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Thursday 1 December 2022

PROVIDER BULLETIN

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2022 – March 2023 - The Cellar Trust Free Training
Thursday 8th December – Sing as One Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 8th December – Home Support Review Provider Engagement Workshop

Upcoming events can also be viewed in the [Events Calendar](#) on the Provider Zone!

NEW HOSPITAL PROCESS FOR HOME SUPPORT PROVIDERS

The process has now been live for 2 months. By informing the Trusted Assessors based in Bradford Royal Infirmary and Airedale Hospital when service users have been admitted, they will allocate a worker to act as a key worker and support with communication between the wards and service provider to ensure a smooth discharge. The Trusted Assessors can assist with moving and handling and equipment queries as well as ensuring that the current package of care is adequate to meet their needs on discharge. Please use this service as so far only a handful of providers are regularly sending this information. The process is there to assist you and ensure a smooth discharge process as well as improving communication.

COST OF LIVING

You can now also sign up to receive a regular cost of living bulletin to access help and support. Sign up at the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council website [HERE](#).

View previous bulletins:

[Cost of Living bulletin - 18 November](#)
[Cost of Living bulletin - 3 November 2022](#)

CARE AGENCY REGISTER

The Care Agency Register is available on the Provider Zone by following the link below:
bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/care-agency-register/

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the increasing cost of living*

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If you would like to order some printed copies of the poster, please email clare.bussingham@bradford.gov.uk.

INFORMATION FOR: ALL PROVIDERS

BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD AND PLATINUM AWARDS FOR COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINATIONS

The Contract and Quality Team is again introducing Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards for Care Homes and Home Support Providers based on the uptake of the Covid-19 Boosters amongst staff members.

Providers that receive the Gold or Platinum award will receive a letter of commendation from Iain Macbeath, Strategic Director of Health and Wellbeing, and Sarah Muckle, Director of Public Health, at Bradford Council.

Below, is a breakdown of the Care Homes and Home Support providers that currently qualify for each award.

This is based on figures from Capacity Tracker therefore it is crucial that you update regularly.

Award	No. of Care Homes
Bronze	0
Silver	0
Gold	0
Platinum	1

Award	No. of Home Support
Bronze	0
Silver	1
Gold	1
Platinum	2

There is no deadline for these awards. Should your service become eligible for a higher award, we will issue your new award once the uptake of staff evidence stated above is submitted. To find out more about the Capacity Tracker, please visit [HERE](#).

Please note that the figures on the Capacity Tracker do not differentiate between staff that are hesitant and those that are medically not eligible. If you have vaccinated all eligible staff, please email the Commissioning Inbox and we can update your rating on our records.

CARE WORKERS AND COVID-19: BUSTING THE MYTHS OF VACCINATION

Care Talk magazine featured an article about Health and Social Care Workers and Covid-19 Vaccinations. The article addressing misinformation around the Covid-19 vaccination. To read the article, please click [HERE](#).

To read the latest issue of the Care Talk magazine, please click [HERE](#).

REACT TO RED: PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION

To view the React to Red Patient/Care Leaflet, please click [HERE](#).

REGIONAL SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT

The Government has indicated that it intends to make funds available to support International Recruitment (IR) in Adult Social Care and is looking for regional plans to deliver this before they release funding. In Yorkshire and Humber the proposal is that Leeds City Council will hold the funds when they are made available and will co-ordinate the support across the region.

ADASS Yorkshire and Humber has been helping to co-ordinate the plans, and has talked to the Care Associations Alliance and Skills for Care to understand what providers might need and to look at what will be possible to support with the grant.

We think this will initially be an advice and support hub, to develop guidance resources, an advice line and to work alongside providers new to IR, together with links to a network of support around pastoral needs.

We hope to work with NHS colleagues to provide this initially and expect that in the initial stages we are most likely to be able to work with providers already looking at, or considering, International Recruitment, who would value some support. There may also be the possibility of small grants to use towards the cost of IR.

