



**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.](#)

## Helping to Prevent Winter Deaths and Illnesses Associated with Cold Homes

NICE have produced the quick guide ['Helping to prevent winter deaths and illnesses associated with cold homes'](#) which is based on their ['Excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes' guideline](#).

Aimed at home care managers it raises awareness about how simple, well planned, preventative action could help vulnerable people currently living in cold homes avoid serious illness or death.

Home care managers can also support staff to complete the ['Helping people living in cold homes e-learning module'](#), developed by Public Health England based on NICE guidelines

## Need to know

Inspected and rated

Outstanding 



### **Congratulations Connaught Court**

A big congratulations to Connaught Court, who have been recognised as outstanding by CQC. The inspectors remarked that the environment at the home was exceptional, and that best practice in relation for people with dementia was followed and embedded within the service. This creates a calm and homely environment for people to receive care.

It was also remarked that the home has passionate and forward-thinking managers, who lead the service and provide an inclusive service that engages proactively with people, their relatives and the staff team.

### **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](#)

## 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.

## Training, development and education opportunities

Become a **Cancer Champion**  
It's easier than you think to make a difference



### Cancer Champions Training

Become a cancer champion and learn about the early signs and symptoms of cancer, how to approach the subject and also about national cancer screening programmes.

- Monday 27 January, 10.00-12.30.  
Ophthalmology Suite, York Hospital. Wigginton Road
- Thursday 6 February, 10:00-12:30 at  
Community Room - Costa Coffee, The Village, Haxby, York.

To reserve a place please contact Sarah Patten on 07851



### Care Home Capacity Tracker Masterclass

The next national Capacity Tracker Masterclass for Health and Social Care Professionals will take place Wednesday 29th January 2020, 10:00 – 11:00.

The session will include a walk-through of the latest functionalities deployed on the tracker, and include a question and answer session.

For the dial in details for this session please contact [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net)

A reminder that if you wish to register any colleagues onto the tracker, or are having any issues then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

248080 or email  
[eryccg.cancerchampions@nhs.net](mailto:eryccg.cancerchampions@nhs.net)



### **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.



### **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](mailto: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.

## **Get involved and share your views**

### **Wolfson Bursaries for Care Homes**

Hospice UK have a range of bursaries available for palliative

### **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

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](mailto:grants@hospiceuk.org)

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](mailto: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

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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)