

CARE AND SUPPORT COMMISSIONING

BULLETIN – 07/09/2026

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

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

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

Wakefield Mental Health Day - 9th October 2026 – Turning Point Talking Therapies/WMDC

Please see attached the flyer event with details.

Infection Prevention Control – MEMO of the Month: August

Please see attached the 'Memo of the Month' for August 2026.

Wakefield Cares Careers Hub Updates September 2026 (Please see attached)

Please see attached update document from Wakefield Cares Careers Hub.

Help Shape the Future of Adult Social Care: The Big Conversation on Care

The independent Casey Commission has launched [The Big Conversation on Care](https://www.caseycommission.org.uk/the-big-conversation-on-care), a national conversation giving people across England the opportunity to have their say on the future of adult social care. The feedback gathered will help inform the Commission's recommendations to

Government on the future of adult social care. (Please see attached PDFs flyers and Easy Red document)

We recognise the important contribution providers make to supporting people across the Wakefield District. Your experiences, alongside those of your workforce, the people you support, and their families and carers, can help shape future discussions and recommendations relating to adult social care.

Who is the Commission keen to hear from?

The Commission is keen to hear from a wide range of people, including:

- People who draw on care and support
- Unpaid carers
- Adult social care providers
- Care and support workers
- Members of the public

Why take part?

The Big Conversation on Care is an opportunity to:

- Share your views on the future of adult social care.
- Contribute ideas and experiences that will help inform the Commission's recommendations to Government.
- Read and respond to the ideas shared by others.
- Take part in a national conversation about the future of care and support in England.

Have your say

- Find out more and take part here: <https://caseycommission.co.uk/bigconversation/take-part/>
- You will be asked one question to start with - “*When we are old or disabled, or have a serious illness, who should support us and how?*” From there, you can share your own ideas, read what other people have said, and say whether you agree or disagree with their ideas.

How providers can support the engagement

To support wider engagement, we have attached a poster and flyer that can be used across your service to promote The Big Conversation on Care and help maximise participation.

We encourage providers to:

- Display or share the attached materials through appropriate channels within your organisation.
- Promote the opportunity through staff briefings, newsletters and communications with people who draw on care and support, families and carers.
- Encourage participation from staff, people who draw on care and support, families and unpaid carers.
- Consider how you might support individuals who may need assistance to take part in the engagement, including sharing the Easy Read materials (also attached).

Further information, including a short introductory video from Baroness Louise Casey, Chair of the Independent Commission on Adult Social Care, is available on the Commission's website:

<https://caseycommission.co.uk/bigconversation/>

Help Shape The Future Nursing Workforce– Skills for Care

Help shape the future nursing workforce.

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

Explore how your service can shape the future nursing workforce by joining our social care placements for student nurses and nursing associate's webinar for registered managers. You'll hear how student placements add value to social care nursing, strengthen links with universities, and support future recruitment. The webinar will explore the new placement strategy, practical steps to get involved, and the support available to help your organisation offer rewarding learning experiences. This opportunity will provide you with valuable insights, a space to ask questions, and help position social care as a placement of choice for nursing.

Find out more and to book: <https://shorturl.at/RKfjx>

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](#)

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