



Vale of York
Clinical Commissioning Group



Weekly bulletin for care homes and care sector partners



March Partners in Care

Thank you to everybody who attended Wednesday's meeting of Partners in Care, and contributed to really positive and engaging conversations around advanced care planning, medicines optimisation in care homes, React to Red and dementia diagnosis to name just a few. A big thank you to those who spoke at the forum, and especially Suzy Smith for delivering her engaging Dementia Friends session for the group (and signed up many of those present to be Dementia Friends afterwards).

The minutes from the meeting will follow shortly, but in the meantime please find the slides attached. If you have any feedback from the event or suggestions for topics and good news to discuss at the next meeting please get in touch. The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 23 May from 1:30-4:30** at a south locality venue to be confirmed, an invite will be circulated shortly.

Dates for all our 2019 meetings are available through our [website](#).



Medicines Optimisation in Care Home Team

Callie Turner and Matt Cooke updated Partners in Care on the services offered by the Medicines Optimisation in Care Home Team. The team works around de-prescribing and holistic approaches to medication, and work with care homes to establish if a different form of medication would be more appropriate for residents. If you have any medication queries or would like to contact the team, please email voyccg.moch@nhs.net

Please note that the inbox is not always monitored on a daily basis, so should not be used but urgent queries.



Dementia Friends

Suzy Smith from the North Yorkshire County Council Quality Improvement Team delivered a Dementia Friends session to Partners in Care on Wednesday. Dementia Friends is a social action group organised by Alzheimer's Society to raise awareness, and to help those living with dementia.

For more information on how to become a Dementia Friend, please follow this [link](#). To view the Bookcase Analogy video shown at Partners in Care, please click the link below.



Alzheimer's Society - Bookcase Analogy



Hull Sepsis Congress

Please find attached an poster for the Hull Sepsis Congress. To book please follow this link.

Date and time: Tuesday 18th June from 8:30-5:00

Venue: Bonus Arena, Myton Street. Hull, HU1 2PS.

Content: Speakers will include representatives from survivors and relatives, Yorkshire Ambulance Service and York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. Topics of these sessions include sepsis and frailty, pre hospital recognition and management, and the introduction of NEWS2 in the community.



Reminder: NHS 111 Call Charges

A carer recently reported to the CCG that they had been told by a mobile phone outlet that calls to NHS 111 came with a charge. This is not the case, all calls to NHS 111 are **free of charge** as confirmed by Yorkshire Ambulance Service.



Health and Safety Executive Alert- Platform Lifts

An alert has been issued for vertical lifting platforms and lifts for people with impaired mobility, with regard to the risks posed by tampering or poor maintenance. More information on the alert can be found through this [link](#).



**Medicines &
Healthcare products
Regulatory Agency**

Medical Device Alert: All T34 ambulatory syringe pumps need a sponge pad fitted to the battery compartment to prevent battery connection issues

Please be aware of the attached medical device alert, relating to movement of batteries and possible loss of connection in T34 ambulatory syringe pumps. Further details on this alert on contact details for any queries are in the attached summary.

**The deadline for actions to be underway is
01 April 2019 and for actions complete is 28
May 2019**



T34 Syringe Driver Training

York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust are offering T34 syringe driver training designed for care home staff. The dates for the session are below, to book you place please find the booking form attached.

Date	Time	Venue
16-Apr-19	13:00 - 14:30	St Leonards Hospice, St Leonards Hospice
14-May-19	13:00 - 14:30	Health Education Room, Tang Hall Health Centre
12-Jun-19	13:00 - 14:30	St Helen's Rehabilitation Hospital,
17-Jul-19	13:00 - 14:30	St Leonards Hospice, St Leonards Hospice
19-Sep-19	13:00 - 14:30	Health Education Room, Tang Hall Health Centre
10-Oct-19	13:00 - 14:30	St Leonards Hospice, St Leonards Hospice
13-Nov-19	13:00 - 14:30	St Monica's Hospital, Long Street



Care Home Capacity Tracker Update

A big thank you our care homes in the North Yorkshire County Council area. 100% of our in scope homes in the area are now registered and updating bed availability through the care home



Study into the Physical Health Care Needs of Older Care Home Residents

capacity tacker. 95% of in scope homes across the Vale of York as a whole are registered, meaning great progress has been made to reducing unneeded ring round calls. Our partners in local authority and continuing healthcare continue to use the tracker to access bed availability for homes who update the tracker.

However further work is still required, and all homes using are reminded to update their bed figures on the tracker at least weekly (even if that is just logging and pressing "save capacities" if figures have not changed).

Should discharge or brokerage teams contact your home when the tracker has been updated, please remind them to use it before calling.

Action

To register your home, or new users please go to

<https://carehomes.necsu.nhs.uk/> or contact sam.varo@nhs.net and sarah.fiori@nhs.net

The Personal Social Services Unit (PSSRU) at the University of Manchester is undertaking a study on how best to meet the physical health care needs of older care home residents. This work is funded by the National Institute for Health Research School for Social Care Research and is looking at the external support that care homes receive and the difference that this makes to care home residents in terms of reducing unnecessary hospital admissions and ensuring that residents are well cared for to the end of their lives. It is not about the nature or quality of care that care homes themselves provide, but rather about the NHS input they receive from GPs, district nurses, geriatricians, palliative care staff, specialist care home support teams etc.

As part of this research they have developed a questionnaire in collaboration with Healthwatch North Tyneside that seeks to identify which of a list of ten important characteristics of care home support services interested members of the public think are most important. They are hoping to engage at least 100 people in this element of the study, and it is vital that they represent the opinions of lay people with relevant knowledge to represent residents' and families' views

To take part in the study, please download the following attachments:

[Questionnaire](#)
[Information sheet](#)
[Privacy notice](#)

If you have any queries about the study or if you are interested in taking part then please contact Sue Tucker (one of the researchers) by emailing sue.tucker@manchester.ac.uk or by telephoning 0161 2755938.



HEAT Awards

HEE have launched a new awards scheme called the HEAT (Healthcare, Education and Training) Awards.

This scheme will recognise and celebrate the very best in education, training, leadership and workforce planning, as well as bringing together the local, regional and national award schemes that were being run previously.

Some of the categories are particularly relevant to Talent for Care and include:

- Inspirational Apprentice
- Champion of Diversity, Inclusivity and Widening Participation
- Champion of Tomorrow's Workforce

Nominations are now open and can be made [here](#), the closing date for which will be 5 April.

Those who have been shortlisted, as well as their nominators will be invited to an awards event which is due to take place on 18 July.

Should you have any questions, contact Matthew Woolford via matthew.woolford@hee.nhs.uk



Independent Care Group Conference and Exhibition 2019

The Independent Care Group will be holding a conference and exhibition at York Racecourse on Wednesday 20 November. Booking details will be available shortly.



City of York Council: Adults Services Training in April

City of York Council's Workforce Development Unit offer a large number of training sessions relevant to the adult social care. Please find the full list of training planned for the April to June period. Upcoming training includes an arthritis bitesize session, moving and positioning people refresher and half day session on emergency first aid.

To book on to these courses you will need to register for a MyLo account through this [link](#)

For any queries please contact: wdu@york.gov.uk

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