

Thursday 23rd April 2026



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

Bradford People First open day – 21st May –
wellbeing@bradfordpeoplefirst.org.uk

Upcoming events can also be viewed in the EVENTS CALENDAR in the ProviderZone

If you are aware of any upcoming events and would like to advertise on the Event Calendar, please visit [HERE](#) and post an entry.

Immedicare May training schedule

Free training sessions for festival and event organisers

We are running free training sessions to help those planning to organise festivals and events in the Bradford district this year.

The two-day skills development programme starts on Friday 24 April, with the second day offering one-to-one learning at the participants' convenience for real tangible impact.

The programme will cover a range of content including event safety design and delivery, risk assessments, developing creative programmes, building marketing campaigns and sourcing funding.

[Find out more](#)

Promote the Vote - Helping adults with disabilities vote

In the UK, people with disabilities are much less likely to be registered to vote or to take part in local or national elections, which can exclude them from important decision making.

In Bradford, people with disabilities have told us they want Adult Social Care to support their activism in tackling this issue. This work is called Promote the Vote.

Since 2017, social workers in Bradford have worked with supported living providers to help adults with learning disabilities understand their right to vote and to support them to vote if they choose.

Promote the Vote has two aims:

- To help adults with social care needs understand their right to vote in local and national elections.
- To support people, when they choose to vote, with practical help to do so in person or by postal or proxy vote.

How can social workers get involved?

- Use easy read and accessible resources, such as those from the Electoral Commission.
- Talk to people you support about registering to vote, voting in person, and having the correct voter ID.
- Ask care providers whether they have policies, training, and support plans in place to support voting.

For more information, contact:

jade.ellis@bradford.gov.uk | clare.reeves@bradford.gov.uk | elaine.james@bradford.gov.uk



OPTIMAL HANDLING WORKSHOP

We are pleased to invite you to an upcoming **Optimal Handling Workshop** designed specifically for home support (domiciliary care) providers across the district. This workshop will focus on supporting safe, effective optimal handling practice within homecare settings.

Workshop content will include:

- An overview of what optimal handling is
- Expectations of providers in relation to optimal handling
- Demonstrations of common equipment and techniques
- Case scenarios exploring best practice
- Dedicated time for questions and answers

As part of your contractual requirements with the Council, **each service is expected to nominate one representative to attend this session.** This should be your employed Moving & Handling Advisor, Specialist, or Lead. The nominated representative will be responsible for cascading the learning within your organisation and supporting implementation in practice. Please note that, due to space limitations, we are only able to accommodate one attendee per provider.

Workshop Details

Date: Thursday 14th May

Time: 9:30am prompt start – 4:30pm finish

Location: Beckfield Resource Centre, Bolton Lane, Bradford, BD2 4BN

Practical Information

- Onsite parking is reserved for Blue Badge holders only. Free on-street parking is available around the site.
- A bus stop with direct links to Bradford city centre is located approximately a 5-minute walk away.
- A fridge, microwave, and kettle are available for attendee use.
- Lunch break will be 30–45 minutes. We recommend bringing a packed lunch as food options nearby are limited.
- **Book by emailing the name of your representative and organisation at commissioninginbox@bradford.gov.uk before 30/04/26.**

If you require any further information ahead of the workshop, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Annual Increases to Assessed Contributions for Adult Social Care Community Services

Each year the financially assessed contributions that people need to make towards the cost of their social care services increase as a result of benefit and pension fund increases. We will be sending notifications out to people who use community social care services (non-care home services) about increases in their contributions in the coming week.

