

CARE AND SUPPORT COMMISSIONING

BULLETIN – 03/07/2026

The Bulletin is produced monthly – please ensure key messages are shared with care staff accordingly.

Market Position Statement Session – Care and Support Commissioning Team

The above session will be taking place online on **Thursday 30th July at 14:00pm**, via Microsoft Teams invite link. We encourage all providers to join if able to. For any providers who have not received the invite link for the session, please contact CSCThub@wakefield.gov.uk

Capacity Tracker ASC Mandatory Submission: 8th to 14th July 2026

The window will open on **Wednesday 8th July 2026** for providers to complete their ASC Mandatory submission on Capacity Tracker. **The window will close on Tuesday 14th July 2026.**

Please refer to [Adult social care provider information provisions: guidance for providers on data enforcement – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) regarding the enforcement action DHSC will undertake if providers are not compliant with their ASC Mandatory submission.

Capacity Tracker Explainers – NECS

NECS are working closely with the Department of Health and Social Care on a programme of improvements to Capacity Tracker.

As part of this, Care Home and Home Care providers will now see 'Explainers' within the sections where they enter their data. These were introduced following feedback from providers who wanted clearer insight into who uses the information submitted and the impact it has. You can view this detail by clicking anywhere you see 'Why we ask for this information'. Users can also now access the explainer text directly in the Capacity Tracker Resource Centre.

If you have feedback on the new content or functionality, please email the team at necsu.ctengagement@nhs.net.

Over the coming months, they will be making further developments to the system to reduce duplication and give local authorities greater ownership of the questions they need to ask providers in their area.

More information regarding this will be announced soon.

Experience of post-falls management in care homes – Nottingham University Hospital

Do you work with older people living in care homes who experience falls?

Care home staff, paramedics and healthcare staff across England are invited to take part in a short interview as part of a research study to develop principles for providing care immediately after an older person falls in a care home (known as post-falls management). This research is sponsored (led) by Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust.

Nottingham University Hospital would like to hear experiences and opinions of care home staff, and health care staff working in primary, community, emergency and acute setting to inform the choice of key post-falls management principles. The interview will be conducted by telephone or online, according to your preference. The interview is estimated to take no more than 60 minutes to complete. Further information is in the attached information sheet. Translated information and/or support from an interpreter is available on request.

The hospital would like to hear from all staff with experience of post-falls management in care homes. We are particularly interested in speaking to staff from minority ethnic backgrounds and/or staff with a non-British nationality to make sure the research reflects the diversity of the workforce in England.

If you are interested in finding out more and potentially taking part, please contact the research team: nuhnt.postfalls@nhs.net

Schwartz Round, Thursday 9th July – The Schwartz Centre

The next Schwartz Round has been scheduled for Thursday 9th July at 12:15pm. Details for how to join are in the attached PDF.

Workforce Development Guide for 2026/27

Please see attached PVI booklet again for reference, with previous issue with links now been resolved and working.

Supporting working-age people living with a long-term condition Vocational rehabilitation – Skills for Care

Please see the attached the training, which is part of Healthy Working Life, a joint programme of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board.

Wakefield Cares Careers Hub Updates July 2026

Please see attached update document from the Wakefield Cares Careers Hub.

Activity Coordinators' Meeting Dates for Care Homes 2026

Please see attached upcoming meeting dates for 2026 - where Care Homes can share ideas, discuss best practice, and learn from one another.

Join Wakefield Care Association – Membership Applications Now Open (Free for 2026/27)

On behalf of Wakefield Care Association, please see below the information -

Dear Colleague,

We are writing to invite CQC registered, independent, private and VCSE Adult Social Care Providers across Wakefield to join Wakefield Care Association (WCA) as we continue to develop a single, strong, collective voice for adult social care providers in our area.

The Care Association has made significant progress over recent months, and we are now opening membership as we move into the next phase of development. Our Executive Board is now in place, with a wider board currently being formed, and regular provider meetings are already underway to ensure providers are shaping our priorities and direction.

Progress to date includes:

-  A clear Plan on a Page setting out our vision and priorities
-  Board roles and governance policies agreed

-  Branding, dedicated email address and website established
-  Formal letter submitted to Wakefield DASS regarding funding pressures
-  Trusted Assessor survey completed, with findings shared with Wakefield Council
-  Company officially registered with Companies House
-  Administrative support in place via KirCCA

Wakefield Care Association is a not-for-profit organisation, created by providers, for providers, with a shared commitment to:

- Represent the sector clearly and credibly
- Influence care sector decision making
- Support collaborative working
- Drive improvements in adult social care

Why join? By becoming a member, you will:

- Be part of a united provider voice influencing local, regional and national strategy and decisions
- Have opportunities to shape priorities, raise issues and share solutions
- Access regular provider meetings, updates and shared learning
- Strengthen the collective position of independent, private and VCSE adult social care providers
- Help build a sustainable, collaborative future for adult social care in Wakefield

Membership details

- Membership for 2026/27 is completely FREE
- Open to all CQC registered independent, private and VCSE adult social care providers operating in Wakefield

- No obligation — just a shared commitment to collaboration and improvement

We are at an exciting point in our journey and would welcome you to join us as the Care Association continues to grow and develop.

Please click on the link below to complete the online membership application form.

👉 Join here: Membership Form – Wakefield Care Association

If you have any questions, please contact us at: admin@wakefieldca.co.uk

We look forward to working with you.

Health & Social Care updates – Gov.co.uk

Please see below link to recent updated guidance and information on Gov.co.uk for topics relating to Health & Social Care. https://www.gov.uk/search/all?parent=department-of-health-and-social-care&order=updated-newest&level_one_taxon=8124ead8-8ebc-4faf-88ad-dd5cbcc92ba8&level_two_taxon=7d67047c-bf22-4c34-b566-b46d6973f961&organisations%5B%5D=department-of-health-and-social-care