It would be very helpful for our planning to know which care providers in the region are already involved in International Recruitment and would like to be involved, and any providers who are seriously considering it and would like to be involved. This will help us to understand the need, but will also allow us to work with you to develop the offer.

Please contact Kathy Clark at ADASS on kathyclark373@gmail.com if you are already doing, or are considering, International Recruitment. In addition, please confirm if you would be happy to help develop the proposal for a regional support offer.



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COVID-19 vaccine

Your guide to
booster vaccination

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NHS



COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE WORKERS

Autumn Winter Covid Booster Campaign

- Autumn Winter campaign underway in which Social Care Workers [SCW] (Cohorts 1-9 as set out in the guidance from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation ([JCVI Guidance](#))) are a priority.
- For the Autumn Winter 2022 booster programme, the primary objective is to augment immunity in those at higher risk from COVID-19 and thereby optimise protection against severe COVID-19, specifically hospitalisation and death, over winter 2022 to 2023.

Self Declaration

- A simple way to make a booking on the National Booking Service [NBS] (www.nhs.uk/book-covid-booster).
- The self-declaring pathway in the NBS allows social care workers to make priority bookings for booster vaccinations.
- **Supplementary Guidance and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)**
- Published on 27/10/22 for frontline social care workers (JCVI Priority Cohort 2) <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/vaccinating-frontline-social-care-workers>

Communication and Engagement

- Article about Carers and relates to Social Care Workers – ‘Carers urged to keep safe over the winter by getting their COVID-19 and flu vaccinations’ – article in ‘The Carer’, a digital magazine Page 14 https://issuu.com/thecarer/docs/the_carer_digital_issue_121.
- *Winter Vaccinations ‘Boost Your Immunity’ Campaign* – this year’s public facing campaign in support of the seasonal flu and COVID-19 vaccination programmes launched on radio and digital channels this week. The campaigns social media assets and social media toolkit along with the Campaign Toolkit and a Pharmacy Pack are now available to download [here](#) and may be used on communication channels.
- Health and social care worker seasonal flu & COVID-19: Communications Toolkit

FLU VACCINATIONS FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE WORKERS

- Book online to get a flu vaccine from a pharmacy that offers it on the NHS - [Book or manage a free NHS flu vaccine at a pharmacy](#)
- You may also receive an invitation to get vaccinated, but you do not have to wait for this before booking an appointment.
- Everyone who is eligible for the free flu vaccine will be able to get it.
- GP surgeries and pharmacies get the flu vaccine in batches throughout the flu season. If you cannot get an appointment straight away, ask if you can book one for when more vaccines are available.
- Social Care Workers who are eligible to have a flu vaccine on the NHS **do not need** to present their ID at a pharmacy. However, if your employer can provide you with a letter identifying you as a social care worker it may make things easier on the day.
- More information can be found [HERE](#).



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THE CELLAR TRUST FREE TRAINING NEURODIVERSITY TRAINING

As part of the Living Well Mental Health Programme, The Cellar Trust and BTM are delighted to work in partnership to deliver some unique training on 'neurodiversity' and how this can intersect with mental health difficulties. This excellent face-to-face training is provided free of charge to any attendee who lives in the Bradford & Craven area. Each 2-hour session will explore the definition of 'neurodiversity', detail the different conditions that this can cover, in addition to looking at which services are available and what sort of reasonable adjustments could be considered within the workplace. Coproduced with people with lived experiences and includes case studies of their experiences.

Dates: Various dates between December 2022 – March 2023

Timings: 2 hour session, start time either 10am or 1pm

Location: BTM 11/12 Eldon Place, Bradford, BD1 3AZ.

