



Vale of York
Clinical Commissioning Group



Care Homes and Domiciliary Care

Monday 28 October 2019

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 Care Home and Domiciliary Care colleagues.

[Please click here to bookmark these pages.](#)

National Stop The Pressure Day: 21 November 2019



National Stop the Pressure Day 2019

What are YOU going to do?



To all the budding bakers, fashion freaks, wacky wizards, great idea gurus and more....

In recognition of National **Stop The Pressure** Day on 21st November 2019
Can you be a Pressure Hero and help to raise awareness of the dangers of pressure damage, how to recognise and prevent it happening to your residents?

Let us know what you are going to do during the week 18th-22nd November and we would love to pay you a visit to see your activity. Certificates and prizes will be awarded for the best ideas, activities and events that will help stop pressure ulcers in their tracks

This is your opportunity to put your thinking caps on and get involved.

You've got to be in it to win it!

Contact: h.degnan1@nhs.net

Need to know



Care Home Capacity Tracker- Listing of Short Stay Services

Following consultation with all stakeholder groups, the national Capacity Tracker User Group are implementing changes to how the tracker records **transitional** vacancy types. This option will shortly cease to exist and has been replaced with the following short stay services to provide additional flexibility and improve the current Capacity Tracker functionality. The new options which will be available are:

- Discharge to Assess
- Intermediate Care
- Reablement Support
- Rehabilitation
- Respite Care

Care Homes can now update their profiles on the Capacity Tracker to show that they offer short stay services and would be willing to consider requests to fill their current vacancies on this basis. Any Care Homes whose current profile shows that they offer Transitional as a long term vacancy type will need to deselect this option and where applicable replace with the short stay services they offer. Similarly, those care homes that are willing to consider short term placements for their current vacancies should update their profile to reflect this choosing the short stay services they will consider by following the attached guidance note. This in effect has the potential to give care homes an additional route to filling their current vacancies.

For more information please find the full briefing through this [link](#). If you have any further queries please contact sam.varo@nhs.net



Stop and Watch Success at Apple Tree Care Home

Congratulations to Apple Tree Care Home who have completed Stop and Watch training, and are now successfully using the tool effectively to recognise and respond to deterioration in residents. Deputy Manager Sharon Clemitt received a certificate on Thursday to recognise the work their staff have undertaken to embed Stop and Watch tool in the home.

HCV Excellence Centre: October Bulletin

Please find the latest bulletin from the Humber, Coast and Vale Excellence Centre through this [link](#). This edition includes updates on rotational apprenticeships, the establishment of a health and social care careers working group for York, career pathways and skills passports.

Tips From a Manager: How to Manage Flu Season in Your Provider

Linda Donnellan-Beevers from Amarna House Care Home has kindly provided the below summary of how she manages her home during flu season, to give ideas you could implement in your setting.

“We are doing the flu clinic again this year and I have put up flyers. All staff are welcome to have one, and my residents have all completed consent forms we are have wine and cheese after for the brave. This will be our second successful year and everyone looks forward to it because we make it fun but with a serious note on the importance. I liaised with the GP and District nurses and we agreed to hold flu clinics on site. I encouraged staff to let the GP practice know they worked here and

they were added to the list. I achieved 98% staff vaccinated last year . Boots also gave me cards to give out for free flu jabs for health workers and 5 staff used this service. We were also awarded the Gold award for vaccinating staff from NHS England and Improvement”

IPC Bulletin- International Infection Prevention Week: 13-19 October 2019

Please find through this [link](#) the latest bulletin from Infection, Prevention, Control produced for International Infection Prevention Week which details 10 steps to protect residents from infection. All IPC bulletins for [domiciliary providers](#) and [care homes](#) are available through their website. Recent topics include norovirus, hand hygiene, nutrition and hydration and personal protective equipment.

