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Thursday 06 April 2023

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Upcoming events can also be viewed in the [EVENTS CALENDAR](#) in the Provider Zone!

- What would make our place feel safer for women and girls? 6th April 18.30
- Home Support Locality Tender, support webinar, First date: 12th April 11.30-12.30. Other dates available beyond this.
- Local Friendship Grants Workshop start on 12th April
- Partnership awards deadline – 19th April
- Care Sector Improvement Development Plan Meeting 18th April 10.30-12.30
- Closing date for the home support tender - 9th May
- Mental Health Awareness week 15th – 21st May (Lego brick walk experience 20th May)
- National LDA awards 30th June (Nomination closing date 12th May)



The BCA Digital Month was a great success with **over 30 webinars taking place throughout the month.**

Providers had the opportunity to hear about the latest digital innovation and technology, supporting social care. The different webinars focus on a range of digital topic areas such as Falls Tech, GDPR, DSPT, NHSmail, Digital Care Records, Telemedicine, Microsoft 365 and many more.

Don't worry if you missed it! Click [here](#) to view the Digital Month Resource Pack including Zoom Recordings & Contact Details.

HELP SHAPE OUR FIRST EVER PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

Our Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership has some exciting news, this year we will be holding our first place-based awards. These awards will be open to entries from colleagues working across our health and care partnership - from our independent care sector, voluntary and community organisations, local authorities, and the NHS. The event will take place on the evening of Thursday 19 October, more details will follow in due course. We want this event to be shaped by YOU! We've pulled together [a short survey](#), please share your views before our closing date of Wednesday 19 April.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY ALERT TEST (23 APRIL): SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH LD AND AUTISM

On Sunday 23 April there will be a national UK Emergency Alert test. This new Emergency Alert system is being rolled out by the government and will notify all phones with an alert sound - including when they are on silent. We are aware that such an alert, including the sound, could cause anxiety for a number of vulnerable people including those with a learning disability or those with autism. Please could you help by sharing this message to people with learning disability or those with autism as well as their families and carers. The latest announcement by the government confirms that the emergency sound will go off on nearly all smartphones at 3pm on Sunday 23 April.

CARERS PARKING IN RESIDENTS ONLY AREAS – APPLY FOR A PERMIT TO REGISTER YOUR STAFF’S VEHICLES

There are two different types of permit.

- For family members who are carers visiting a permit area then they would be able to apply for a 'Special Permit' which are free of charge and approved by Highways for the carer to visit a particular location or scheme.
- Care Providers can apply for a permit per vehicle for their care staff, under "Health Visitor" permits. Health visitor permits enable visiting carers to park in limited wait bays and residential parking areas for up to two hours

To apply for a parking permit, please click [HERE](#).

To read the step by step guidance notes for Health Visitor Permits, please click [HERE](#).

To read the step by step guidance notes for Special Parking Permits, please click [HERE](#).

This information is available on [Connect to Support](#).

Check your first aid kit before the Easter weekend.

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You will be contacted if your appointment needs to be changed. Please continue to come forward for the care you need.



THE CARE WORKERS CHARITY CRISIS GRANT HAS ENDED

The Council's partnership with The Care Workers' Charity to provide crisis grants to care workers has now come to an end as the funding has all been allocated. £50,000 worth of grants have been paid to care workers facing a sudden or unexpected loss of income in the District since June 2022.

EASTER BANK HOLIDAY AND JUNIOR DOCTORS STRIKE

Junior doctors in England will go on strike from Tuesday, 11 April until Saturday, 15 April. NHS teams continue to work hard to minimise disruption from the industrial action, but it is expected that there will be a significant impact on local health services.

Regardless of any strike action, the NHS is advising on the importance of anyone who needs urgent medical care to continue to come forward in the normal way – calling 999 or going to your nearest Accident and Emergency (A&E) department, especially in emergency and life-threatening cases – when someone is seriously ill or injured, or their life is at risk. People should continue to also attend planned appointments unless they are contacted.

