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## YLC E-Bulletin

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### **Scholarship and bursary support for Carers (The Open University's Carers Scholarships Fund)**

#### **Carers Scholarships Fund**

The pandemic has seen a rise in people taking on the role of carer, with [Carers UK](#) reporting that 13.6 million people in the UK now care for a friend or family member. The tasks that carers perform can be unexpected and difficult to plan around; disrupting everyday life, from relationships and health to finances and work.

The practicalities of studying can also be challenging, with carers often feeling guilty about going to university or finding it difficult to commit to a timetable because of their responsibilities. The OU is the ideal place for carers to study, as it has an open access entry policy and a distance learning model that provides a flexible way to learn. In addition, registered carers have on-hand help with the OU's highly-skilled [Student Support Team](#), which has dedicated advisors that have been trained to understand the demands that carers may face.

The Carers Scholarships Fund is supported by [Carers Trust](#), [Carers UK](#) and [CareTech Foundation](#). To apply for the next cohort, with studies starting in Autumn 2021, please visit: <http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/fees-and-funding/carers-scholarship-fund>

Applications close at **midnight on 21 August 2021**.

\*Full undergraduate qualification includes, CertHE, DipHE, Honours Degree, Foundation Degree or Open University Certificate. For further information, please visit <http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/types>

#### **Carer Bursary**

This year, the OU has also established a £250 bursary for carers. With 2000 awards available, the bursary is open to registered OU students to support with study costs. To qualify, you'll need to meet the following criteria:

- ordinarily resident in the UK and eligible for a UK module fee
- able to demonstrate proof of caring responsibilities or care experience
- have a gross personal income of no more than £25,000 per year, or be in receipt of a qualifying benefit
- actively studying a minimum of 30 credits of Open University undergraduate or postgraduate study during either the 2020/21 or 2021/22 academic years (01 August 2020 to 31 July 2022)

For further information and to apply, please visit: Carers Bursary – <http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/fees-and-funding/carers-bursary>

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### **0-19 Children's Public Health Nursing Service Survey**

#### **Share your feedback on Wakefield's children's public health services**

Wakefield Council are looking for feedback on the 0-19 Children's Public Health Nursing Service (Health Visiting and School Nursing) in an online survey.

The 0-19 service operates across the district and provides a range of services and support for children and families from the antenatal stage, pregnancy, birth, early years, and up until a child's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

So, many staff – whether in a professional, parental, or carer capacity – will have had some experience of the 0-19 service.

Therefore please take 10 minutes to complete the appropriate survey below to help identify current strengths and any improvements that could better meet needs and requirements.

Note: if more than one if survey is applicable please complete both.

- Wakefield **partner and schools** survey: <https://bit.ly/3eSewGz>
- Wakefield **0-19 service staff** survey: <https://bit.ly/3aZGHCl>
- Wakefield **families** survey (those with children aged 0-19):  
<https://bit.ly/Wakefield019>

**The closing date for responses is the 14<sup>th</sup> June.** There are easy-read and translated versions available.

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#### **Job Opportunity: WY&H Health Inequalities Programme Manager**

Our Children, Young People and Families Programme are looking to recruit a Children and Young People's Health Inequalities Programme Manager. This is a fixed term role until the 31st March 2022, suitable for a secondment and is system wide across the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership. As a partnership we have set bold ambitions to reduce inequalities. This post will provide coordinated leadership to contribute toward these reductions through embedding approaches to understanding and addressing inequalities for children and young people across the system.

Closing dates for applications is the 26<sup>th</sup> May. Interviews will be taking place on the 11<sup>th</sup> June via MS Teams. More information is [here](#).

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## Getting the job done for Wakefield



Together we've vaccinated **191,097** people

### We have now:



Given **102,225** people their second jabs



Provided a further **18,549** vaccinations over the past week



Vaccinated approximately **7 out of 10** people aged 40-49

Data published 13 May 2021