Book your free place here: www.eventbrite.com/cc/neurodiversity-training-1123539

THE CELLAR TRUST FREE TRAINING INTRODUCTION TO COUNSELLING

Working in partnership with Cancer Support Yorkshire as part of the My Living Well Mental Health Programme. These sessions will use a mixture of sharing information to help you to participate in thinking and reflecting for yourself and with others on what counselling is about. Although Counselling is a serious subject, we will aim to make the training a fun experience too.

Dates: Various dates between December 2022 – March 2023

Timings: 10am – 4pm.

Location: The Cellar Trust, Farfield Road, Shipley, BD18 4QP

Book your free place here: www.eventbrite.com/cc/introduction-to-counselling-skills-1318739

THE CELLAR TRUST FREE TRAINING SELF-HARM TRAINING

The Cellar Trust and Battle Scars are delighted to work in partnership to deliver online Self-Harm Training as part of the Living Well Mental Health Programme.

These 2-hour sessions offer you the rare opportunity to ask those awkward questions and gain insights only survivors can provide. They are delivered with honesty and openness; please be aware that some may find them triggering. Battle Scars is a 100% survivor led and run charity supporting anyone affected by self-harm, whose aims are to raise awareness and break down the stigma by dispelling myths through education.

Dates: Various dates between December 2022 – March 2023

Timings: 2 hour session, start time either 10.30am, 1.30pm or 6.30pm

Location: Online

Book your free place here: www.eventbrite.com/cc/self-harm-training-1258149

IMPORTANT - INFORMATION FOR ALL SERVICES PROVIDING SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY OR AUTISM

OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY TRAINING ON LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM E-LEARNING

The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training aims to provide the health and care workforce with the right skills and knowledge to provide safe, compassionate and informed care to autistic people and people with a learning disability. The Health and Care Act 2022 introduced a requirement that regulated CQC registered service providers must ensure their staff receive training on learning disability and autism that is appropriate to their role.

The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training has been co-produced, trialled with over 8300 health and care staff and independently evaluated by the National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi). It comes in two tiers so all staff working across all CQC registered services can receive the right level of mandatory training. The elearning is the first part of The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training. A [communication toolkit](#) is available to help disseminate information about the training.

For further information, please visit [The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism webpage](#) and the [elearning programme webpage](#)

CQC: CHANGING OUR OPERATIONAL TEAMS

CQC set out an ambition to regulate in a smarter way, adapting and responding to risk, uncertainty and demand. At the heart of this change will be a [new regulatory approach](#) built around a single assessment framework. To deliver this approach, the CQC will make changes to their teams, introducing a new structure and roles. To find out more about CQC's changing operational teams, please click [HERE](#).

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR NETWORK

Why join the network?

- Support one another
- Showcase ideas and resources
- Learn from each other
- Hear from external speakers / organisations
- Monthly Meetings with other Activity Coordinator's
- WhatsApp Group - sharing ideas on the go



How to join the Activity Coordinator Network?

Email admin@bradfordcareassociation.org to join the network. You can then receive the Monthly Zoom Meeting Calendar Invites + be added to the WhatsApp Group



**For more information email:
admin@bradfordcareassociation.org**

Bradford District and Craven
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Sing as One

**Bradford District and Craven Health and Care
Partnership Christmas Carol Service**

**Thursday 8th December, Bradford Cathedral
6pm-7.30pm (doors open from 5.30pm)**



**Book
online**



<https://bdc-christmas.eventbrite.co.uk>

This year's NHS Carol Service is being opened up to all those working across the Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership. Once again you can join the service featuring the Cathedral Choir and a youth brass band.

All are welcome but pre-booking is required.

REALISE TRAINING FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE WORKERS

Realise are an endorsed provider with Skills for Care and have recently been awarded the contract to deliver the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Adult Education Budget. This provides an opportunity for care providers to access the Adult Education Budget to fully fund several courses for your staff.

Realise can deliver fully funded Level 2 & 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care for individuals over 19 years who earn less than £17,374.50 a year in West Yorkshire.