If your teams receive communication from people with queries about the notifications and increases in contributions the key messages are:

- Any increase in charges relate to the normal annual contribution uplift as a result in increases to benefits and pension fund increases.
- If people are in receipt of Direct Payments and are receiving invoices from the Council, once they have had their notification, if their contribution has increased, they should amend any payments they make to the increased amount. The increased amount will be reflected in the invoice they receive in May as they pay 4 weeks in arrears. It is a requirement of the DP contract that people pay their correct contribution. If they pay by Direct Debit this will automatically be updated
- If people are paying their contributions directly into their Direct Payment account, they will need to take immediate action to amend their standing order amounts once they receive their notifications if their contribution has increased. If they do not do this there will be a shortfall in the DP funds and it is a requirement of the DP contract that people pay their correct contribution.
- If people are receiving commissioned social care services, if they are notified their contribution has increased, they should ensure that their regular payments are amended to meet the increased amount. If they pay by Direct Debit this will automatically be updated
- The notifications that people receive relate to the normal annual increase in contributions and not the Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) Buffer changes. There is a phased approach to the removal of the discretionary Buffer and the increases to contributions as a result of this – 50% of the increase came in by January 2026, the second 50% of this increase will come into effect from July 2026 as per the consultation that took place in 2025.

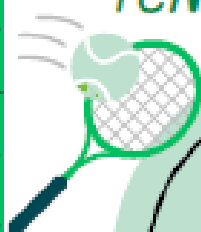
Queries and concerns related to increased contributions for 2026/27 should be directed to:

For Direct Payments and Individual Service Fund: 01274 432951 (Option 2) or email fss.contractsteam@bradford.gov.uk

For commissioned services (home support, extra care schemes, supported living, day care activities, Shared Lives, Time Out, Compass: Please contact Contributions Team on 01274

Salts Hub

TENNIS AND BOWLS AFTERNOON



WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY TENNIS OR BOWLS?

Join us for the launch of our tennis and bowls afternoons, come give both sports a go and enjoy some tasty snacks provided by the Skills Kitchen team!

WHY NOT JOIN US AND GIVE IT A TRY?

JOIN US ON -

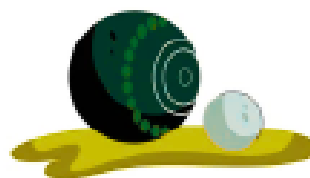
8th of May

3pm - 6pm

For any questions or further information please contact Simon at:

simon@skillskitchen.co.uk or call

07739428859



'Fundamental Standards of Care: Enhance the lives of the people you support and impress CQC too?'

CQC FUNDAMENTAL STANDARDS SESSION

FREE Face to Face Session delivered by Hempson's Solicitors will take place on:

Date: Friday, 24th April 2026

Time: 9:30am - 1pm

Venue: Scorex House (BD1 4AS)

or

Date: Thursday 25th June 2026

Time: 9:30am - 1pm

Venue: Czajka Training Centre (BD18 4JH)

During the session, you will get taken step by step through the Fundamental Standards of Care.

These regulations are the core of what CQC measure your service against. You will receive hints and tips to help showcase your service to CQC and ensure you have a solid foundation in your knowledge.

The session is first come first serve. There will be a £100 fine for non attendance on the day (minimum notice period is 24 hours).

If you're interested in attending one of the sessions, you will need to register your interest with BCA - ami@bradfordcareassociation.org

Training the Trainer for Sexual Violence and Abuse in Intimate Relationships

Tuesday 12th May 2026 9:30 - 4

Join us to help develop and deliver this training to multi-agency staff

Who is this training aimed at?

Practitioners with an interest and up to date working knowledge of Sexual violence and Abuse in intimate relationships.

Purpose of the session:

- To learn the content of the SVA module.
- With a view to joining our training pool and co-delivering this session to multi-agency staff groups.
- To contribute to the existing module and support the continuing development of this session.

