



**Vale of York**  
Clinical Commissioning Group



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

Tuesday 20 November 2018



**Next meeting**

**Happening  
This Week**

There's just 3 days to go until November's Partners in Care, but it's not too late if you want to attend. A calendar invite has been sent out to members of the group. To confirm your attendance either accept this invite or contact [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net) or call 01904 551773. As always please feel free to forward onto any colleagues who would be interested in attending, we will look forward to seeing you in November.

**When** - Wednesday 22 November 2018, 1.30 - 4.30pm.

**Where** – The Riverside Room, Riccall Regen Centre. Landing Ln, Riccall, YO19 6PW

**Agenda-** **Attached**



## 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)



## Grab Guides for Reduction of Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC)

NHSE have published a series of Grab Guides to support nursing staff in health and social care over the winter. Please could you encourage your staff to look at

that, they cover the 5 topics listed below.

- [Act now – maximise your leadership this winter;](#)
- [Act now – plan for discharge early;](#)
- [Act now – getting people Home First;](#)
- [Act now – new technology to find care home availability;](#)
- [Act now – look after yourself, look after others: flu immunisation.](#)



### **Bulletin for Domiciliary Care staff – Infection Prevention and Control: Issue No 11 – November 2018**

The latest Bulletin from the Community Infection Prevention and Control Team for Domiciliary Care staff focuses on the 'Respiratory etiquette and Antibiotic Awareness'. To read the bulletin please follow this [link](#).



### **Care Home Capacity Tracker Update**

The Care Home Capacity Tracker is the new name for the Care Home Bed State Tool.

Following a feedback from users of the tool, the developers have now expanded the bed types available to select to include mental health nursing beds and mental health residential beds. If your home offers these services, please log in and



### **React to Red: Pressure Ulcer Prevention**

The November edition of the React to Red newsletter now attached for you.

update your information accordingly so brokerage and discharge teams using the tool can see you home when searching for mental health beds.

A reminder that we are requesting for homes where bed capacity has not changed to log in once a week and press save on “save these spare capacities button”, this will show that capacity has been updated even though the figures have remained the same. This will give assurance to care partners that your figures are up to date, and will remove the need for calls to check.

### **Action**

To register 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)

30 homes across the Vale of York area have now completed the programme, with a fantastic 1350 carers across the Vale of York having taken part in the training.

Mencap Easingwold, Hilltop Manor, The Orchard, Alne Hall and Isabella Court are just the latest homes to become 100% compliant. Big congratulations to all of them.

### **Action**

To get involved in the programme contact [h.degnan1@nhs.net](mailto:h.degnan1@nhs.net) or [christopher.pomfrett@nhs.net](mailto:christopher.pomfrett@nhs.net)

To read the further editions of the React to Red Newsletter and to find out more information, the website can be found through [this link](#).





## **Norovirus season is approaching: Viral Gastroenteritis Outbreak Management Pack**

The Community IPC Team have produced a new FREE 'Viral Gastroenteritis Outbreak Management Pack for North Yorkshire Care Homes. Please be vigilant and implement Infection Prevention and Control measures if you suspect an outbreak.

If you do have an outbreak, please contact the Community IPC Team as soon as possible within normal working hours on 01423 557340.

If you would like to register to receive emails from the Community IPC Team regarding the direct, please contact them on the above number or through [www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk](http://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk) in order to receive other IPC support and advice.



## **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

- First Aid at Work- 3 day requalification
- Care Act Legal Framework
- Safeguarding Adults General Awareness
- Administration of Medication in a Residential Care Setting

A full list of sessions available from October to November 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)**



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## Teaching Care Homes Programme open for applications

Applications to the Teaching Care Homes Programme are now open to all care homes, including those providing care to persons of all ages including those caring for people with learning disabilities and neurological conditions.

This year, the focus of the programme is on enhancing cross-system partnership working (e.g. care home/acute sector services; care home/university; care home/GP practice etc.). The partnerships should intend to develop and strengthen cross-system relationships by working together towards developing and achieving shared outcomes.

With the care home as lead applicant, each team of between 3 and 5 people will attend six workshop days, and in between, will benefit from one-to-one mentorship and on-site support. The programme also has a small bursary to support participants. Workshops run from April 2019 to March 2020.

For more information and to download the application, visit [the FoNS Teaching Care Homes pages](#).

**The closing date for applications is: 5pm on Tuesday 11 December 2018.**

# NICE

National Institute for  
Health and Care Excellence



Public Health  
England

**Winter Readiness and Infection  
Prevention Guidance for Care  
Homes**



**Free to attend: Values  
based recruitment and  
retention**

**When:** Please find dates in



Please find attached the Public Health England winter guidance for care homes and NICE info on infection control. Though this guidance was designed for London, it is appropriate for all care homes and domiciliary providers regardless of location

attached poster

**Where:** The next session will take place in Northallerton on 5 December, 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](#)

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?

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