People are being asked to check their medication supplies and to visit NHS 111 online first for health advice over what is expected to be a busy period for NHS services over the Easter bank holiday (7-10 April) and until the end of junior doctor strike action (11-14 April).

Health advice and information is available from NHS 111, which is free and can be accessed by phone or online. It can tell you where and how to get help for your symptoms and arrange a telephone call with a healthcare professional if appropriate. You can also use the [NHS website to find an open pharmacy](#) near you.

Emotional support is also available over this period through Guide-Line between 8am and 12am on 08001 884 884 or the [Healthy Minds website](#) to get help. For 24/7 urgent mental health crisis support, people should contact First Response on 08009521181.

ONLINE MENOPAUSE AWARENESS SESSIONS

At West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership, we are working together to support our workforce and raise awareness around menopause. We have a number of [Menopause Awareness sessions](#) taking place over the next year, these sessions will focus on helping everyone understand what it is like for those being impacted by physical and emotional symptoms of the menopause so they can better understand how to support their employees/colleagues, family and friends. They will also focus on what menopause is, why and when it happens and ways of managing symptoms.

Participants will gain confidence in having supportive conversations around menopause and how to get the right support together including the important role a partner, team or family member can play.

Further information on the online menopause awareness sessions can be found on the next page.

Session	Date	Time	Eventbrite link
Menopause Awareness at Work- training for all colleagues and line managers	22 nd March, 2023	10:00 – 11:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/menopause-awareness-at-work-training-for-all-colleagues-and-line-managers-tickets-591358698787
Menopause Awareness at Work- training for all colleagues and line managers	24 th April, 2023	8:30 – 9:30	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/menopause-awareness-at-work-training-for-all-colleagues-and-line-managers-tickets-591528988127
Menopause Awareness at Work- training for all colleagues and line managers	24 th May, 2023	12:00 – 13:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/menopause-awareness-at-work-training-for-all-colleagues-and-line-managers-tickets-594556012037
Menopause Awareness at Work- training for all colleagues and line managers	14 th June, 2023	17:00 – 18:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/menopause-awareness-at-work-training-for-all-colleagues-and-line-managers-tickets-594559793347
Menopause Awareness at Work- training for all colleagues and line managers	11 th July, 2023	15:00 – 16:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/menopause-awareness-at-work-training-for-all-colleagues-and-line-managers-tickets-594564076157
Menopause Awareness at Work- training for all colleagues and line managers	17 th Aug, 2023	11:00 – 12:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/menopause-awareness-at-work-training-for-all-colleagues-and-line-managers-tickets-594566934707
Menopause Awareness at Work- training for all colleagues and line managers	27 th Sep, 2023	14:00 – 15:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/menopause-awareness-at-work-training-for-all-colleagues-and-line-managers-tickets-594571408087
Menopause Awareness at Work- training for all colleagues and line managers	24 th Oct, 2023	12:00 – 13:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/menopause-awareness-at-work-training-for-all-colleagues-and-line-managers-tickets-594577767107
Menopause Awareness at Work- training for all colleagues and line managers	22 nd Nov, 2023	9:30 – 10:30	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/menopause-awareness-at-work-training-for-all-colleagues-and-line-managers-tickets-594590184247
Menopause Awareness at Work- training for all colleagues and line managers	13 th Dec, 2023	14:00 – 15:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/menopause-awareness-at-work-training-for-all-colleagues-and-line-managers-tickets-594593012707
Menopause Awareness at Work- training for all colleagues and line managers	18 th Jan, 2024	13:00 – 14:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/menopause-awareness-at-work-training-for-all-colleagues-and-line-managers-tickets-594596031737
Menopause Awareness at Work- training for all colleagues and line managers	28 th Feb, 2023	9:00 – 10:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/menopause-awareness-at-work-training-for-all-colleagues-and-line-managers-tickets-594596643567

IPC CHANGES FROM 3 APRIL

Please see [the attached letter](#) from Claire Armstrong to the sector as well as the following links:

- ▶ [Press Release detailing changes](#) (ignore the 1st April date, it is misleading - that's the date PCRs stop being processed)
- ▶ [Guidance on COVID-19 Testing during periods of low prevalence](#) (ignore the 1st April date, it is misleading - that's the date PCRs stop being processed)
 - ▶ [IPC COVID-19 Supplement - updated to reflect changes](#)

From Monday, the testing regime is being significantly relaxed for adult social care. Testing will be provided to individuals and settings at the highest risk from COVID-19 but only LFD tests will be used in social care. Routine symptomatic testing of staff and residents in care settings will end and will only be advised for those eligible for COVID-19 treatments (in care homes and in extra care and supported living) and during suspected outbreaks in care homes. Testing is not available in other settings.