**Venue :- Digital Exchange – Burnett Street Entrance Little
Germany, Bradford**

**To book – Council staff Click [here](#) Children’s Trust [here](#)
External staff [here](#)**

**For any booking enquiries, please contact
Evolve@bradford.gov.uk**

Safe and Well Led Forum

Safe and Well Led is Replacing the Safeguarding Forum

Safe and Well Led goes hand in hand and this new forum brings them together

Why Attend

- Gain up-to-date safeguarding insights to strengthen leadership decisions
- Develop and share best practice to support consistent, high-quality service delivery
- Deepen understanding of Safe and Well-Led principles and how they drive continuous improvement
- Learn from real challenges and lessons across the service to improve outcomes
- Connect with fellow managers to build a supportive network for ongoing problem-solving

Who Is This Aimed At:

- Whole Sector (All Provider Types)
- Registered Managers
- Deputy Managers
- Care Managers

Next Meeting Details



First Forum Session: Wednesday 29th April 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM



[Click Here](#) to join the meeting or email admin@bradfordcareassociation.org for a calendar invite



Spotlight Topic: Refusal of Care

Hear First-Hand from the Safeguarding Team

- Understand refusal-of-care notifications and what they mean for your service
- Explore how managers currently respond and what approaches are proving effective
- Discuss what you've tried and learn from others' experiences
- Clarify expectations around documentation to ensure accuracy and compliance
- Know when and how to escalate concerns to keep people safe and services protected

TRAINING SCHEDULE MAY-AUG 2026

FREE FOR BDCT COMMUNITY TEAMS, CARE HOME AND DOMICILLIARY CARE STAFF

@KEIGHLEY HEALTH CENTER

0930-12.30 – Introduction to Palliative + EOL care

13-16.30 BD Bodyguard syringe pump

Date	Venue
8th May 2026	Health education room Oakworth Rd, Keighley BD21 1SA
15th May 2026	Health education room Oakworth Rd, Keighley BD21 1SA
29th May 2026	Health education room Oakworth Rd, Keighley BD21 1SA
5th June 2026	Health education room Oakworth Rd, Keighley BD21 1SA
19th June 2026	Health education room Oakworth Rd, Keighley BD21 1SA
26th June 2026	Health education room Oakworth Rd, Keighley BD21 1SA
3rd July 2026	Health education room Oakworth Rd, Keighley BD21 1SA
10th July 2026	Health education room Oakworth Rd, Keighley BD21 1SA
24th July 2026	Health education room Oakworth Rd, Keighley BD21 1SA
31st July 2026	Health education room Oakworth Rd, Keighley BD21 1SA
7th August 2026	Health education room Oakworth Rd, Keighley BD21 1SA
21st August 2026	Health education room Oakworth Rd, Keighley BD21 1SA
28th Aug 2026	Health education room Oakworth Rd, Keighley BD21 1SA

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

COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Transform Your Leadership Skills with the Compassionate Leadership Programme.

Are you ready to lead with empathy, strengthen team cohesion and create environments where everyone can thrive? Join Cohort 7 of the Compassionate Leadership Programme, endorsed by Professor Michael West MBE, and take the next step in your leadership journey.

UNIT	DATE	TIME	TITLE
Unit 1	12/05/26	9.30-4.00	Self-Compassion
Unit 2	02/06/26	9.30-4.00	Leadership and Team Compassion
Unit 3	23/06/26	9.30-4.00	Compassionate Organisations and Innovation

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/compassionate-leadership-programme-tickets-1985571661289?aff=oddttdtcreator>.

When applying, please include your role, organisation and whether you currently lead a team.

We look forward to receiving your application!

Please click [HERE](#) to view the Compassionate Leadership Programme Leaflet.

CATHETER CARE UPDATE

Free access to resources around Catheter Care are available via the links supplied. These resources offer a wealth of support for all of the basic Catheter Care you may provide whether it be in a Care Home or via Home Support in someone's own home. Easy to read Infographics around leg bag changes, night bag changes and more. Just click on the links and then click and download/print the infographics/guidance you need or want.

As well as the free resources our colleagues at Airedale Hospital are offering FREE Catheter Care training on 14th May via Teams. The Hospitals Continence team will be providing basic Catheter Care training which will be aimed at anyone who provides Catheter Care, so whether you're in a Care Home or deliver Home Support this training is available for you. For anything further information or help please contact Darren Fletcher on 07582102 163 or email on

Darren.fletcher@bradford.gov.uk

[Care Home Resources](#)

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