



**Vale of York**  
Clinical Commissioning Group



## Care Homes and Domiciliary Care

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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 Care Home and Domiciliary Care colleagues.

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

### September Partners in Care- This Week



We look forward to seeing all partners who are planning to join us for Partners in Care this week on **Wednesday 18 September** from **1.30-4.30pm** at **YHA York, Water End, York YO30 6LP**.

The meeting will feature updates from the continence team, flu, medication, delirium and the use of the Trusted Transfer Pathway. There will also be a short workshop session around the Data Security Protection Toolkit, with advice on how to complete the toolkit and the benefits it can bring to care homes and domiciliary providers. To view the full agenda please follow this [link](#).

It isn't too late to confirm your attendance, simply turn up on the day if you are available. A calendar invite has been sent to all partners, to confirm your attendance please accept this invite or email [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto: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 slides from the previous meeting in Easingwold are available on the [website](#), along with resources from previous meetings and dates of upcoming meetings. **A calendar invite has now been sent out for the November meeting which will take place on 27 November at the Riccall Regen Centre, and all the dates for 2020 are now also confirmed.**

**Need to know**



## **Risks associated with 'fixed' furniture**

A recent Regulation 28 Coroner's Report to CQC has highlighted risks associated with the use of 'fixed' furniture in care home rooms. 'Fixed' furniture means cupboards, tables, chairs and so on that are fixed to the floor so that they cannot move.

Sadly, the resident of a care home died recently when they fell from their bed at night, trapping their head between their bed and some fixed furniture next to it. Becoming trapped was a significant contributor to their death.

Regulation 12 of the Regulated Activities Regulations requires that services are run in a safe way. A key requirement in doing so are assessments of risks to people's safety, including in relation to premises and equipment. Providers will be familiar with this requirement and most are diligent in meeting it. Following this recent sad event, we would like to remind providers to include specific potential hazards relating to the use of fixed furniture in your continuous assessments of environmental risks, in both care homes and care at home services.

Most fixed furniture is perfectly safe but may be positioned in such a way as to present avoidable hazards for some people in some circumstances. More information on risk assessment in care settings can be found on the [Health and Safety Executive website](#).

## **Leadership and Management Partnership**

Skills for Health's parent organisation The Workforce Development Trust (WDT) and The Institute of Leadership and Management have formed a partnership to promote effective leadership and management across the Health, Care, Justice and Community Safety sectors. Through joining forces and combining years of research, knowledge and innovation, this partnership will develop mutually compatible, world-class, innovative leadership products and services that will deliver a competitive advantage, push boundaries and inspire the next level of leaders to stand out from the competition. For more information please follow this [link](#)

## **Apprenticeship Standards Consultation**

Public Health England have opened a consultation with employers of community-centred workers and front-line workers to better understand the duties, capabilities and current training opportunities of this workforce, as well as the extent of employer need and commitment to an apprenticeship standard at level 3. The consultation is available through this [link](#) and is open until 5pm on Friday 1 November:

## **York 50+ Festival**

The 15<sup>th</sup> York 50+ festival will be taking place between Friday 20 September and Sunday 6 October, which a diverse range of 200 events taking place across this period. This includes sports, singing, dancing, talks, walks and social groups. For more information and to access the brochure for the festival please follow this [link](#).

## Training, development and education opportunities

### End of Life Care Conference 2019 Person Centred Care

**When:** Friday 8 November 2019 -  
09:00 to 16:30

**Where:** The Mecure Grange Park  
Hotel, Willerby, HU10 6EA

**What:** The Hull and East Riding End of Life Education Group are hosting their 8th annual End of Life Conference, which will this year focus on person centred care. The agenda for the conference can be found through this [link](#) and will include updates on person centred advanced care planning, Project Echo for care homes and relationship centred care.

Please can you confirm to [d.dinning@dovehouse.org.uk](mailto:d.dinning@dovehouse.org.uk) by Friday 20/09/19 if you wish to attend this event.

### React To Resources

In addition to the React to Red and React to Falls training offered by the CCG, NHS England and Improvement have introduced a series of further free training resources specifically aimed at supporting the care sector. This includes the newly launched React to Infection which covers how to identify, manage and prevent flu and norovirus. The pack for this programme contains information on managing outbreaks, standard precautions and includes a short video to use in your training sessions. Other training resources available include React to Moisture, React to Feet and React to Malnutrition and Dehydration

For more information on the resources please follow this [link](#)

## Infection Prevention Control Bulletins: Norovirus

With flu season approaching, IPC have created a bulletin for [care homes](#) and for [domiciliary providers](#). These contain a series of guidance around how to stop the spread of infection, as well as steps to take if you or your staff show symptoms of norovirus.

## City of York Council Workforce Development Unit- **November sessions now confirmed**

City of York Council offer a number of training opportunities designed for adult social care. Please find through this [link](#) a summary covering sessions taking place in the September to November period.

These include infection control for vulnerable adults, moving and positioning people refresher and multiple first aid courses and refreshers. For more information and to book please follow this [link](#).

## Get involved and share your views

### Oral Care in Care Homes

The CCG is interested to hear from all care homes about their experiences around oral health care.

- Do you carry out oral health assessments on newly admitted residents?
- Do you know how and when to access dental care for you residents?

We would like to gather some information to identify where the CCG could support staff to improve the oral care of residents, so please get in touch about what you think the



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### Central Alerting System (CAS) Alerts

All providers are reminded of the importance of registering MHRA to receive CAS alerts. This is the national alert system to warn providers of safety alerts. For information on how register please contact

[safetyalerts@mhra.gov.uk](mailto:safetyalerts@mhra.gov.uk)

challenges are around oral health. If you have any ideas to share that have worked for you please contact [Ciaran.ferris3@nhs.net](mailto:Ciaran.ferris3@nhs.net)

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## **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](mailto:sarah.fiori@nhs.net) or [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net)