



## Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group



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

Monday 16 July 2018

### Next meeting

The next Partners in Care meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 September 2018 from 1.30 - 4.30pm in York. A calendar invitation will be issued when the venue has been confirmed. Please confirm your attendance to [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net) or call 01904 551 773.

### Update from June Partners in Care

A big thank you everybody who took the time to come to Easingwold and attend Partners in Care meeting on Wednesday 20 June. There were a fantastic mix of

homes and partners organisations present so hopefully everybody found the meeting thought provoking and useful.

### **Action**

The minutes from the meeting, a summary document and resources are attached for you so please share with colleagues if you can.



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.



## 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.

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](mailto:h.degnan1@nhs.net) or [christopher.pomfrett1@nhs.net](mailto: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](#).



## 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.

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](#).

## Care Home Live Bed State

51 homes in the Vale of York area are now signed up and reporting bed capacity on the Care Home Bed State Tool. Talks are on-going with local authorities to stop ring rounds, so it's important for all homes to be using the tool.

It is recommended that homes update bed capacity whenever it changes, or to log onto the tool at least once a week.

### 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)



## NHS70

A big thank you to all homes and partners that got involved in the NHS70 birthday celebrations. A series of tea parties were held in homes and libraries, in addition to a bus tour and choral event at York Minster to mark the occasion.

### Action

If you would like share any pictures from events you may have held in the bulletin, please get in touch.



Research is shown to encourage staff to take a greater interest in health and wellbeing and provide learning and development for staff as well as improvement opportunities for homes

If you would like to get in touch,  
please contact:



Please find the most recent PiCLL bulletin attached with shared learning and best practice from across our homes.

If you have any anonymous stories you would like to share with other homes, please get in touch.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:manager.minstergrange@lifestylecare.co.uk)



### **Care Together, Share Together**

Please find attached the June 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.

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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)