People with symptoms of a respiratory infection who are not eligible for COVID-19 treatments do not need to test but should stay away from others until they feel well again and do not have a temperature. This includes staff with symptoms.

People who test positive for COVID-19 should stay away from others for a minimum of 5 days and until they feel well and no longer have a temperature. Testing is no longer required for individuals to return to normal before 10 days following a positive test.

Rapid response testing will no longer be needed in care homes or extra care and supported living settings.

If there is a suspected or confirmed outbreak in a care home, there is no longer a need to test the whole home. Instead, only the first 5 linked symptomatic residents should take a LFD to assess if there is an outbreak of 2 or more residents displaying respiratory symptoms within 14 days.

Outbreak measures in care homes should not only focus on protecting those who are at highest-risk from COVID-19. Measures can be lifted 5 days after the last positive or suspected case. Recovery testing is no longer required.

There should not be any restrictions on visits out for individuals who are not symptomatic or who have not tested positive in any circumstance.

Hospital admissions to care homes should test with a LFD within 48 hours before discharge. PCRs should no longer be taken.

Community admissions do not need to test.

PCR tests may be used if advised and supplied by the NHS for an individual eligible for COVID-19 treatments who has tested positive, or if advised by an HPT during an outbreak.

Anyone falling out of the scope of the above, should follow the guidance for the general public.

DEMENTIA TRAINING MODULES FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROVIDERS ACROSS WEST YORKSHIRE

We are pleased to inform you about an opportunity for Adult Social Care staff across West Yorkshire to attend fully funded webinar training sessions on different topics related to dementia care.

These will take place from May 2023 and a range of modules are available:

- Dementia Awareness
- Person-centred Dementia Care
- End of Life Dementia Care

Please see the attached flyer [here](#) for more details and instructions about how to book a place or click this [link](#) to visit the Eventbrite page.

We would be extremely grateful if you could please share this across your network and help to spread the word about this exciting opportunity.

If you have any questions, please get in touch:

AHOWDTrainingCalendar@leeds.gov.uk

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH ON REGISTERED NURSES IN ASC

We are looking for anyone who is or has been a Registered Nurse and is or has been working in Adult Social Care (or working in a sector closely related to social care). In the study we are looking at why Registered Nurses join, stay or leave working in the social care sector with an aim to improve recruitment and retention of Nurses by understanding their individual experiences of working in this sector. The study was commissioned by the Department for Health and Social Care. A £20 shopping voucher is offered as thanks for taking part in an interview.

More information can also be found here:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/research/registered-nurses-in-adult-social-care> . If you'd like to take part, or would like to know more, please contact the lead researcher Nicole Steils at nicole.steils@kcl.ac.uk .

GENDER EQUALITY: WE NEED YOU TO BE INVOLVED

Partners across Bradford District and Craven are hosting free sessions. We want to lead the way in creating a gender equal world, and to do this we need you to be involved and join us at the sessions.

Take action to drive gender equality by signing up to our sessions here:

- [What would make our place feel safer for women and girls?](#)

Please note most of these events are for anyone working in our district and not just for women. To achieve gender equality we need to be supported by our male allies and strongly encourage all members of staff to sign up and stand in solidarity with women, because gender equality benefits everyone.



