



Care Homes and Domiciliary Care

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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.](#)



Merry Christmas

As this is the last bulletin of 2019, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all Partners in Care across the Vale of York for their contribution to delivering excellence in care all year round. Thank you to all those who have attended the forums and for helping drive forward projects like React to Red, React to Falls and Identification of Deteriorating Residents that have led to quality improvements for residents across the area.

We wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and look forward to further great work in 2020.

From Sarah, Helen, Kay, Sam, Ciaran and the Quality and Nursing Team

Need to know



The Inter-Health and Social Care Infection Control Transfer Form

The Inter-health and Social Care Infection Control Transfer form has been developed, to help healthcare organisations share information in the transfer of patients/residents to and from health and social care facilities.

This supports The Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on the prevention and control of Infection and related guidance (Department of Health 2015), which states that “suitable accurate information on infections be provided to any person concerned with providing further support or nursing/medical care in a timely fashion”.

The Inter-health and Social Care form, should accompany the patient/ resident and, where possible, a copy filed in their notes. The information provided is vital in facilitating the receiving health and social care facility to implement the necessary infection control measures, and help to reduce the risk of spreading infectious organisms.

To access the form, please follow this [link](#)



Yorkshire Ambulance Service **NHS**
NHS Trust

UCP Service

New UCP Service Poster

Following on from the update Tim O'Dowd delivered to Partners in Care in November, please find attached an updated poster reflecting the new operating hours of the UCP service. **Please replace all existing posters with this version.**

The service can be accessed by **care homes** to arrange a visit for minor injuries as an alternative to 999 and 111 for non-emergencies. Services the team can assist with include witness or unwitnessed calls without signs of fracture, muscular back pain, wound care and head injuries.

Wolfson Bursaries for Care Homes

Hospice UK have a range of bursaries available for palliative care training which are available to nurses, healthcare assistants and allied health professionals within care homes. Individuals can apply for up to 75% of a module or course cost (subject to funding being available), or up to £1500 over a year or £3000 over 3 years. Further information around criteria and examples of eligible courses and conferences can be found through the attached leaflet.

To access the online application form please follow this [link](#). For any queries please contact grants@hospiceuk.org

Discharge Collaboration with Partners in Care

Two of our care home managers from York attended the York Complex Discharge Sub Group to share their perspectives on discharge and to help identify areas for collaboration and relationship building. The group listened to stories of when discharge works and when it doesn't always go to plan. The CCG will be supporting further work in collaboration with the York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and key stakeholders, and hope all of our Partners in Care will contribute to this. This is a real opportunity for Partners in Care to influence and shape discharge standards alongside colleagues.

Training, development and education opportunities



Upcoming Courses Available Through University of Huddersfield

Please find attached details of some fully funded courses offered by University of Huddersfield.

'Managing minor illness' is a one year post graduate course, however 'Medicines optimisation' is a 12 week course (attendance at the university is only 15 hours) starting in January 2020.

Nursing Associates in Social Care Pilot Workshop

When: Tuesday 7 January (Hull) and Thursday 9 January (Scarborough)

Skills for Care and partners are inviting Independent Sector employers to a half-day workshop that will provide you with information on joining a Nursing Associate Pilot.

This Health Education England pilot will begin in early 2020. It will provide financial and dedicated resource support to Social Care employers that are interested in employing Nursing Associates in order to help them establish the Nursing Associate role within their organisation. The attached leaflet gives a brief explanation of Nursing Associates in Social Care.

Please register your interest [here](#) or email Danielle.Hook@hey.nhs.uk to confirm your attendance

*Please note that it is an NMC requirement for you to have a registered nurse on site that will be able to support any Nursing Associate during and after their training. Therefore please do not register for workshop if you do not already employ a Registered Nurse(s) that will be able to support potential Nursing Associates.



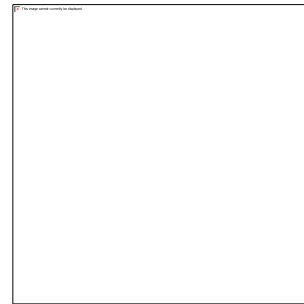
January Partners in Care Forum

When: Wednesday 29 January, 1.30-4.30

Where: York Sports Centre, Shipton Road, York,

A calendar invite for the next meeting of Partners in Care has been sent to partners. To confirm your attendance either accept the invite, or email sam.varo@nhs.net.

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



Do you have any colleagues who would like to join Partners in Care?

We would welcome anybody working within the social care sector and partner organisations who would like to join the group and contribute to the discussion. This can include

- Deputy Managers
- Trainers
- Area Managers
- Senior Carers

To join the group simply contact sam.varo@nhs.net and you will be added to the contact list to receive both the bulletin and invites to the Partners in Care Forums

Get involved and share your views

Fax Machine Usage in GP Practices

As you may or may not be aware following on from **Securing Excellence in Primary Care (GP) Digital Services: The Primary Care (GP) Digital Services Operating Model 2019-2021**, by April 2020 practices will no longer use fax machines for either NHS or patient

Bisphosphonates

Following a number of reports of incidents of finding that bisphosphonates such as alendronic acid have been administered at the wrong times or in the wrong way, Karen Lepper and colleagues have

communications.

From speaking with Practices, it has become apparent that care homes and domiciliary providers often send communications to them via fax. Therefore, this will affect the way you communicate with practices if this has been your chosen method of communication. Practices will most likely start to use a regularly monitored and secure NHS Mail e-mail address; these e-mail addresses are currently being collated/created and can be provided in due course.

produced the attached poster to highlight the issues.

This poster covers:

- What bisphosphonates are
- How they should be taken
- What happens if instructions are not followed

For any further queries please contact karenlepper@nhs.net

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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 or sam.varo@nhs.net