy Rate



## Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



### Data Sources:

Weekly Deaths, Office National Statistics.

Covid Infections, Occupancy and Tracker, NESCC Capacity Tracker. Bradford

Outbreaks, HPT