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## What's In Your Partners in Care Bulletin?

This weekly bulletin provides details of training, guidance, access to past editions and lots more. There's also helpful information on the web pages dedicated to our Independent Care Provider colleagues across North Yorkshire and York. [Please click here to bookmark these pages](#)



## Development of a UTI Communication Tool For Care Home Staff Pilot

The UKSA would like to invite providers to take part in a feasibility pilot study to support the development of a tool to help care home staff look after residents (older adults) who may have a urinary tract infection (UTI), and communicate with senior nurses, GPs or other providers. This project will ask care home staff to pilot the communication tool within their care homes for approximately 4-5 months. Information on tool use and outcomes will be attained through a questionnaire completed every month of the pilot by an appointed member of staff. Feedback on tool implementation will also be attained through a one-off focus group discussion with staff towards the end of the pilot. The main aim of the project is to develop a tool that can be used in care homes to:

1. Help staff look after a resident (older adults) who may have a UTI
2. Support staff to communicate with primary care providers and family
3. Be practical and usable

For more information please contact [Eirwen.Sides@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:Eirwen.Sides@ukhsa.gov.uk). An [information sheet](#) and [consent form](#) for providers are also available.



## Care Connected- Your North Yorkshire and York Care Provider Forum

The next session of our new care provider forum "Care Connected" will take place on **Wednesday 01 November 10.30-11.30**, which is open to all care providers and partner organisations from across North Yorkshire and York. The group is facilitated jointly by City of York Council, North Yorkshire Council and NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB and designed to help you access the updates relevant to you and your teams from across health and social care in one single place. The meeting takes place through Microsoft Teams every two weeks- to register to attend please follow [this link](#).

Topics covered in this session will include:

- COVID-19 and Flu Vaccination Update
- UKHSA UTI Communication Tool for Care Homes Pilot
- Bowel and Bladder Update (Vale of York Providers)
- Capacity Tracker Refresher for Providers
- Dementia Together Event Feedback (York Providers)

These sessions will also be an opportunity to share key updates such as guidance changes and news from local services, quality improvement initiatives and programmes, learning and development, workforce, health and wellbeing, sharing of good practice and your chance to ask both questions of local services and fellow providers. If you are unable to make the session or you would like to access previous Care Connected, you can do so through the following [link](#).



### **Winter Preparedness and COVID-19 Testing (Care Homes)**

Symptomatic testing for residents eligible for COVID-19 treatments and outbreak testing will continue throughout the winter period as detailed in the [IPC guidance](#). To enable the sector to continue to test during this time with no limitations or delay due to replenishing stock, we are giving you the opportunity to request additional stock of COVID-19 LFD tests. The number of tests available will depend on your total bed capacity as registered with the CQC.

Total Bed Capacity Total Tests Available

10 or less 70 (10 packs of 7)

11 or more 497 (71 packs of 7)

You will be able to request your additional stock of COVID-19 tests via the [order portal](#) from **20 October** to the **3 November**.



## **Nursing Times Award Finalists 2023- Improving Hydration in Care Homes, and North Yorkshire and York Care Provider Olympics**

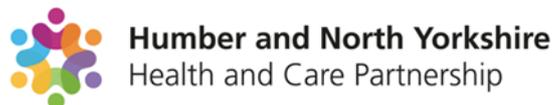
ICB Colleagues Michelle Carrington, Sam Varo, Charlotte Collister and Sarah Fiori attended the Nursing Times Awards finals in London last week, to celebrate the innovative work of providers and teams across our area in supporting excellence in access to hydration and physical activity for those in their care. Thank you to all those providers who have taken part in either initiative and made them success a success, through your hard work to embedded the learning from these programmes to put the prevention agenda at the heart of all we do. When we spoke to the judges in September, we shared powerful individual stories from across many of our providers as part of our presentation to recognise your achievements, and it was fantastic to see all your photos up on the big screen in London to put our social care sector in North Yorkshire and York on the map

## Need to know



### **Student Placement Collaboration- Abbey Lea and Selby College**

Abbey Lea Care Home in Barlby have recently been working in partnership with Selby College, and delivered a talk with Level 2 Health and Social Care Students earlier in the month covering daily life for residents, activities and principles of risk assessment. They are working together to support access to placements for students to introduce them to careers in social care, and have already had a student sign up for a full placement following their talk. They're planning a visit for students to the home to allow them to meet residents, and give them an invaluable insight into the sector.



