

CARE AND SUPPORT COMMISSIONING

BULLETIN – 07/08/2026

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

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

The window will open on **Saturday 8th August 2026** for providers to complete their ASC Mandatory submission on Capacity Tracker. **The window will close on Friday 14th August 2026.**

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

ReUnite Scheme – Memory Action Group Wakefield

ReUnite Devices was first piloted in 2024, ReUnite Devices were designed to support those living with dementia to return home if they become disorientated or lost.

The devices – available as a wristband, badge or fob - use NFC technology (installed in most mobile phones) to read a tiny chip inside each device. A person must simply place their phone over the device, and once the chip is picked up it will display the name of the user on the person's phone along with two emergency contact numbers.

The use of these devices has since gone beyond just supporting those living with dementia and can be an ideal safety aid for children or vulnerable individuals at risk of becoming lost or disorientated.

ReUnite Devices – next steps

The Memory Action Group have two key messages which need to be relayed to support the promotion of these devices and make them as effective a tool as possible:

- Raise awareness to those for whom a device could reduce the risk of the individual becoming lost
- Raise awareness amongst the general public on what to do if they come across an individual wearing a device

Backed by West Yorkshire Police and the Mayor of West Yorkshire Tracy Brabin, we believe the devices have a great potential to make a real difference to the lives of people right here in our local region, and even further afield.

ReUnite Devices – how you can help

To help raise awareness of the devices Memory Action Group Wakefield have developed a range of promotional assets (please see attached) which would be appreciated for your support in sharing (whether online, at your place of work or within your local community). Assets include:

- A4 and A3 posters
- A5 double-sided flyers
- Social media graphics and content

There are a team of volunteers who would be happy to distribute any print materials you may require.

Memory Action Group Wakefield would also more than welcome the opportunity to talk about the devices in further detail if you have any bespoke promotional opportunities or thoughts you would like to discuss.

ReUnite Devices – next steps

Any support is greatly appreciated, whether hosting flyers, being a poster site or sharing messages on social media. Together we can help make Wakefield and the wider region a safer place for our entire community.

Further information can be found at www.wakefieldhospice.org/reunite where devices can also be purchased online and you contact the Memory Action Group Wakefield for any queries or requests memoryactiongroup@gmail.com

Please also feel free to tag the origination on Facebook when sharing any ReUnite posts:
#Memory Action Group Wakefield
#Wakefield Hospice

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

Adopt a Grandparent Scheme– Skills for Care

Adopt A Grandparent is a UK-registered charity (No. 1208584) tackling loneliness among older adults through virtual friendships. Pairing care home residents and older individuals with volunteers of all ages, connecting them for regular, one-to-one video calls that bring joy, conversation and companionship. Please see attached leaflet.

Loneliness doesn't always look like being alone. It can exist in a room full of people.

This is where Adopt a Grandparent comes in. Bridging generations. Ending loneliness. One video call at a time.

The programme is completely free for care homes across the UK.

More information can be found on the website > [Adopt a Grandparent | Create Connections, Make a Difference](#)

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.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE DATA SET SESSION FOR PROVIDERS

17 SEPTEMBER 2026– Skills for Care

Adult Social Care - Workforce Data Set Session is for Providers who have not got an Adult Social Care Workforce Data set account.

(WILL ENABLE PROVIDERS TO ACCESS THE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT SCHEME WHICH PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THE SECTOR FOR TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS)

Date: **17 September 2026**

Time: **10am to 10:45am**

Venue: **Online via Microsoft teams**

The Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS) is an online data collection service that covers the adult social care workforce in England. It is important that providers in West Yorkshire are signed-up to and using the ASC-WDS. Skills for Care want to support providers with this, so please join on the 17 September 2026 at 10:00am to 10:45am to learn more. The aim of this session is, to learn about all the benefits of having an ASC-WDS account, how to set-up an account, links to support and how they are utilising the data in West Yorkshire.

If you are a provider who has not got an ASC-WDS account this session is for you.

To confirm a place at this session please e mail denise.baran@skillsforcare.org.uk, by the 1st SEPTEMBER 2026. Once we Skills for Care have received your confirmation of attendance, you will receive the teams invite to the session to be held on 17 September 2026.

For any queries, please contact Ailsa.Benn@skillsforcare.org.uk

Join our webinar to learn about the ASC-WDS– Skills for Care

Tuesday 22 September 2026 | 10:30 – 11:30 | Zoom

The Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set, known as ASC-WDS, is the online platform through which Skills for Care collects data from adult social care services about their workplaces.

The ASC-WDS is more than just a data collection service. It's a useful and free tool to help you as an adult social care employer. Join us at this session to see first-hand the tools and benefits that your organisation could be missing out on.

[Register now](#)

Help shape the future nursing workforce through placements– Skills for Care

- **Tuesday 29 September | 14:00 - 15:00 | Online**

The webinar is for registered managers to hear from care providers offering nursing placements for the first time.

You'll explore how nursing placements benefit organisations, both in recognising the knowledge and skills of existing staff but also bringing student curiosity to explore social care practice.

[Strategy to enable social care placements for student nurses and nursing associates - Registered manager webinar](#)

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