



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](#)

## PPE Guidance- Updated

An updated process for PPE supply disruption has been or will be in the process of being circulated to providers by your respective local authority. Please look out for any further updates.

The current national advice around use of PPE in health and social care workers in the context of COVID-19. Please read this amended guidance through this [link](#).

To view the most recent briefing on PPE shared in the Partners in Care/Project ECHO network, please follow this [link](#)

IPC have produced useful posters for [care homes](#) and [domiciliary providers](#), which gives advice on suitable IPC have also produced guidance on admission and care of patients during COVID-19, setting and context. [Admission and Care of Patients](#), designed to help staff when receiving your residents back from hospital or admitted from home and/or another care setting.

Comprehensive national resources and guidance around IPC and PPE is available through this [link](#), and IPC guidance regarding the use of FFP3 masks and donning/doffing/disposal is available through this [link](#).

**Please note guidance around PPE is changing on a daily basis, please keep revisiting the guidance above to keep your organisation updated. If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.**



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## Need to know



### **COVID-19 Essential Training**

Please find an attached list from Health Education England of training currently available, updated versions of this will be circulated to providers. Skills for Care also have a comprehensive section on fully-funded training on their website relating to Rapid Induction, Care Certificate and other skills-based training specific for our sector – again this is being updated and refreshed on a daily basis and can be accessed [here](#)

### **Partnership Working with District Nurses**

Please find letters through the adjacent links sent to [care homes](#) and [homecare providers](#) on behalf York Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust

The letter outlines some suggested temporary measures around current visits to enable District Nurses to provide a service to those who are requiring support with managing Covid-19 symptoms or End of Life Care.



## Partners in Care- COVID-19 Response ECHO Network

All Vale of York care homes and domiciliary providers are invited to join our Partners in Care COVID-19 support program. Through Project ECHO we are able to offer video conferencing information, to provide the latest best practice guidance, training, and peer support to care providers in our region at this difficult time. Project ECHO uses the Zoom online platform which requires internet access via lap top, tablet or smart phone.

These sessions will take place every **Monday** and **Thursday** from **14:00** and will last up to an hour. The slides from all the sessions that have taken place so far can be found through our [website](#), including around PPE, identifying deteriorating residents with a COVID context and NHS Mail/Care Home Capacity Tracker. Please note these are correct as of the date they were delivered.

Topics that have been requested to cover at future sessions include that the group have requested to update on at future sessions include around advance care planning, managing residents with dementia, palliative care and changes to verification of death.

If you are interested in becoming part of the network or have any queries, please email [projectECHOteam@stleonardshospice.nhs.uk](mailto:projectECHOteam@stleonardshospice.nhs.uk) or call Chris Charters on 07741 734659. Once registered you will receive calendar invites to each session. More information on Project ECHO can be found through this [flyer](#).

## COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Related Deaths in the Community Guidance for Medics, Care Homes and Hospices

Please find through this [link](#) a document which amalgamates guidance from the Coroner's Office, City of York Council and North Yorkshire County Council (Among other organisations) with regard to COVID-19 related deaths. This includes guidance around handling

### Managing COVID-19 in Care Homes: Guidance

- Please find guidance from the British Geriatric Society through this [link](#) which pulls together a range of essential information and advice
- Guidance from Public Health England is available through this [link](#) from PHE advising how to identify and manage

for care settings, and an update on changes to the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD). We will look to advise further on this guidance at upcoming Project ECHO Networks.

COVID-19 in a care home or residential setting (including IPC guidance)

- Public Health England have created guidance for [residential care](#), [supported living](#) and [domiciliary providers](#) on how to manage COVID-19.

## Care Home Capacity Tracker

Thank you to all Vale of York care homes for their continued support in updating the care home capacity tracker. A reminder we

- If you are able to update the tracker to reflect your bed capacity by 9:00 am each day they would be a great help to assist with expedited discharges.
- If you are not able to admit for any reason, please set your capacity to zero.
- Please remember to update the COVID-19/business continuity section daily.
- If you have any queries regarding the tracker, please contact the system champions Sam Varo or Clive Nicholson from the CCG, Sarah l'Anson from CYC and Steve Crutchley from NYCC.

## Registration with NHS Mail

During the current Covid-19 pandemic, secure communication between health and social care services is more important than ever. We are asking all care providers to take up this offer. NHSmail offers a recognised secure email system, which will allow patient identifiable data to be shared with healthcare services. There is also opportunity for all NHSmail account holders to have access to Microsoft Teams, which offers a video conferencing facility to enable video consultations during periods of social distancing.

If you have not done so already, please complete the attached template (word document) and submit to [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net)

## Further Information

### COVID-19 eLearning

#### Programme- **Free**

Health Education England e-Learning for Healthcare have created a free [eLearning programme](#) available to all staff across health and social care.

The programme includes key materials to help the health and care workforce respond to Coronavirus including essential guidance from the NHS, Government and WHO on infection prevention and control, personal protection equipment and more.

### Dementia and COVID-19- **Ammended**

Please follow this [link](#) to our website, where additional resources have been shared that may helpful to providers in manging residents with dementia during the outbreak

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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?**

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