

Thursday 27th February 2025

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](mailto:ProviderBulletin@bradford.gov.uk).



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

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

- Goals Bradford – 5<sup>th</sup> March
  - Have your say on proposed savings – March 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Improving your CQC rating seminar – March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Day Activities Provider Forum – March 12<sup>th</sup> (details to be circulated this week)
- THET/Global Health Partnerships Diaspora Healthcare Champion Awards – March 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Huntington's Disease and mental health - online study day – March 20<sup>th</sup>

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

### **URGENT! DETAILS OF COMMUNITY CARE CHARGING CONSULTATION EVENTS AFFECTING ALL PROVIDERS**

Please use this **LINK** to access essential information

### **EQUALITIES DATA**

Thank you to all providers involved with the initial roll-out of the new equality's questionnaire at the end of 2024. A summary of the results has now been published:

**Equalities Data - People Commissioning Service | Bradford Connect to Support.**

Details of the next steps for the equalities questionnaire and what providers need to do to support this will be available shortly.

### **FOR ATTENTION OF HOME SUPPORT PROVIDERS - PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT (POE)**

Home Support Providers are advised that the Provision of Equipment (POE) Referral Form has been modified. The form now includes a specific question about consent to the referral at the end of the form.

Providers are asked to use the new version of the Form with immediate effect when referring to the OT Moving & Handling Inbox (email address is contained within the form). Please download the form **HERE**.

## **ADVOCACY TOOLKITS**

VoiceAbility has recently launched self-help toolkits to assist people with raising complaints, care needs assessments, informal IMHA, accessing services, and housing information. These toolkits provide initial support and guidance, potentially empowering people to self-advocate. However, VoiceAbility's dedicated advocates are always available for additional support if needed. If you think these toolkits could benefit your organisation or people you support, please contact the VoiceAbility helpline on 0303 303 1660, email [helpline@voiceability.org](mailto:helpline@voiceability.org) or visit the website at [www.voiceability.org](http://www.voiceability.org) for more information.

**Housing information toolkit**

**Accessing services self advocacy toolkit**

**Informal IMHA toolkit**

**Care needs assessment toolkit**

**Raising a concern toolkit**

## **Ramadan toolkit for communications and involvement teams**

We've pulled together a toolkit that can be used by our partners for their own internal and external channel to mark Ramadan and Eid celebrations. Some of this information has been provided by our partners with permission to be used and shared. This year, we have teamed up with the British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA) to produce a video featuring Dr Salman Waqar, GP and the former President of BIMA, which provides some health tips to help people prepare for Ramadan. This toolkit contains information about Ramadan, details of staff events taking place across our partner organisations, video advice from Dr Salman Waqar (GP and the former President of BIMA), social media messaging and images, webinars on how Ramadan can affect people with a severe mental illness, and the latest from Bradford 2025 and Ramadan Tent Project. More events may be announced over the month, and we'll send out a refreshed toolkit with any additions so you're communicating the latest news and information with your networks. **Download the Ramadan toolkit.** Please email [communications@bradford.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@bradford.nhs.uk) should you have any issues accessing the toolkit.

## **Abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening**

For information click [here](#)

For the poster click [here](#)

Hi all – Men with learning disabilities have a low uptake of their Triple A screening which we would like to try and improve. Currently only about 40% of men who are appropriate for screening on the LD register have taken it up.

We are running a clinic at Waddiloves with the Triple A screeners in March (see above poster).

If you are able to ask any gentlemen aged 65 or older you are supporting or working with whether they have had their Triple A screening previously and if not, then share the poster & perhaps the easy read screening leaflet with them that would be much appreciated – the link is here if easier: [Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening: easy guide - GOV.UK](#)

## **Well Together Activities and Walks schedule for MARCH 2025.**

You can refer into our service (please do check referral criteria) by going to our webpage [Well Together service - BDCT](#) where you can find a professional referral form to complete. A copy of the form is also attached.

Before making a referral to Well together Service please discuss our service with your patient/client to ensure our service is suitable for them and they are interested in attending our activities.

### **WELL TOGETHER SERVICE PROFESSIONAL REFERRAL FORM**

### **FACE TO FACE & VIRTUAL GROUPS**

### **WALKING GROUPS**

## **Applications Open for West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Global Fellowship**

The West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership (WYHCP) Global Fellowship offers WYHCP staff the exciting opportunity to spend six months living abroad to complete a global health project. The Global Fellowship is a leadership development opportunity for clinical and non-clinical staff. Returning Fellows demonstrate new skills, and improved motivation and resilience, contributing to career progression and retention.

Our global partnerships with the Governments of Kerala (India) and St Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) in the Caribbean have allowed us to offer two Global Fellowship programmes that are available exclusively for staff working in WYHCP organisations. Opportunities to live, work, and develop your skills in Kerala and SVG are available.

The WYHCP Fellowship is administered by the NHS Global Fellowship team. The NHS Global Fellowship has been on offer for nearly 15 years, and in that time, more than 350 NHS staff have undertaken fellowships abroad, many who have returned to the UK have drawn on their global health skills to become senior leaders across the NHS.

**You can find out more about the WYHCP Global Fellowship online. The closing date for applications is 11:59pm Sunday 16 March 2025.**

## **COMMUNITY ACTION BRADFORD & DISTRICT - THE BIG MEET 2025**

The Big Meet event is now only 8 weeks away!!

The days are getting longer for sure, but there's not many left to book your spot on this amazing event. The event will take place 24 April 2024 from 4pm.

My manager doesn't want me to shout about our FREE tickets as they are getting booked so fast.

Book your free ticket now to hear from our inspirational speakers, get access to networking opportunities and a FREE dinner!

Put a spring in your step and **secure your place now.**

# **Transforming Public Procurement**

The new Procurement Act 2023 has now come into effect.

This has reformed UK public sector procurement rules and any new procurement activity from now on will be subject to the new Act. Any procurement projects commenced prior to 24 February 2025 will be under the previous Public Contract Regulations (2015).

We want to make sure that everyone who does business with us is aware of the changes and how it will affect the way the public sector organisations procure goods, works and services.

For more information <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/business/doing-business-with-bradford-council/procurement-act-2023-information-and-guidance-for-suppliers/>



**hft** Learning disability allies

**We are....** **L2mU**  
Luv2meetU

**Luv2meetu is a social group based in Bradford welcoming adults with learning difficulties and autism to make new friends and to do lots of fun and also relaxing activities.**

**Activities are available weekdays, evenings and weekends.**

**For more information and to to join please contact via email at [emma.mitchell@hft.org.uk](mailto:emma.mitchell@hft.org.uk) or call/message 07867179902**