

CARE AND SUPPORT COMMISSIONING

BULLETIN – 04/06/2026

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

Capacity Tracker ASC Mandatory Submission: 8th to 15th June 2026

The window will open on **Monday 8th June 2026** for providers to complete their ASC Mandatory submission on Capacity Tracker. **The window will close on Monday 15th June 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.

Coming Soon: Capacity Tracker Reforms Explainers - NECS

As part of the ongoing Capacity Tracker Reforms, NECS have been working closely with the Department of Health and Social Care to improve the understanding around how Capacity Tracker data is used.

Early next month, users will see 'explainers' within the sections where care home and home care providers input their data, which detail who uses the information that they submit and the impact that it has. This explanatory text will also be added as a comprehensive document in the Resource Centre. Those that only use the bulk upload functionality will see a link to this on the upload template.

New Mandatory Questions on DSPT for 2025-26

The latest Data Security and Protection Toolkit is now live for 2025-26 and there have been changes which came into effect on 1st September 2025.

Of the changes, there is a new mandatory question, as well various minor, wording changes to other questions, as well as two new optional (non-mandatory) questions. One existing question has also moved from optional to mandatory.

Digital care hub is working on updating their guidance on the website to reflect the changes. They will also be delivering a webinar on the DSPT 2025-26 changes on 1st October, which you can sign up for here - <https://www.digitalcarehub.co.uk/event/new-dspt-changes-for-2025-26/>

It is recommended to continuing to work on your DSPT and if you need any further support, contact your LSO.

For further information, please read [New mandatory questions on DSPT for 2025-26 - Digital Care Hub](#)

Wakefield Cares Careers Hub Updates June 2026

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

Infection Prevention Control – MEMO of the Month May

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

WDSAB Rapid Read May: DWP Advocacy Service

Please see attached the latest rapid read from the Wakefield Safeguarding Adults Board.

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.

The Benefits of the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS) 16 June 2026 Online 10.30-11.30 – Skills for Care

Join to find out about the benefits of the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS).

Overview

Have you ever wondered what's involved in using the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set (ASC-WDS)? Join to see first-hand the tools and benefits that your organisation could be missing out on.

This session is designed to give social care providers who do not yet have an ASC-WDS account a demonstration of how the service works. Care providers who already use ASC-WDS may wish to join to be reminded of how they can make the most of their account.

20,000 care providers already use ASC-WDS and can access a range of benefits including:

- Eligibility for funding opportunities.
- Record information about your staff.
- Manage your training records and receive alerts when training is expired or expiring soon.
- Define mandatory training for each role and receive alerts when training is expires.
- Benchmark your service against similar providers.
- Access discounts and offers from Skills for Care.
- Contribute vital intelligence which is used by sector stakeholders and decision maker.

Who should attend?

- Owners of social care organisations
- Managers
- Learning and Development Leads
- HR Managers

To register for the session use the following link [Take a virtual tour of the Adult Social Care Workforce Data Set](#)

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