



**Vale of York**  
Clinical Commissioning Group



**Weekly bulletin for care homes and care sector partners**

Monday 14 January 2019



## February Partners in Care

In a change of plan from the initially proposed date, the next meeting of Partners in Care is now confirmed for **Wednesday 6 February** at the **Galtres Centre, Easingwold**. A calendar invite will be sent in coming days to please accept to confirm your attendance, or alternatively reply to this bulletin. As always we would like to hear from you regarding any items you would like to discuss at the meeting as well as anonymised incidents for the Partners in Care Lessons Learned Bulletin.

Provisional dates for the 2019 meetings are now so that you can have them in your calendar!



## Care Together, Share Together: December Edition

Please follow this [link](#) to the December Edition of NHS England's Care Together, Share Together bulletin. In this edition are highlights of the work that has taken place in the independent care sector in 2018 across the country, including a feature on all the fantastic events that took place in the Vale of York to celebrate International Stop the Pressure Day



## Preventing dehydration in residents

Infection, Prevention Control would like to remind care providers that there has been a rise in the number of cases of diarrhoea, and vomiting/influenza/chest infections in the community over the past few weeks.

They would like to remind you to help reduce the risk of infection:

- Always apply standard precautions
- Encourage your residents to keep hydrated



## York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

### End of Life Care Training

Kath Sartain and Jude Seagrave attended November's Partners in Care to update that the End of Life Training for care homes nurses offered in 2018, would be offered again in 2019. A venue and dates have now been finalised for these sessions as below. The sessions cover topics including DNACPR and recognition of dying, further information and how to book is in the poster attached.

- Wednesday 20 March 2019 1-4.30pm
- Wednesday 27 March 2019 1-4.40pm

Both sessions will take place at: Stamford Bridge Beaumont, Buttercrambe Rd, Stamford Bridge, York, YO41 1AJ



### Alert: Resources to Support Bowel Care for Patients at Risk of Autonomic Dysreflexia

Please note the attached alert from NHS Improvement regarding autonomic dysreflexia

This alert is appropriate for all healthcare providers who have patients with existing spinal cord injuries, and an action plan and set of resources are available to assist with implementation. It is asked that implementation be as soon as possible, and is complete by 25 January 2019.

If you have any queries regarding this alert or have resources or examples please contact:  
[patientsafety.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:patientsafety.enquiries@nhs.net)



## City of York Council: Flu Vaccination Reimbursement and Vouchers

Please find attached a letter that has been sent to all care providers currently contracted by City of York Council. NHS England has awarded the council £20,000 for immunisation of care staff, which can be claimed by providers either through filling out the attached form (to reimburse costs for providers who have already vaccinated staff) or through claiming flu vouchers (for yet to be vaccinated) which can be redeemed at most high street pharmacies, with the exception of Boots.

This funding is available for care staff and volunteers, though not residents and as the budget is finite it cannot be guaranteed you will receive 100% of the requested sum. To apply please return the reimbursement forms and submit requests for vouchers to [Philippa](#) by 31 January 2019.

Further information about vaccination funding in the North Yorkshire County Council area is to follow.



## Care Home Capacity Tracker Update

A fantastic 83% of Vale of York residential and nursing homes are now registered and updating the Care Home Capacity Tracker, and North Yorkshire County Council are now relying on the tracker rather than ring rounds for all homes in their area which have updated in the last 7 days

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](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net) and [sarah.fiori@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.fiori@nhs.net)



## North Yorkshire County Council: Flu Vaccination Update

Local authority employed Health and Social care staff in North Yorkshire can now download a voucher from the intranet, and ask their manager to sign it. The signed voucher needs to be presented before the vaccine is administered. Most community pharmacies and many GP practices are providing flu vaccinations and NYYCC recommend that staff contact their community pharmacy or GP practice to check they are providing the service before attending and for GP practices, this needs to be the member of staff's registered practice. our PGD. NYCC is then reimbursed per vaccine.

Independently employed health and social care staff from North Yorkshire care homes and domiciliary providers are now also eligible for the scheme. Please contact: [carly.walker@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:carly.walker@northyorks.gov.uk) for a voucher



## Support and Information for DSP toolkit completion and NHS Mail

Please see attached how to guides produced by NHS Digital and the Care Provider Alliance for social care providers wishing to complete the DSP toolkit, and getting registered with NHS Mail.

More help around registering for NHS Mail can be found through this [link](#)

DSP Toolkit WebEx's are arranged for 16 January and 14 February. These will need to be booked on to through the following [link](#)



### November's Partners in Care Lessons Learned Bulletin

November's PiCLL bulletin is now available and attached. It contains the latest shared learning and best practice from across our homes.

#### Action

If you have any anonymous lessons learned or examples of best practice you would like to share with other homes, please get in touch with [sarah.fiori@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.fiori@nhs.net)



### City of York Council: Workforce Development Unit Training

City of York Council's Workforce Development Unit offer a large number of training sessions relevant to the practice nursing.

Upcoming sessions include

- Basic Fire Awareness
- Effective Communication and Responding to Behaviour that Challenges (Adult Services)
- Life Story (Bitesize)
- IOSH Managing Safely Refresher

A full list of sessions available from January to March is attached for you.

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](mailto:wdu@york.gov.uk)

## SPACES AVAILABLE: Cancer Champion Workshops

# Become a **Cancer Champion**

*It's easier than you think to make a difference*

- Date: Tuesday 05 February 2019
- Time: 6pm – 8:30pm
- Location: Committee Room, Selby District Council
  
- Date: Friday 08 February 2019
- Time: 9:30am-12:30pm
- Location: George Hudson Room, West Offices, York
  
- Date: Monday 11 February 2019
- Time: 1pm – 4pm
- Location: Scarborough Hospital
  
- Date: Wednesday 20 February 2019
- Time: 1pm - 4pm
- Location: Malton Hospital
  
- Date: Monday 25 February 2019
- Time: 1pm - 4pm
- Location: York Hospital

### **Open to Everyone**

To reserve a place please email: [eryccg.cancerchampion@nhs.net](mailto:eryccg.cancerchampion@nhs.net) or telephone Sophie on 07519 120805





## Free to attend: Values based recruitment and retention

**Where:** The next session will take place in Grimsby on 16 January, with further sessions arranged for Grimsby, Sheffield, Durham and The Tees Valley

**What:** These free, half day sessions are an introduction to values based recruitment and retention. It will cover what workplace values are, the benefits of establishing and how you can work with other to determine what these values are.

### Action

For more information, please find a poster attached, To book your place please follow this [link](#)



## Free to attend: Skills for Care Roadshow

**Where:** The roadshow will be held on Wednesday 23 January in Durham, with further events to follow in Scunthorpe, Scarborough and Sheffield

### Topics:

- Funding and qualification changes to support workforce development
- Leading a good or outstanding care organisation
- Effective use of information to enhance service quality
- Offer of support to employers and newest resources.

### Action

For more information, please find a poster attached, To book your place please follow this [link](#)

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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)