Training, development and education opportunities

TheAHSNNetwork **NHS Improvement**

Recognising and Responding to Deterioration in the Health & Social Care Community

This event will share learning from a Health Foundation funded project to implement a softer signs tool into a domiciliary care provider and learning from similar work taking place across the region

26th November 2019
09:30 to 16:00

Venue: Principal Hotel York
Station Road
York YO24 1AA

This exciting day will enable care staff to explore tools and ideas to support the recognition and response to individuals who deteriorate in your care in a range of settings.

PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE:

- Topics around: Sepsis, falls and pressure ulcer prevention, oral health and frailty
- Update from a project exploring the use of softer signs tool in domiciliary care
- How to recognise deterioration and what to do if a resident/client becomes unwell
- What information is effective when communicating within your team and with the ambulance service, hospital, GPs and community teams
- Some tools to support you in your work
- How to improve teamwork in your care setting
- Opportunities to network and share your ideas and experiences with like-minded people

Speakers will include:

Michelle Carrington
Executive Director of Quality and Nursing
NHS Vale of York OCG

Dr Jocelyn Patel
GP - Sherburn Group Practice

Dr Nigel Wells
GP and Clinical Chair
NHS Vale of York OCG

Linda Donnellan-Boevers
Registered Manager
Armana House Care Home, York

Partners & Member of the Improvement Academy
Patient Safety Collaborative

To book a place contact:
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Recognising and Responding to Deterioration in the Health and Social



November Partners in Care Forum

When: Wednesday 27 November from 1.30-4.30

Where: Riccall Regen Centre.
Landing Ln, Riccall, York YO19 6PW

A calendar invite has been sent to all partners for the upcoming

Care Community

When: Tuesday 26 November, 9.30-4.00

Where: Principal Hotel, Station Rd, York YO24 1AA

More information on the event can be found through this [link](#) including how to book.

forum, to confirm your attendance please accept this invite or email

sam.varo@nhs.net. If you have any colleagues who would be interested in attending please forward the invite to them, we would like to engage as many partners as possible in the conversations.

The minutes and slides from previous meetings can be found through this [link](#).

If partners have any agenda topics to suggest or good news stories to share, please don't hesitate to get in touch



Age and Ageing Specialty Meeting 2019

When: 19 December 2019 10.00 to 4.00

Where: Cloth Hall, Leeds.

This will be an opportunity to meet and network with age and ageing researchers and research teams from across the National Institute of Health Research.

At this meeting their leading Yorkshire and Humber chief investigators will be presenting their studies and exploring how to deliver research in the NHS and the community.

To book please follow this [link](#):

City of York Council Provider Engagement Session

When: 04 November 2019 1.00 – 4.00

Where: Quaker Meeting House, Friargate, York, YO1 9RL

What: City of York Council are seeking to re-refresh their existing market position statement and would like your support in doing so. They are inviting partners to inform what they would like to see in a position statement and what information would be of use to them in planning future service priorities.

For more information please find an agenda through this [link](#).

Please confirm your attendance by emailing the Adults Commissioning Team adultscommissioning@york.gov.uk

Get involved and share your views



Community Equipment Amnesty in Care Homes

Please find a briefing from Medequip through this [link](#). They have been instructed to make contact with all care homes to arrange collection of any equipment that is due to be returned to the integrated community equipment service.

A list of equipment included in the recall scheme and how to arrange collection can be found in the briefing. Please note any service user funded through Continuing Health Care (CHC) is not considered to be part of this amnesty scheme.

Trusted Transfer Pathway- Feedback

Homes across the Vale of York are thanked for their work to implement the Trusted Transfer Pathway. It was noted that the IPC policy that accompanies the pathway has been updated.

We are encouraging homes to use the feedback form as necessary to report on positive and negative experience of use.

To find the pathway, IPC policy and feedback form please follow this [link](#) alongside a briefing on their usage.

An example showing how to complete the Trusted Transfer form can be accessed through this [link](#).

Completed feedback forms will be treated anonymously can be sent to sarah.fiori@nhs.net

This bulletin is produced by NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group.

Do you have.....

- thoughts or comments to share?
- news that you would like to feature in the bulletin?
- items to be discussed at the next Partners in Care Meeting?

If so please contact sarah.fiori@nhs.net or sam.varo@nhs.net