



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](#)

March Partners in Care

March Partners in Care- Agenda Now Available

The agenda is now available for this month's meeting of Partners in Care, which will take place on **Thursday 26 March** from **13:30-16:30** at the **Riccall Regen Centre, Landing Lane, Riccall. YO19 6PW.**

There will be a wide range of updates, including building on discussions around discharge and Project ECHO from the January meeting. There will also be a presentation from the CCG's safeguarding lead covering diabetes management and end of life care planning for clients with a learning disability. Other topics on the agenda include the developing situation around Covid-19, T34 syringe drivers, identifying deteriorating residents and the Selby District Council Lifeline Service. To view the agenda please click this [link](#).

To confirm your attendance either accept the calendar 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 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.

Need to know



Public Health England

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

Public Health England have 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](#).



**Infection.
Prevention.
Control.**
You're in safe hands

Infection Prevention Control Bulletins: COVID-19

IPC have produced bulletins for care homes and domiciliary providers based on the above guidance. These include a downloadable poster than you can put in your entrance. To access these bulletins please click the links below

- [Care Home](#)
- [Domiciliary Provider](#)

Connecting Care Homes Programme- Opportunity Still Available

The CCG would still be interested in hearing from any providers not already registered in the connecting care homes programme would be like to take part. The programme is open to nursing and residential care homes, and would trial use of a laptop to be kept within the home with the purpose of supporting effective communication for visiting clinicians. The laptop would enable direct access to the clinicians health systems therefore allowing safer and more effective care. Homes do not need to have undertaken the DSPT to take part in this programme, however homes that have completed the standards met level would also be able to use NHS Mail on the laptop.

To express and interest and for more information please contact:

sam.varo@nhs.net

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](#)

Training, development and education opportunities



Happy Birthday Join Dementia Research!

Join Dementia Research has recently celebrated its fifth birthday. Although still young, the service has already had a lot of success - making it easier for people to take part in research. Over 25,000 participants have taken part in studies and made a key contribution to the understanding.

To help you spread the word about their work and to get more people involved their work, they have created a [digital greetings](#)



Carers Awareness Training

York Carers Centre are offering further introductory sessions on Identifying and Supporting Unpaid Carers. These sessions are designed for health and social care professionals in the York area. Tea and coffee will be available at the sessions.

Next Date: Tuesday 28 April from 13.30-16.00 at West Offices, Station Rise. York, YO1 6GA.

Further dates are available at same time and venue on: 23 June, 28 July,

card that you can send to someone you know who might be interested in research. The more people who register with Join Dementia Research, the faster we can make a difference to the lives of everyone affected by dementia.

1 Sept, 26 Jan 2021 and 16 March 2021

To book please contact sam.varo@nhs.net



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 Memorial 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 [this](#) attached booking form and return to CLAD.York@york.nhs.uk

Get involved and share your views



Introducing Clive

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 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



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.

This bulletin is produced by NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group.

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