



**Vale of York**  
Clinical Commissioning Group



## **Care Homes and Domiciliary Care**

Monday 09 December 2019

### **What's in your Partners in Care bulletin?**

This weekly bulletin provides details of training, guidance, access to past editions and lots more. There's also helpful information on the web pages dedicated to our Care Home and Domiciliary Care colleagues. [Please click here to bookmark these pages.](#)

## Partners in Care Forum- Minutes Now Available



### November and January Partners in Care Forum

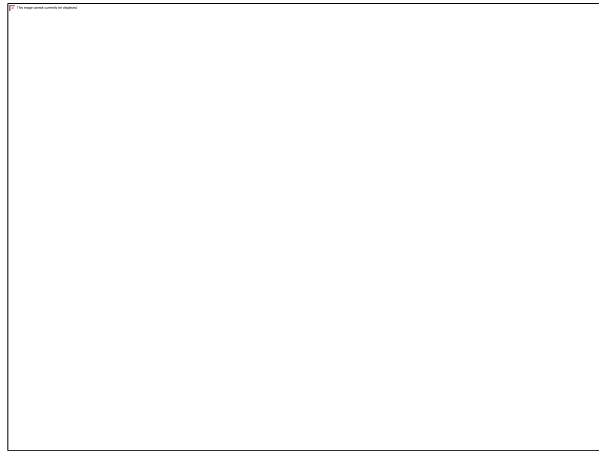
The minutes from the November Partners in Care Forum are now available and can be accessed through this [link](#). Once again, thank you to all those that were able to join us and contribute to the discussion and shared learning between health and social care across the Vale of York

The slides from the meeting can be found through this [link](#), along with the minutes and slides from previous meetings.

The next meeting of the forum will take place on **Wednesday 29 January 2020** from **1.30-4:30** at **York Sports Centre, Shipton Road, York**

If you have any feedback from this meeting, suggestions of topics for the next meeting or good news stories then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Need to know



### **Recognising and Responding to Deterioration Conference- Slides**

Thank you all those who attend the conference around recognising and responding to deterioration on 26 November in York. The day focused on the trial of the STOP and WATCH tool to help identify deterioration in residents through softer signs, and included input from care homes, domiciliary providers, GP's, the care home and dementia team at Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust. There was also discussion around topics including falls prevention, sepsis, dementia and oral health.

The slides can be accessed in 3 parts below:

[Slides Part 1](#)

[Slides Part 2](#)

[Slides Part 3](#)



## **Fast Track Improvement Team**

Lynda Ruddock from the Vale of York Fast Track Improvement Team attended the November Partners in Care to update on the work she and colleague Chris Charters have been conducting to review and improve the delivery of fast track care, for which funding is available to individuals in 'rapidly deteriorating condition that may be entering a terminal phase. This project has been a collaboration between the CCG at St Leonard's Hospice working to assist, maintain and develop understanding of the eligibility criteria for funding. As discussed at Partners in Care, the three component forms required for funding are consent, the fast track tool and the care plan. These are attached for your information, alongside a summary of the teams work and a newly produced patient information document.

To contact the team please email: [neyh.slhfasttrack@nhs.net](mailto:neyh.slhfasttrack@nhs.net)

## **Choosing and Arranging Care Research Project**

The University of York are starting a new research project looking at what people most value when finding, choosing and arranging their care. This includes a focus on what help self-funders and their families would you find valuable? If you are interested in contributing to the study please contact Mark Wilberforce at [mark.wilberforce@york.ac.uk](mailto:mark.wilberforce@york.ac.uk)

## **Alert: Risk of death and severe harm from ingesting superabsorbent polymer gel granules**

NHS England and Improvement have released a National Patient Safety Alert, relating to the use of Superabsorbent polymer gel granules (including sachets, mats and loose powder) which used to reduce spillage onto bedding, clothing and floors when patients use urine bottles or vomit bowls, or when staff move fluid-filled containers (eg washbowls, bedpans). As a result of 12 reports of ingestion by patients which includes 2 deaths, a new guidance reinforces that polymer gels are only required for exceptional infection control purposes. This alert requires any organisation still using these products to protect patients by introducing strict restrictions on their use.

Information on actions required are detailed through this [link](#). The deadline for actions to be complete is **01 June 2020**. If you have any queries relating to this

alert, please contact [patientsafety.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:patientsafety.enquiries@nhs.net) with the reference **NatPSA/2019/002/NHSPS**

## **Dementia Case Finding in the Vale of York (sent on behalf of Rachel Instone, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust)**

My name is Rachel Instone and I am an Assistant Psychologist with Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust. The Care Home and Dementia Team and the Memory Clinic, commissioned by the NHS Vale of York CCG, is running a service looking for individuals living in care homes who may have undiagnosed dementia. The reason for doing this work is to ensure that we provide the best possible, well informed care for our elderly population. In collaboration with GPs and care homes, I will be collecting data on residents who have an official diagnosis of dementia and also working with care home staff to identify any residents who they feel may have an undiagnosed dementia.