### **HNY Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism Annual Conference**

**When:** Thursday 9 November 9.15-1.00

The conference will take place online over 3 hrs 45 mins. Professor Sheila The Baroness Hollins has been announced as the keynote speaker. Baroness Hollins has held the roles of President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, President of the British Medical Association, Chair of the BMA Board of Science and professor of the psychiatry of learning disability at St George's, University of London. There will also be national updates from Claire Murdoch, CBE, National Mental Health Director, NHSE and Tom Cahill, National Learning Disability and Autism Director, NHSE, as well as a showcase of the work happening across Humber and North Yorkshire making sure to include the voices of autistic people.

If you are interested in the event, please sign up [here](#)



## Movember Cancer Awareness Sessions

Humber and North Yorkshire Cancer Alliance are supporting Movember this November. We are offering short online awareness sessions about prostate and testicular cancers for anyone living or working in Humber and North Yorkshire. - Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in men, with over 50,000 new cases being diagnosed each year

Please come and join one of our free 15-minute sessions and learn more about;

- Why Movember?
- The signs and symptoms of prostate cancer
- The signs and symptoms of testicular cancer
- How to do a testicular check

We have a number of online sessions available throughout November. These are just 15 minutes in length and are available on a variety of days and times to suit all. Sessions are open to anyone living or working in Humber and North Yorkshire. To reserve your place, visit our [Eventbrite booking page](#).

## Learning and Development Opportunities

### Skills for Care/DHSC Webinar- Managing Sponsor Duties

**When:** Tuesday 02 November 10.00-11.00

The session will focus on the sponsorship licence process, providing clarity on the eligibility requirements and how to apply for a licence. Learn the steps involved to ensure you remain compliant with the terms of being sponsorship licence holder, top tips on things to avoid suspension and revocation and how



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### Bladder and Bowel Training (Vale of York Providers)

**When:** Thursday 09  
November 2023 – 2 – 4pm via  
MS Teams

to spot errors. You will also gain understanding on the requirements for overseas recruits.

For more information and to book your place please follow this [link](#).

This training will cover “promoting continence and managing incontinence’ and is open to all non-registered care staff working within nursing, residential, domiciliary, supported living or extra care services. To book your place please contact:

[clare.markwell@nhs.net](mailto:clare.markwell@nhs.net)

## Further Information

### Contacts for Incident Reporting- Updated Process

To report any patient safety concerns regarding York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, please complete and submit this [form](#) and send to [yhstr.s2s@nhs.net](mailto:yhstr.s2s@nhs.net) This will allow the Trust to continuously receipt, acknowledge and investigate these concerns.

To make a complaint or to highlight any concerns regarding Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, please email [yas.patientrelations@nhs.net](mailto:yas.patientrelations@nhs.net). Please find through this [link](#) a template which you are able to complete, which will ensure they have all the information required to investigate.

### Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care Awards- Nominate Your Team!

The Chief Nurse Awards are an opportunity to recognise the outstanding contribution made by social care staff, and celebrate those who go above and beyond in their work, provide outstanding care, commitment and inspiration to colleagues. As well as being able to nominate individual staff members for a gold and silver award, there is now also the chance to nominate your team!

Further information on the award including the nomination criteria can be found through this [link](#). We would encourage providers to have a think about staff meet these criteria and deserve recognition.

We're happy to support with any nominations, and if you submit an application please copy us in so we can also celebrate the outstanding work undertaken everyday by care staff in our area.

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## **Do you have.....**

- **thoughts or comments to share?**
- **news that you would like to feature in the bulletin?**

If so please contact [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net)