This qualification is the desired minimum standard by inspectors and commissioners alike. This is an opportunity for you to access the funding to support a programme of development and investment in your staff team without cost to the organisation.

To find access the Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care from Realise, please click [HERE](#).

To find access the Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care from Realise, please click [HERE](#).

To find out more about the Diplomas in Health and Social Care offered by Realise, please click [HERE](#).

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INFORMATION FOR: ACCOMMODATION BASED SERVICES

CHANGES TO THE CONTROLLED DRUG REPORTING WEBSITE

The Controlled Drug reporting website – www.cdreporting.co.uk has undergone a review and development process and as a result, the website has been upgraded and some of the reporting modules have been re-designed or modified based on comments from users and to make the reporting modules compatible with other national reporting systems.

This is a very exciting re-launch that has been designed to improve upon the way the reporting of concerns, incidents and other controlled drug functions currently happen and to further standardise processes across regions to comply with the Dame Janet recommendations from the Shipman enquiry.

The CD Reporting website will change on **Thursday 1 December 2022** and from this date there will be several changes. Before this date, please continue to report as you normally would.

For more information, please read the letter from the NHS England Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer Team [HERE](#).

NEW MEDICINES MANAGEMENT VIRTUAL TRAINING SESSIONS

Immedicare are launching a new range of medicines management training sessions that are available for all care homes that use the Immedicare service. The aim of the training is to help care home staff to support their residents to take their medicines correctly, avoid taking unnecessary medicines, reduce wastage of medicines and improve medicines safety.

For details and the timetable for the training, please click [HERE](#) to open the attached information.

For information on how to register for the virtual training, please click [HERE](#).

If you have any questions regarding the training, please contact Angela at acunningham@immedicare.co.uk

INFORMATION FOR: COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

HOME SUPPORT REVIEW PROVIDER ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Following an initial Home Support Review Provider Engagement Workshop on Thursday 6th October, it was agreed that a further series of Provider Engagement Sessions would be scheduled to allow us to continue to gather your input. Each of these sessions will have a theme/key topic which will be from across the different Home Support New Ways of Working focus groups and your input in these engagement workshops will feed in to their work.

These sessions run fortnightly on Thursdays 3-4pm on Microsoft Teams, with a short break over the Christmas Period. We will send an agenda to you a few days before each session so you have the opportunity to decide if you would like to attend for that discussion or if you would like to send a substitute from your team. If you would like to be added to the contact list for these sessions and to be sent the meeting invites, please reply to this email or contact Alicia.mornin@bradford.gov.uk.

There will still be opportunities to be part of the working groups as a representative and if you are able to let us know which particular working groups you would be interested in we will forward your contact details to the working group lead who will make direct contact with you.

WARM SPACE GRANTS FOR VOLUNTARY CARE SECTOR

WARM PLACES GRANTS STILL AVAILABLE

Please be aware that although the applications for Warm Space Grants ended on the 31 October, there is still funding remaining within the scheme and therefore any application submitted now will still be considered whilst funding remains. Please see the information below on Warm Spaces and how your organisation can apply for a grant to support one.

WARM SPACES GRANT

Organisations can apply for a grant of £500 or £1000 to help set up or improve a Warm Space for residents this winter.

This could be used, for example, to improve an existing space so more people can use the facility, develop an unused space, improve disabled access and facilities, pay for energy efficiency measures to keep the space warm or to buy catering equipment.

The deadline to apply for a grant was 31 October 2022. Applications can still be submitted after this date and will be considered if there are any remaining funds. More info available here - [Warm Spaces Grant Application](#)

REGISTER YOUR VENUE AS A WARM SPACE

If you are an organisation offering a Warm Space already, please tell us about your facilities and services using the form below so we can add to the directory and let residents know about you. It should only take a few minutes to complete the form: [Register as a Warm Space](#)

You can also find out more about Warm Spaces in the Bradford District here: <https://costoflivingbradford.co.uk/warm-spaces/>