In York City, the Integrated Care Team are also working on a similar project, these [slides](#) will tell you who is covering which home. I have started this work in Selby and would like to thank all the care homes and GPs who have helped with this project so far. I will be contacting all the care homes in due course, but in the meantime if you have any questions about the project, or want to get in touch with me to find out more, my email address is: [Rachel.instone@nhs.net](mailto:Rachel.instone@nhs.net).

## Training, development and education opportunities

### City of York Council- Workforce Development Unit

Please follow this [link](#) to access the latest adult social care training sessions available from the City of York Council Workforce Development Unit.

This summary covers sessions taking place in January and February 2020. Sessions available include fire awareness, effective communication and responding to behaviour that challenges, manual handling of objects, continuing healthcare training and moving and handling people.

To book onto these training opportunities you will need to register for a MyLo account, which can be done through this [link](#).

For any queries, please contact: [wdu@york.gov.uk](mailto:wdu@york.gov.uk)

### North Yorkshire County Council Commissioning and Quality Market Engagement Events

North Yorkshire County Council will be hosting quality engagement market events in the Selby area on the following dates in 2020:

- 8 January 2020
- 8 April 2020
- 8 July 2020
- 7 October 2020

Times, venues and content will be circulated in due course. For any queries regarding these events, please contact:

[SocialServices.Contractingunit@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:SocialServices.Contractingunit@northyorks.gov.uk)



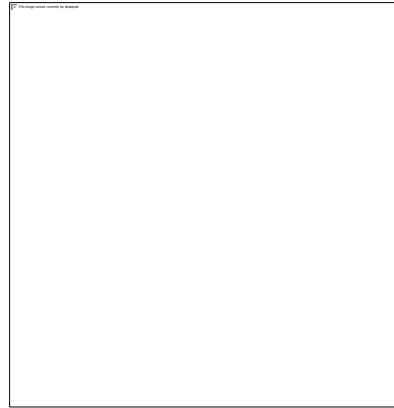
## React to Falls Prevention

The group were updated on the progress of the CCG's React to Falls Prevention Training for care homes. The training has so far been undertaken by 31 Vale of York homes, and 450 staff.

The aims of the training are to:

- Review falls policies/risk assessment tools/care plans/falls evaluation methods
- Implement 'Days between falls boards'
- Use the falls prevention prompt to assist in recognition of falls risks
- Encourage all staff to be involved with falls prevention and management
- Ensure that all staff attend React to Falls Prevention Training

Further information on the training can be found in the [meeting slides](#). For further discussion please contact [h.degnan1@nhs.net](mailto:h.degnan1@nhs.net)



## Skills for Care Update

Angela Thompson updated Partners in Care on the latest workforce and development developments in the Vale of York areas.

These included:

- The "Every Day is Different" recruitment campaign
- The "A Question of Care: A Career For You" tool which can act as a pre interview test or screening tool.
- Funded leadership development programmes for both current managers and aspiring managers.
- Workshops to improve confidence in mentoring.

Further information can be found in the [meeting slides](#).

## Get involved and share your views

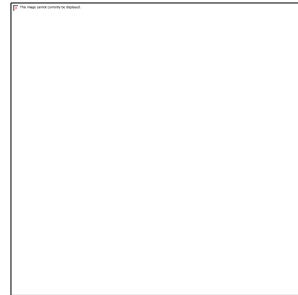


### **Safer Administration of Medicines in Care Homes Survey**

The Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Networks (AHSN's)

are looking for care homes who are willing to volunteer to work with them more closely to build a very detailed understanding of the safety of giving medicines. Initially this will take the form of a survey, which will be fed back to the Yorkshire and Humber AHSN. In the future they will be asking for volunteers to participate in the testing of ideas that may make the giving of medicines even safer.

To view the survey and further information please click this [link](#). For any queries around the project please contact [Vicki.Linford@yhahsn.com](mailto:Vicki.Linford@yhahsn.com)



### **Returning of Community Equipment**

Pam Bolderson from the CCG and Darren Clark from Medequip attended November Partners in Care to reiterate the importance of returning equipment which is no longer being used, or being used by an individual it wasn't prescribed for. Due to the loans based model the community equipment contract is based on, all equipment is still being paid for by the NHS and social care until it is returned (upon which 90% of the equipment cost is returned to the NHS). Anybody can call Medequip to request a collection through the details below. More information on community equipment can be found through the [meeting slides](#).

**Call:** 01423 226240

**Email:** [north.yorks@medequip-uk.com](mailto:north.yorks@medequip-uk.com)



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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)