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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](#)



Use of Tablets and Digital Devices by Independent Care Providers

Independent care providers across the Vale of York are using digital technology to a greater extent recently (including tablets allocated to a number of services by the CCG) to enable virtual consultations, additional clinical use and by residents. This is a reminder to follow best IPC practice when using these devices in care settings. Please ensure regular cleaning and between use. It is good practice to limit use of an individual device to individual units where possible. For those providers who have been allocated multiple tablets by the CCG, the number allocated was partially based on the number of floors to help support limiting risk of cross infection.

Need to know

Trusted Transfer Documentation for Care Homes

Following recent discussions around discharge related issues (including at a recent Partners in Care/ECHO Network where representative from the discharge team responded to feedback from care home managers), a reminder for care homes to use the Trusted Transfer of Care Document where appropriate to accompany residents on admission to hospital either electronically or through paper copy.

The document can be found through this [link](#), and a brief for care homes through this [link](#). For an example document please follow this [link](#).

Please note the completion of the Trusted Transfer of Care Document is the responsibility of the care home with the exception of any changes during the hospital stay which must be documented on the variance sheet (by hospital staff). Any patients who are a new admission to your care home will not be transferred with the Trusted Transfer of Care Document but we still expect that full information and supporting documents and medications are provided by the discharging hospital unit.

For any issues experienced such as missing documents or medication on discharge please let us know as soon as possible so we can follow this up with YTHFT partners.

To report any feedback, or if you would like to discuss the discharge process in more detail, please contact:

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Care Home and Dementia Team (CHAD) York Update

This week we have a [short video by Teepa Snow](#) showing how the same activity can be adapted for different stages of dementia, and a link to [Ken's quiz site](#). Here you will find a free on line quiz resource with many different categories that we

hope you find fun if not a little brain teasing for you and your residents.

As ever, if you would like any support for your care home and staff during these difficult times, please get in contact with the Care Home and Dementia Team and we will do our best to help. You can email us on: tewv.chad.york@nhs.net or reach us by phone on our professional's only line: 01904 461196.



Community Infection Prevention and Control Team Bulletin - 'Correct order for putting on and removing personal protective equipment'.

Please find the latest bulletins from the community IPC team for care homes and domiciliary providers through the below links:

- [Care Homes](#)
- [Domiciliary Providers](#)

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

Partners in Care- COVID-19 Response ECHO Network

The network is open to all Vale of York independent care providers, and takes place **every Thursday** from **14:00-15:00**. Through the Zoom online platform the network is designed to provide the latest best practice guidance, training, and peer support to care providers at this difficult time. CCG, Local Authority, Infection Prevention and Control, Mental Health, CQC and Medicines Management are among the organisations and specialists represented on these sessions to answer questions and help discussion.

The slides from all the sessions that have taken place so far can be found through our [website](#).

For any queries or to suggest topics for future sessions, please email projectECHOteam@stleonardshospice.nhs.uk or call Chris Charters on 07741 734659.

CAS Alert: Personal Protective Equipment and Heat- Risk of Heat Stress

Wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in warm/hot environments increases the risk of heat stress. Heat stress occurs when the body is unable to cool itself enough to maintain a healthy temperature. Heat stress can cause heat exhaustion and lead to heat stroke if the person is unable to cool down.

Measures to control the temperature of clinical environments and enable staff to make behavioural adaptations to stay cool and well hydrated should be made. Staff may require more frequent breaks and the frequency of PPE changes may increase, with a resulting increase in demand.

For more information on this alert please follow this [link](#)

Withdrawal of Weian Type IIR Surgical Masks and Gloves

We have been made aware that a Type IIR facemask produced by Weian may contain latex and could cause anaphylactic shock in anyone who is allergic to latex. The recommendation is to avoid wearing these masks and use an alternative brand.

The following gloves (blue sail+ Disposable Nitrile Examination Gloves) are not fit for use because they do not meet EN455 rating. The specification for the INTCO Medical Nitrile Examination Gloves cannot be validated and they should also not be used. For more information please follow this [link](#).

Further Information

Delirium Webinar Resources

As mentioned during the Partners in Care/Project ECHO session last week, please find resources from the webinar "*Delirium and considerations during the Covid-19 pandemic*" which was hosted by the Dementia Policy Unit at NHS England and Improvement on 24th June 2020. As promised, please find enclosed:

- [Webinar Slides](#)
- [The Greater Manchester Community Delirium Toolkit](#), which is referred to in the presentation. This is shared as a 'working draft' - Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership – Dementia United
- Yorkshire and Humber Clinical Network ['Think Delirium'](#) resources

Free Psychological First Aid in Emergencies Training

Public Health England have created a free psychological first aid in emergencies training for frontline staff and volunteers. Training will equip staff to provide support and recognise people at risk of distress

The course follows a globally recommended model for supporting people during emergencies, tailored to the specific challenges of coronavirus (COVID-19). This training takes place over 3 weeks and those who register are asked for a 1 hour per week learning commitment. To register and for information please follow this [link](#).

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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