



**Vale of York
Clinical Commissioning Group**



Weekly bulletin for Care homes and care sector partners

Monday 23 July 2018

Next meeting

The next Partners in Care meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 September 2018 from 1.30 - 4.30pm. The venue has now been confirmed as York Sports Club, Clifton Park, Shipton Rd, York YO30 5RE. A calendar invitation will be issued very shortly. Please confirm your attendance to sam.varo@nhs.net or call 01904 551 773.



Care Home Bed State Tool Update

North Yorkshire County Council and the CCG have agreed that as of Monday 23 July, all homes within NYCC footprint who have updated their bed capacity with the last 7 days will no longer receive weekly ring round calls from the local authority. The Care Home Bed State Tool will become the primary mechanism for them to establish available bed numbers. However homes with figures that have not been updated within 7 days will still receive calls, so all users are encouraged to log in and update figures once a week even if bed numbers have not changed.

51 homes in the Vale of York area are now signed up and reporting bed capacity on the Care Home Bed State Tool. Homes yet to register or experiencing problems are encouraged to get in touch.

Action

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



Pressure Ulcer Prevention

Attached is the July edition of the React to Red newsletter.

Well done to the nine homes in our area that have completed React to Red training, and the further 26 also working their way through.



Heatwave Advice

As you will be aware, temperatures across the UK have been very high in recent weeks. Keeping cool in hot conditions is crucial for health. People in residential and nursing homes can be at particularly high risk of illness and death.

Special congratulations to Highfield, The Hall, Lake and Orchard and Lime Tree House who are the latest homes to become 100% trained up.

Action

To get involved in the programme contact h.degnan1@nhs.net or christopher.pomfrett1@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](#).

Please be aware of plans at your place of work for responding to high temperatures, including actions you may need to take to keep residents safe

Action

To access advice from Public Health England on how to beat the heat, please read the following [advice](#).



As part of our commitment to provide a high quality, timely and sustainable transport service for patients with the greatest medical needs, Yorkshire Ambulance Service is making some changes to the way in which transport is booked and allocated. These changes will ensure that journeys are only booked for patients with a medical need for NHS-funded transport.

From Monday 30 July 2018 you may notice some changes to the process when booking transport for your patients. Each and every time you book a journey you will be asked a range of questions to determine whether your patient is eligible for NHS-funded transport.

Action

Please read the letter and FAQs document from our partners at Yorkshire Ambulance Service.



Red Bag Working Group

As discussed at the last Partners in Care meeting, more scoping work with homes and partners is required to determine what a Red Bag Scheme for transporting documents could look like, to make it sustainable and practical.

Action

Do you have any thoughts you would like share on what you would like to see from this scheme? If so please get in touch with sarah.fiori@nhs.net



Quality in Care Homes Task Force

Alison Redhead, Registered Manager at Minster Grange led a powerful discussion at the last Partners in Care on perceptions of care homes, and what can be done to change them.

Action

Would you like to work with other partners to highlight best practice within care homes and to strive to increase pride in the sector? If so contact Alison at manager.minstergrange@lifestylecare.co.uk



Care Together, Share Together

Please find attached the July newsletter from the Independent Care Sector Leads at NHS England.



Continuing Healthcare Q&A

Do you have any burning questions for the CHC team? Let us know and we will feature the answers in next week's edition.

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