



Vale of York
Clinical Commissioning Group



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](#)

Introducing Clive Nicholson

Clive has recently joined the Quality and Nursing Team at CCG. He previously worked for The National Institute for Health Research helping to embed dementia research across Yorkshire and Humber. Clive worked for a number of years in various roles in clinical research and has a background in nursing patients with neurological conditions.

He has personal experience of the care home sector and has a passion for quality improvement. In his new role, Clive will join the care home team to support quality improvement within care homes and domiciliary providers across the Vale of York, through programmes such as React to Falls, identification of the deteriorating resident, oral health and the Care Home Capacity Tracker.

To contact Clive please email: clive.nicholson@nhs.net

Information on colleagues involved in supporting care providers in the team can be found through this [link](#)





Public Health England

COVID-19: Guidance for Social or Community Care and Residential Settings- **Please Read**

Public Health England have this week published [guidance](#) for social and community care providers around the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), to assist in providing advice to staff. Please forward this guidance within your organisation as appropriate. The guidance includes:

- The novel coronavirus, COVID-19
- How to help prevent spread of all respiratory infections including COVID-19
- What to do if someone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 has been in a health or social care setting
- What advice to give to individuals who have travelled to specific areas
- Risk assessments for undertaking domiciliary visits or providing care in residential settings
- Actions to take if staff come into contact with someone who is self-isolating or is a possible or confirmed case of COVID-19

Further information around coronavirus for the public can be found through the CCG [website](#)



Medequip - Community Equipment Amnesty

The provider of community equipment in York and North Yorkshire is rolling out its mobile exhibition unit – and appealing for people to return any unwanted crutches, walking frames or chair raisers that are surplus to requirements so they can be have a deep clean and be reused.

On 19 March between 10am and 3pm, Medequip will park its mobile exhibition unit at York Hospital – outside the front entrance, next to the multi-storey car park.

There are other ways people can return equipment that's on loan from Medequip and no longer needed. There are Medequip drop-off points at amnesty bins at Archways in York and York District Hospital.

Medequip will also pick up some items for free – call 01423 226 240 or email north.yorks@medequip-uk.com.

CQC Report- Promoting sexual safety through empowerment

CQC have published a report looking at how adult social care services keep people safe from sexual incidents. It also looks at how services can support them to express their sexuality. This is part of an aim to build culture of openness in which people can talk about sexual safety and sexuality within adult social care settings, as a first step towards protecting and supporting them. The report can be accessed through this [link](#)

Guidance on Using Social Media

Following on from a discussion at a recent DSPT roadshow about how to protect care providers and staff on social media, please find some guidance that may be useful through this [link](#). The Nursing and Midwifery Council have produced this guidance that may be of assistance in deciding what is and isn't appropriate to share through social media, and how to balance the benefits from and responsibilities of its

use. The main principles of the guidance are:

- Be informed
- Think before you post
- Protect your professionalism and your reputation

The guidance applies to registered nursing staff, but also the same principles apply to other colleagues and management staff.

Training, development and education opportunities

National Institute for Health Research- Engaging with Social Care Research

To meet the demands of rising social care needs and the challenge of better integrating health and care, there is an urgent need to expand the body of Social Care research conducted and supported in England.

The NIHR and its infrastructure offer crucial support for the research community in England. The Clinical Research Network is seeking to expand its knowledge and network of social care researchers, practitioners, providers, commissioners and users. They would like to invite you to a series of workshops with the aim of building these collaborations and knowledge.

Four workshops are being held in March 2020, please see the attached flyer or visit [their website](#) to hear more. These workshops include:

- Establishing a career in Social Care research and the NIHR (York)
- Promoting and supporting research with homeless and



March Partners in Care

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 26 March** from **13:30-16:30** at the **Riccall Regen Centre, Landing Lane, Riccall. YO19 6PW**. A calendar invite for the next meeting of has been sent to partners. To confirm your attendance either accept the invite, or email sam.varo@nhs.net. Please forward this invite on to any colleagues who would be interested in joining us at the meeting.

If you have any agenda items you would like to suggest, shared learning or good news stories then please get in touch. The minutes from this meeting are now available through this [link](#) alongside the meeting slides.

- hidden populations (London)
- Promoting and supporting research in social care services to adults of working age (Birmingham)
- Promoting and supporting research in social care for childhood and adolescence (Bristol)



Data Security Protection Toolkit-Webinars

NHS England and Improvement will be holding webinars every **Friday from 9:30-11:00** to support providers in completing the DSPT.

To book onto one of these sessions, or if you have any queries or requests for advice around the toolkit, please contact Liz, David, Tom or Amrit through the below email address:

england.dsptnorth@nhs.net

This mailbox is constantly monitored so you will receive a rapid response.

A reminder that the initial Entry Level standard for the DSPT (of 14 questions) is only available until **Tuesday 31 March 2020**.

T34 Syringe Driver Training Sessions

York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust will be hosting further sessions of its T34 syringe driver training. These are aimed at care home nurses in the NHS Vale of York CCG area. Covering a range of subjects including:

- When it is appropriate to use a syringe driver.
- The advantages of using a syringe driver.
- Be aware of commonly used medicines and diluents.
- Have practical experience of setting up a syringe driver.

The training is available free of charge, and delivered by specialist palliative care team. Places are available at two sessions as below.

VENUE	DATE AND TIME	PRESENTER
Selby War Memoria Hospital	14 May 2020 (13.00 -14.30)	Giles Dearing
Haxby Health Centre	15 October 2020 (13.00 - 14.30)	Becky Fitzgerald

To book please complete the attached booking form and return to CLAD.York@york.nhs.uk

Get involved and share your views



Congratulations Mickle Hill

Congratulations to Mickle Hill in Pickering, who have been rated as outstanding by CQC. Their supported living service was praised for its focus on inclusion and treating people as partners in their care and support, and for a clear focus on patient, relative and staff engagement.



Under Construction: Partners in Care Pages

The CCG has recently launched a new website. This has caused slight disruption to content of the partners in care webpages, however these will be updated very shortly.

To access the new website please visit <https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/>

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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