HOME SUPPORT LOCALITY TENDER SUPPORT WEBINAR

- ▶ **Wed, 12th April (11:30 - 12:30)**
- ▶ **Tues, 18th April (13:30 - 14:30)**
- ▶ **Tues, 25th April (following Provider Update/ 10:30 - 12)**
- ▶ **Tues, 2nd May (following Provider Update/ 10:30 - 12)**

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 993 772 1608

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TO RECEIVE A CALENDAR INVITE EMAIL BCA



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TENDER LIVE - REIMAGINING HOME SUPPORT FOR THE BRADFORD DISTRICT

The tender opportunity for Home Support in the Bradford District is now live under a new YORtender project, with reference no 65088 and title 'Reimagining Home Support for the Bradford District'.

To access the tender you will need to search for and register an interest in the new project on YORtender. You can access the live opportunity at [Public quote/tender - Reimagining Home Support for the Bradford District \(eu-supply.com\)](https://eu-supply.com/public-quote/tender-reimagining-home-support-for-the-bradford-district) or by searching for Home Support under the link marked CTM Published Tenders.

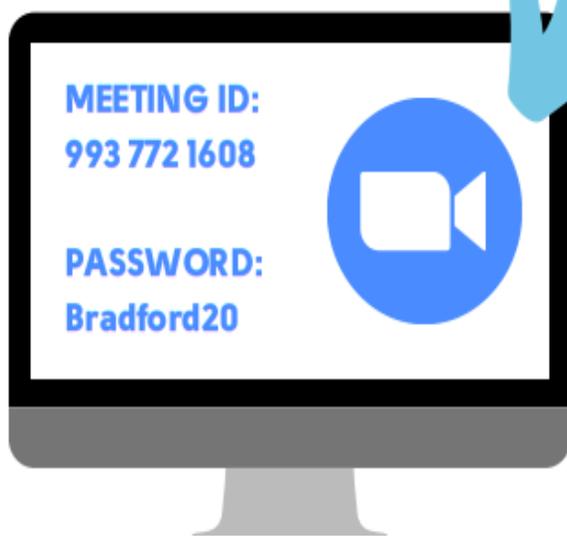
The closing date for this tender is **9th May 2023**.

CARE SECTOR IMPROVEMENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN MEETING

Tues, 18th April | 10:30 - 12:30

Agenda:

- **Commissioning intentions and new MPS** (*Holly Watson*)
- **Care homes Net to Gross update** (*Chris Cobb*)
- **New Provider feedback and escalation process & Process and issue review** (*Paul Hunt & Kerry James*)
- **Development of referral and placement protocol** (*Alex & Karen McCreesh*)
- **CHC- integrated approach, back log etc** (*Clare Oates and Vicky Milner*)
- **Workforce Strategy Launch** (*Jane Wood*)



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LOCAL FRIENDSHIP SUPPORT GRANTS – SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS AND/OR LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Local Friendship Support Grants – Supporting people with Sensory Impairments and/or living with Dementia

Are you a support group local to the Bradford District which could or does support people with a sensory impairment and/or living with dementia?

Do you have an idea of how you could grow or expand your group to help people build friendships, live independently and be engaged with their local community?

Bradford Council are offering Local Friendship Grants of between **£250 - £2,000** to local groups to enable them to grow and expand their groups and become more accessible.

These grants are now live and all required information can be found on the CNet website at <https://cnet.org.uk/Projects/Grants>. Please note the closing date for applications is **Tuesday 9th May at 12 noon.**

We are also hosting a series of workshops to explain how you can access these grants and offer support with applications. Anyone is welcome to attend these sessions to learn more:

Local Friendship Grants Workshop - for Groups supporting those living with dementia:

A workshop to give further information on the grants process, the criteria and how to apply

Thursday 13th April, 1pm-2:30pm

The View Room, Margaret McMillan Towers, BD1 1NN

To book a place at this workshop, email Alicia at Alicia.mornin@bradford.gov.uk or phone 07977 160188

Local Friendship Grants Workshop - for Groups supporting those with sensory impairments:

A workshop to give further information on the grants process, the criteria and how to apply (please note there will be BSL interpreters at this session)

Wednesday 12th April, 1pm-2:30pm

TOUCH IT, Morley Street Resource Centre, 124 Morley Street, Bradford, BD7 1BB

Local Friendship Grants Q&A Workshop - for Groups supporting those with sensory impairments:

