



Vale of York
Clinical Commissioning Group



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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](#)



Radox Test Kits for Coronavirus Testing

All providers are being asked to immediately pause use of the Radox testing kits following the [notification](#) from the government last week.

Please store all of your unused Radox kits in a safe place to ensure that they are not used or mixed with other test kits, and one of the national track and trace team will be in contact with you next week to confirm next steps. All impacted care homes will be assisted to get replacement kits as soon as possible.

The [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): getting tested](#) guidance has been updated following on from this notification

The alternative type of test in use is Kingfisher. This is the [updated link](#) to register completed Kingfisher tests for staff and resident. Instructions on using non Radox kits can be found through this [link](#).

Providers who have not yet registered on the site for whole site testing can do so through this [link](#) as this is now the first port of call for routine regular whole site testing of residents and staff. A series of webinars from DHSC on whole home testing are scheduled and can be booked onto through this [link](#)

Apprenticeship and Traineeship Update

Following the announcement from the Chancellor last week around 'Plan for Jobs' and the additional funding for traineeships and apprenticeships, we are happy to announce two major updates to the support available to businesses:

- Businesses will receive a £1,000 bonus payment from the Government for every trainee they offer a work experience placement to.
- Businesses will be given £2,000 for each new apprentice they hire under the age of 25. This is in addition to the existing £1,000 payment that the

Government already provides for new 16-18-year-old apprentices and those aged under 25 with an Education, Health and Care Plan.

The Excellence Centre are currently working on a project across the Humber, Coast and Vale to support GP Practices, Nursing and Care Home and Hospices to become digitally ready to access the apprenticeship funding available and receive transferred funds from other organisations who have had unspent apprenticeship levy funds.

Additionally, a key focus of the project is to support your service with workforce development and the potential to use apprenticeships within their practices; either as new recruits or to up skill substantive employees.

Health Education Yorkshire will be holding a series of short webinars throughout August and September on apprenticeships, traineeships and workforce development. **The first webinar is on Trainee Nursing Associates on Thursday 6 August 2020. Click [here](#) to book a place**

If you would like to discuss using apprenticeships within your workforce or utilising the apprenticeship funding available or would like to request webinars on anything specific relating to apprenticeships or workforce development, please contact Claire Ryan, Project Manager at claire.ryan@hey.nhs.uk

Need to know

Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys

NHS Foundation Trust

Care Home and Dementia Team (CHAD) York Update

This week we have a booklet put together by Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust that is about [meeting the needs of residents in care homes](#) during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Within the booklet you will find links to some seminars from other NHS Trusts and also a link to [an excellent animation](#) about meeting residents' needs

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 Health Services Education, Training and Guidance Resources

Please find through this [link](#) a useful document that brings together providers free national training for care providers into one document.

The document also links to a site which holds all the government and PHE information for the adult social care sector on responding to the coronavirus pandemic in one central holding. This includes:

- How to work safely in care homes
- Admission and care of people in care homes
- Coronavirus (Covid-19) Health & wellbeing of the adult work force
- Coronavirus (Covid-19) How to work safely in domiciliary care

Details of further training opportunities, including those hosted by the CCG can be found through this [link](#).

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](#)

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 next session will take place on **Thursday 23 July**

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.

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.

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](#)

Further Information

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.

If you have any queries in relation to NHS Mail please contact sam.varo@nhs.net

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.

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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