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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](#)

### Allowing visitors in to care homes – ethical considerations

The ethical dilemma of allowing visiting in care homes during the Covid-19 pandemic was considered by the Clinical Ethics Cross Sector Committee Y&NY recently. The outcome of their considerations is available through this [link](#)

## Need to know



### Care Home and Dementia Team (CHAD) York Update

This week we have a [printable calendar for your staff room](#) with tips on easy ways to maintain our well-being and a [leaflet on keeping your residents active](#) with some ideas of activities for different abilities.

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: [tevv.chad.york@nhs.net](mailto:tevv.chad.york@nhs.net) or reach us by phone on our professional's only line: 01904 461196.

### Webinar for annual health checks for people with learning disabilities and / or autism

**Tuesday 21 July 15:00-16:00 (via Zoom)**

Skills for Care and Learning Disability England will be hosting a webinar looking at the challenges and opportunities around annual health checks for people with learning disabilities and / or autism. This webinar will focus on how support services can help people with learning disabilities and / or autism stay healthy and will include some examples of how they can help people even with the current COVID-19 restrictions.

We will be looking at a number of resources that can support people, their families and paid supporters to understand and know how to access annual health checks more easily. The webinar will be led by Skills for Care and Learning Disability England. It is building on their work with NDTi and VODG on a project to [improve access to Annual Health Checks](#).

The webinar is open to anyone with an interest in supporting people to get an annual health check but it will be especially useful to Managers in provider organisations.

To book please follow this [link](#)

## NHS Mail Support Webinars

The support webinars hosted by NHS England and Improvement now take place weekly each Tuesday from 14:00-15:00.

To join these webinars– please follow this [link](#)

Any care providers who require assistance in using NHSmail are encouraged to join the training webinars, these are live sessions so you will have the opportunity to ask questions throughout. The topics included in the sessions include the below.

- Registering for NHSmail
- Welcome email
- Logging in for the first time
- Resetting your password
- NHSmail hints and tips
- Opening a shared mailbox
- Microsoft Teams overview

If you have any queries in relation to NHS Mail please contact [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net)

## 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 **alternate Thursdays** 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](mailto:projectECHOteam@stleonardshospice.nhs.uk) or call Chris Charters on 07741 734659.

### 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.

## Further Information

### Type IIR Cardinal Masks Advisory Note

Please note the recommendation from MHRA through this [link](#) that all lots of the product detailed below are disposed of locally.

- Mask, Type IIR
- Supplier: Cardinal Health
- NPC: BWM028
- MPC: AT74535UK
- Applies to all lots of AT74535UK (Lot numbers detailed in the link above)

There is a risk to staff wearing the mask if the foam strip on the mask flakes and enters their airway or mouth. There have also been complaints of the ties and/or stitching coming away from the mask

### 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](#).

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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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