

CARE AMBASSADORS

A great way to recruit staff, engage with your community and showcase your service!

The Care Ambassador initiative has been running since the early 2000s, and has a proven track record of increasing staff recruitment and contributing to staff retention. Care Ambassadors are invited in to Colleges, Schools, the Job Centre and Career Events, to talk about what they do, why they enjoy working in social care, their career in social care, and why they like working for you!

Skills for Care have a great range of readily available resources that can support the Care Ambassadors in this work.

Bradford Care Ambassador programme is looking to find more care providers who have staff within their service who are passionate and enthusiastic about the job that they do, and are willing to talk about this and the career that they have had.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Safina Akhtar who the Care Ambassadors in Bradford on Safina.Akhtar@bthft.nhs.uk

Also to note, Safina and Ailsa Benn (from Skills for Care) are inviting any new Care Ambassadors to an induction session on June 8th at BRI.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE STRATEGY

As you are all aware skills for care have been commissioned to lead on developing a workforce strategy for social care across the Bradford District..

Thank you to all the providers who contributed to the provider summit and completed the questionnaire; the feedback will form part of the strategy implementation plan.

To see the feedback please click [HERE](#)

STOMP TRAINING

Do you work with people with learning disabilities who are prescribed psychotropic medications?

BDCFT is providing free training via Microsoft teams please see the poster [HERE](#) for more information.

CELEBRATING SOCIAL CARE

During April, Skills for Care is **#CelebratingSocialCare**. With the public restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic lifted, we're recognising the commitment of people working in social care and celebrating their achievements during these challenging times.

We're asking everyone working across social care to join in and 'shout out' their thanks to colleagues and partners or share something they're particularly proud of that they did during the pandemic via social media using **#CelebratingSocialCare** to recognise the hard work, dedication and resilience shown.

Find out more about how you can get involved throughout the month and see our good news stories at www.skillsforcare.org.uk/CelebratingSocialCare

CHANGES TO DEATH CERTIFICATION

Please read this document containing tips on how to deal with the changes with this [LINK](#).

You can also view the Royal College of Pathologists guide on completing a medical certificate [HERE](#).

ADULT SOCIAL CARE: UPDATED INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL GUIDANCE AND NEW COVID-19 SUPPLEMENT

Please directly access the letter for updated guidance and new covid-19 supplement [HERE](#).

TESTING GUIDANCE UPDATES

Please see below for updates on testing procedures:

Testing for adult social care services: [HERE](#)

Testing in adult care homes: [HERE](#)

Testing in extra care and supported living settings: [HERE](#)

Testing for homecare workers: [HERE](#)

Testing for adult day care centre workers and service users: [HERE](#)

Testing for anyone working in adult social care who is not part of regular testing at work: [HERE](#)

NURSING HOMES PLEASE CAN YOU HELP AND PROVIDE STUDENT NURSE PLACEMENTS URGENTLY?

Bradford University have 20 student nurses who are without a student placement within a Nursing Home from w/c 9th May.

The Placement is for 9 weeks, and the student nurses will need to be assessed against competencies by a Registered Nurse whilst on placement. The student nurses are on their second placement in their first year of training.

The University pay Nursing Homes approx. £95 per week, per student

Bradford Uni would use the next few weeks to provide support / training to your Nursing Staff to take on the assessment role and for your home to meet the University placement audit requirements.

Are you a Nursing Home, judged as a minimum 'good' by CQC? Can you assist with these placements?

If yes, please contact Vikki Carter at Bradford Uni as soon as possible on - v.carter@bradford.ac.uk

