



**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- Agenda Confirmed



The agenda is now available for the upcoming meeting of Partners in Care that will take place on **Wednesday 18 September** from **1.30-4.30pm** at **YHA York, Water End, York YO30 6LP**.

The meeting will feature a diverse range of updates including from the continence team, as well as around 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](#).

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.

An agenda will be available closer to the meeting, but in the meantime if you would like to suggest an item to discuss, share a good news story or any shared learning then please get in touch.

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



## **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're starting to gather some information to see where we can help you improve the oral care of your residents, so please get in touch about what you think the challenges are around oral health. If you have any ideas of what help you overcome these please contact [Ciaran.ferris3@nhs.net](mailto:Ciaran.ferris3@nhs.net)

## **Statlock Catheter Fixation Devices**

The Statlock catheter fixation device was stopped at York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust last year following a number of incidents where a small number of patients had developed pressure ulcers associated with the use of the fixation devices. The incident reports identified key themes:

- Staff were unaware of how to apply the Statlocks properly (poster attached) – the catheter should be placed in the statlock device before it is attached to the skin
- The Statlocks were incorrectly applied which caused drag on the catheter
- Pressure Ulcers were caused by pulling and pressure from the catheter as there was no flexibility when secured by the device
- Recommendations to change the device every 5-7 days was not followed due to supply issues

Having reviewed the key issues it has been decided that the Trust will reintroduce the use of the Statlocks but ensure training has been provided first. For any comments or queries around this please contact [Clare.O'Brien@YORK.NHS.UK](mailto:Clare.O'Brien@YORK.NHS.UK)

## **Stop and Watch Tool- Congratulations Hilltop Manor**

Following training on how to use the Stop and Watch tool which helps recognition and responding to deterioration in residents , Hilltop Manor have been using the tool with good effect since December. The tool has supported their care decisions and helped communication with other health professionals including residents GPs, and they have put in place processes to improve handover and communication across the team. Congratulations to Alison and the team at Hilltop.

## **Trusted Transfer Pathway**

The Trusted Transfer Pathway is now live across Vale of York area, and can be used by care homes when a resident is transferred to hospital. Information regarding the Trusted Transfer Pathway is available through our [website](#), including links to the documentation and brief for care providers and hospital colleagues. For any feedback or queries around its use please contact [sarah.fiori@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.fiori@nhs.net)

## Training, development and education opportunities

### **Nursing Associate: Deployment and Sharing Best Practice Conference**

**When:** 16 October 2019 in  
Leeds/York, and 30 October 2019 in  
Manchester/Liverpool

- Celebrate the introduction of a new regulated member of the Nursing and Midwifery workforce
- Share how organisations across the region have pioneered and embraced the role to positively impact on patient outcomes and experience
- Hear practical examples of how our first qualified Nursing Associates have been deployed

Speakers are yet to be confirmed but are expected to include the Care Quality Commission, education providers and trade unions. To register your interest for the conference please send your name, organisation, email address and preferred date to [charlotte.sherlock@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:charlotte.sherlock@hee.nhs.uk)

Further information around this event will be circulated shortly



### **Would you like to support your team in preventing falls?**

If so, 'React to Falls Prevention' training is now available to all care homes across the Vale of York. The emphasis of this work is to support care home staff to use a patient centred approach to identify those at risk of falling and take appropriate measures to reduce these risks.

If you would like any further information regarding this training, please get in touch with Helen at [h.degnan1@nhs.net](mailto:h.degnan1@nhs.net)

## York Carers Centre Open Day

York Carers Centre are opening their doors on **Wednesday 25 September from 3.00-4.30**. This will provide an opportunity to meet the team and learn about the support service the centre provide to unpaid carers.

For more information please follow this link.

## Safeguarding Training Sessions- North Yorkshire

In line with the new safeguarding policies that are being introduced in the North Yorkshire County Council area in 1 October. These are planned to help educate and inform health and adult services staff.

Dates for the training as well as further information on the changes themselves, please follow this [link](#) to the July bulletin produced by the Safeguarding Adults North Yorkshire Board.

## Get involved and share your views



### Good News

Do you have any good news stories or shared learning? If so we would like to hear them so we can share them with Partners in Care through the bulletin and forum

Please contact [sarah.fiori@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.fiori@nhs.net) with anything you would like to share.



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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)

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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)