



Vale of York
Clinical Commissioning Group



Care Homes and Domiciliary Care

Tuesday 21 April 2020

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

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

IPC have circulated a [flyer](#) to providers detailing correct usage of face masks in care home settings. They have also produced a [video](#) to assist with donning and doffing procedures.

Useful posters for [care homes](#) and [domiciliary providers](#) can be found through these links. 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.

Need to know

Verification of Expected Death

The CCG are asking care homes if their staff would benefit from training in verifying expected death. If this is something your home would benefit from please contact clive.nicholson@nhs.net

The slides presented by Dr Helen Ward at Thursday's Project ECHO can be found through this [link](#) and provide a good refresher.



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](#), This includes resources from Thursdays session around verification of expected death and GP assessments. Other topics that have been covered include 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.

If you are interested in becoming part of the network or have any queries, please email projectECHOteam@stleonardshospice.nhs.uk or call Chris Charters on 07741 734659. Once registered you will receive calendar invites to each session.

Skills for Care- COVID-19 Support Webinars

Skills for Care is running a series of recorded webinars on a variety of workforce topics to assist managers during this time. Each webinar will last 30 minutes. If you have any questions on the topic that you'd like to see raised, please email these to events@skillsforcare.org.uk.

- [Human Resources in the time of COVID-19](#). Tuesday 21 April 2020, 10:30
- [Recruitment](#). Wednesday 22 April 2020, 10:30
- [Using Technology to Support Your Staff and Each Other](#). Thursday 23 April 2020, 10:30
- [Supporting People You Care for Through the use of Technology](#). Thursday 30 April 2020, 11:00

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

Learning Disability and COVID-19 Resources

The LD nurses within York Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust have put together a set of accessible resources during the current outbreak.

- [People with Learning Disabilities and their Carers FAQ](#)
- [Learning Disability Fact Sheet](#)
- [Going to Hospital with Coronavirus- Easy Read](#)

Aerosol Generating Procedures

As promised at the Project ECHO call on Thursday, please find through this [link](#) a list from Public Health England to clarify which procedures and are not classified as aerosol generating.

Palliative Care Coordination

A single point of coordination for end of life care guidance is now live. The service has been developed by the CCG and St Leonards Hospice, and is accessible from **8:00am to 12:00pm Monday-Sunday**. This is available to all Vale of York care homes and domiciliary providers among other organisations. Further information on this service is available in this [leaflet](#). The contact number for the point of access is: **01904 777770**

Also available through this [link](#), are a set of clinical guidance relating to symptom control for COVID-19 patients, which was presented by Dr Anne Garry (Palliative Care Consultant) at the ECHO Network.

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.

Further Information



COVID-19 Essential Training

Please find through this link a [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](#)



Further Information and Guidance

Content from previous bulletins as well as guidance and resources to further assist providers during the outbreak can be found through our [website](#). This includes:

- Care Home Capacity Tracker Guidance and Contacts
- Dementia guidance for COVID-19
- COVID-19 e-learning
- Managing COVID-19 guidance in care homes, supported living and domiciliary care.

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