

## **Benefits of Student Placements for Adult Social Care Providers**

Many health and social care courses at Bradford University and the Colleges require that the student undertakes time in a work placement to gain real experience and learn relevant skills.

Placements can be short, e.g. one week, or much longer, e.g. 2 days a week for an academic year.

Bradford University and our 3 Colleges (Bradford, Keighley and Shipley) are all looking for adult social care providers to provide placements for their students. Student numbers are increasing, with courses requiring more time to be spent in a care placement.

### **Benefits for care provider:**

- Get to know a potential new member of staff before you employ them – many students need to work part-time to support themselves through their studies
- Gain a part-time employee (weekends, holidays, or regular shifts each week), potentially for 1, 2 or 3 years
- Some placements, e.g. from the University, provide a payment to the care provider for providing the placement, or there is an offer of free training for your staff in return for offering a placement
- Showcase your care setting to a range of external people, including allied health professionals, e.g. nurses, paramedics, OTs, physiotherapists
- Good evidence of being more involved with the wider community for CQC
- Learn new or best practice from the students, their tutors and assessors – helps your staff to keep up to date
- Helps foster and evidence a learning culture in your care setting
- Regular placements where students rotate and follow one after another can provide an extra staff member throughout the year

### **Support available for care provider to prepare for and support the student:**

1. The Colleges and University will provide support for care providers to undertake any necessary Risk Assessments or Health and Safety checks prior to the placement
2. They will provide information on what you will need to do for the student and the tasks the student needs to undertake whilst on placement

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3. If students require assessment against competencies, guidance will be given alongside training / development of staff members within your team who would assess or mentor the student

### **Would you be interested or like further information about offering a student placement?**

Please complete the form below, and return to a Rachael Ross, BCA Workforce Lead, on [Rachael.k.ross@hotmail.com](mailto:Rachael.k.ross@hotmail.com)

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### Student Placement form

Your name:

Your position:

Name of care service:

Type of care setting, e.g. Nursing Home, Care Home, Home Care, Day Centre, etc:

Care service address:

Email address:

Are you happy for the Placement Coordinators from Bradford University and Bradford, Keighley and Shipley Colleges to contact you by email?

YES

NO

If YES, please can you circle which Colleges you are happy to contact you:

BRADFORD  
SHIPLEY

KEIGHLEY

Would you prefer students on a long-term placement or short-term, or would you offer both (please circle)?

LONG-TERM

SHORT-TERM

BOTH

Thank you for your interest.

Please return form to: [Rachael.k.ross@hotmail.com](mailto:Rachael.k.ross@hotmail.com)