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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](#)



Stay Protected This Winter- COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations

The Autumn vaccination programme is continues to progress at pace across North Yorkshire and York to deliver the COVID-19 Booster and Flu vaccination to eligible groups. All frontline health and social care staff are able to receive both vaccinations which are the best way to protect you and those in your care this winter. You can access vaccinations through your GP Practice, or by participating pharmacies either by booking direct or calling the national vaccination helpline 119. Please reminder to bring workplace ID to ensure able to receive.

A useful link to help you find your nearest participating pharmacy can be found through this [link](#). National resources can you print out and share with staff can be found through this [link](#). This winter we would encourage all providers to:

- Continue to promote winter vaccinations and how to access to staff.
- Keep the Capacity Tracker updated with resident and staff vaccinations, to help us target support as needed.
- Where you are experiencing challenges or need further support then please let us know and we will endeavour to assist.



Suicide Prevention in Care Homes- Webinar Recording and Resources

The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities and Yorkshire and Humber Clinical Networks recently held a webinar to launch the publication "[Promoting Emotional Health and Wellbeing and Preventing Suicide: A Resource for Care Home Settings](#)". The resource has been developed to offer further information and best practice advice around prevention of suicide, intervention with those at risk and action to take following a suicide (postvention).

A recording of the webinar is available [here](#)- Please note: there is a content warning for this recording.

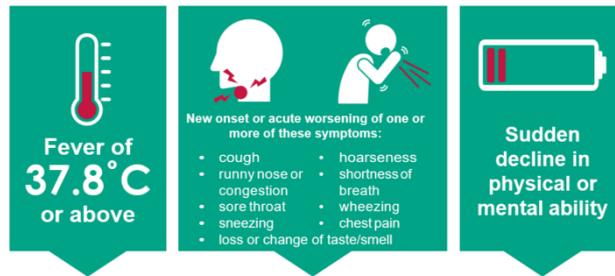
Additional resources which were shared in the chat during the session are listed below:

- [Zero Suicide Alliance training](#)
- [HEE self-harm and suicide prevention resources](#)
- [Staying Safe](#)



VIVALDI Infections in Care Homes Study- Your Chance to Get Involved

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has announced funding for a pilot scheme to monitor infections in care homes in England. The pilot builds on the Vivaldi study which began during the pandemic to monitor Covid-19 infections. The Vivaldi social care project is in collaboration with University College London, The Outstanding Society, Care England, and NHS England. It will work with over 500 care homes in England to monitor infections such as Covid-19, flu, norovirus and urinary tract infections. The anonymised results will be analysed to help reduce infections in care homes for older adults. To get involved please follow this [link](#).



Influenza Outbreak Packs for Care Homes

In order to support preparations for the forthcoming influenza season (including early detection and notification of influenza outbreaks by care home managers), the Yorkshire and Humber Health Protection Team organised webinars for care homes across the region in mid-October. These webinars were attended by over 120 staff from care homes, local infection control teams and local authority public health teams. In addition to these webinars they have produced an influenza resource pack for care homes. They hope this will help care homes detect outbreaks of influenza-like illness quickly, and enable prompt notification and implementation of infection control measures. The pack contains the following

- [A poster describing how to detect outbreaks of influenza-like illness in care homes, and the steps to take to minimise transmission within the care home](#)
- [A visitors' poster from NHS England](#)
- [An information sheet on how to collect nasal swabs from residents with symptoms of influenza](#)
- [A flu request form](#)

Need to know



Capacity Tracker- DHSC Mandatory Submission Reminder

A reminder to all CQC registered care homes and providers of domiciliary services, that the window will be opening this week for the mandated Department of Health and Social Care submission through the Capacity Tracker. All providers must complete the tracker at least once during this period at a condition of registration. The window this month falls between the **8 November** and **14 November**, and there are potential fines as a last resort for providers who do not update- so please be mindful of this. Further information on how the regulations will be enforced can be found through this link. A reminder this doesn't replace the need for more regular (preferably daily) usage to allow local authority and health partners to support providers. For any support regarding the Capacity Tracker please contact the national helpdesk on: **0191 691 3729**



Care Connected- Slides from the Meeting

Thank you to all those who joined us last week at Care Connected. The slides from the meeting can be found through this [link](#) along with slides from all previous meetings. Care Connected 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 and the next session will take place on **Wednesday 15 November**.



City Of York Sensory Service Consultation- Share Your Views

Sensory support services in York provide a wide range of support for adult customers with sight and / or hearing loss. This includes putting people in contact with other specialist services. City of York Council are looking at what services people with sensory needs use now, and what can be done to improve services in the future. They welcome your feedback if you: are living with a sensory impairment, are a friend or family member of someone with sensory loss or a carer for someone with sensory loss.

The survey can be accessed [digitally](#), or through [paper copy](#) which can be printed and shared within your service as appropriate.

To find out more about how you can complete the survey or access it in different formats please follow this [link](#). The closing date for the survey is **Monday 08 January 2024**.



Marina Lodge- Staying Spooky and Safe This Halloween

Among the providers putting together fantastic Halloween themed events for those in their care last week were Marina Lodge in Scarborough, who have shared the attached photos of their ghoulish themed party for residents. Staff

also took part in an emergency first aid training session on Halloween itself- but luckily nothing spooky happened requiring to put those skills to the test!

If you have a good news story you would like to share from your setting we would love to hear from you. Please contact sam.varo@nhs.net.

Learning and Development Opportunities



Skills for Care Webinar- Medication from the Regulatory Perspective Part 2

When: Tuesday 21 November 10.00-11.00

This webinar, delivered in partnership with the CQC, will explore the regulations, best practice, advice and practical tools around medicines optimisation in all care settings. People accessing care and support often require help with their medication and medicines remains one of the more common areas of unsafe practice amongst services rated inadequate or requires improvement.

For further information please follow this [link](#).



Achieving Excellence Together in Health and Social Care 2023

When: 01 December 9.00-4.30 at Principal Hotel York, or virtually via Microsoft Teams

There's just a month to go until this year's Achieving Excellence Together Conference which is open to all care providers and partner organisations from North Yorkshire and York. The focus of the day will be sharing innovative work and developments, quality improvement work, opportunities to get involved and sharing best practice across our sector.

The day will cover infection prevention, hydration in care settings, community equipment and fire safety, research, physical activity, mental capacity act,

palliative and end of life care and much more.

To register to join our waiting list for the event, or sign up to join us on the day virtually then please follow this [link](#).

For any questions please contact sam.varo@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 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. 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