A further workshop to answer frequently asked questions and provide further information for anyone not able to attend the earlier workshop (please note there will be BSL interpreters at this session)

Wednesday 19th April, 1pm-2:30pm

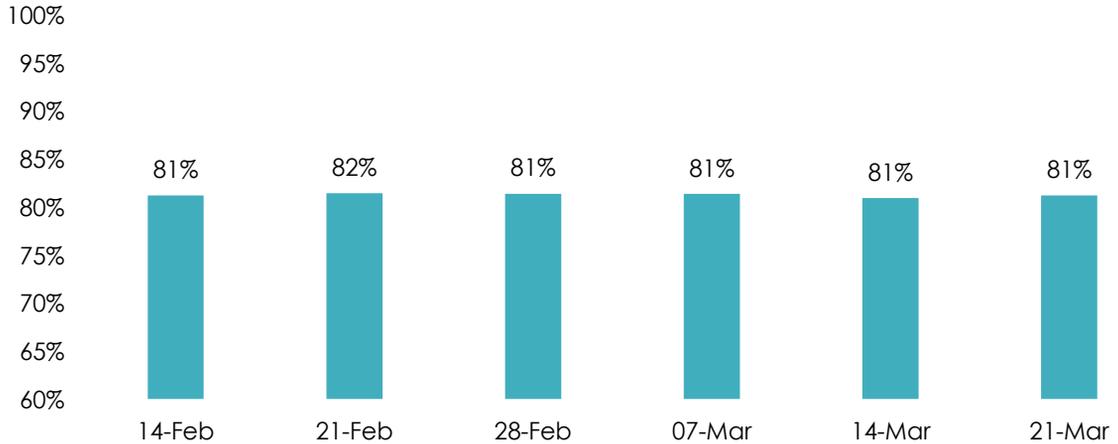
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To book a place at either of these Sensory Impairment specific workshops, email or phone the Sensory Needs Service Reception at sns.general@bradford.gov.uk or on 01274 435001

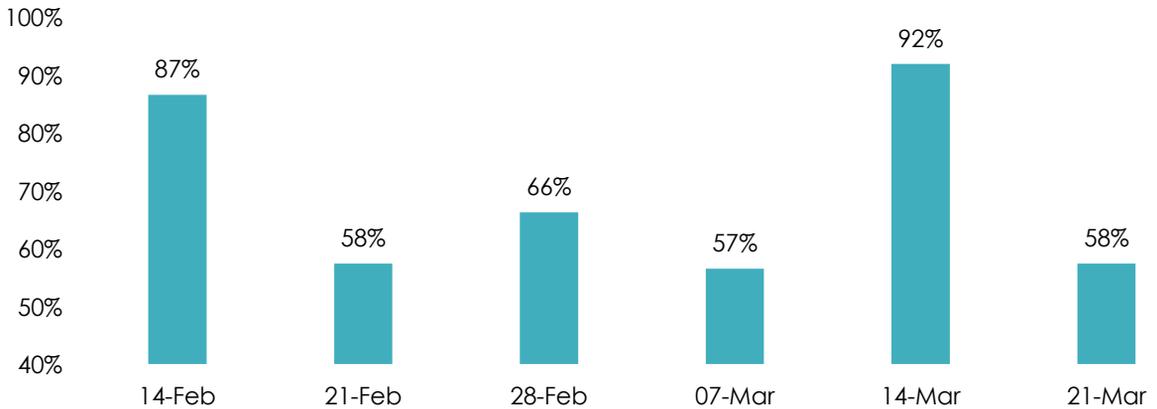
BRADFORD CARE HOMES WEEKLY COVID-19 TRACKER

Please find the data below on Care Homes in the Bradford District for your information. The following data has been provided by the Council's Senior Management Team in the Contract and Commissioning Team.

Bradford Care Home Occupancy Rate



Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



Data Sources:

Weekly Deaths, Office National Statistics.

Covid Infections, Occupancy and Tracker, NESC Capacity Tracker.

Outbreaks, HPT Bradford