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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](#)



Survey- Allocation of Samsung Tablets to Care Homes

We are conducting a piece of work to evaluate how the tablets provided by the CCG into care homes have assisted in delivery care for residents. We would be interested in hearing from both those from care homes who have allocated the devices, and also the health and social care professionals who are using them for virtual consultations and for other purposes. All feedback is gratefully received, whether good or bad to help us better understand how they are currently being used, as well as any issues you may be having and any additional uses or functions these devices could perform. The survey will take no longer than 5 minutes and will help us determine any further ways we can help support homes with these tablets.

Care Provider Survey- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KV2N78C>

Health and Care Professional Survey-
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K7JJKRQ>

If there is anything you would like to raise outside of the survey then please contact sam.varo@nhs.net

Nutrition Training and Referral (Care Homes Only)

Dr Sarah Baker, Professional Lead for Dietetics updated at last week's Partners in Care ECHO Network around the offer of nutritional training that her team are able to provide Vale of York Care Homes. The training is anticipated to take 30 minutes-1 hour and will help those taking part a greater knowledge of nutrition to help embed in their service. To express an interest in this training please email

Nutrition&Dietetics@YORK.NHS.UK

The team are now also able to accept referrals for dietetic input directly from care homes rather than needing to be completed by a GP. Please find the referral form attached to this bulletin, the team are aiming to set up an electronic link to this form which will be linked to from the Partners in Care webpages once ready.

New Apps for Care Provider Tablets

Following a request from a care home, the following 5 apps will be made available on all care provider tablets.

- React to Red- App based upon to React to Red pressure ulcer prevention training programme
- ISTUMBLE- Health assessment tool that can be used following a fall
- Yellow Card- MHRA resource for monitoring and collecting information on adverse reactions to medication, as well as safety alerts.
- IDDSI- Framework for looking up IDDSI food and drink consistencies
- NHS Safeguarding- Tool to raise awareness of safeguarding requirements

If there is an app that you think would be beneficial to add to your device, please contact sam.varo@nhs.net

Need to know

Training Available Through the CCG

A reminder that the CCG Project Nurses are still available to deliver the below training to care providers as required. This can be done either virtually or face to face as required.

Helen - h.degnan1@nhs.net

- React2Falls- Falls Prevention
- React2Red – Pressure Ulcer prevention
- PPE – donning and doffing/ handwashing

Kay – kay.ford3@nhs.net

- Recognising and Responding to Deterioration
- PPE – donning and doffing/ handwashing

For more information on these training programmes, as well as other training available to care providers please access our [Partners in Care Training Page](#).



Supporting BAME Across Social Care

Skills for Care is currently undertaking some work to find out more about the experiences of adult social care workers from a black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) background during the COVID-19 pandemic. The BAME workforce plays a vital role in the day-to-day



care of people in our communities and it is critical we know more. Four webinars have been created which can be viewed through their [website](#), covering supportive leadership, building alliances to support BAME staff, mental wellbeing and creating collaborations and supportive networks within organisations.

COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) illustrated guide for community and social care settings

Published on 31 July, [a new illustrated guide](#) is now available identifying what PPE should be worn and when in community and social care settings.

This resource outlines personal protective equipment (PPE) advice for health and social care workers working in the community. Guidance should be used in conjunction with local policies. The guide offers five common scenarios for Health and social care workers in the community and outlines the correct PPE for your work.

Chief Medical Officer Decision to Increase Self-Isolation Period

In symptomatic people COVID-19 is most infectious just before, and for the first few days after symptoms begin. It is very important people with symptoms self-isolate and get a test, which will allow contact tracing.

With widespread and rapid testing available and the relaxation of other measures, [the Chief Medical Officer has now extended the self-isolation period from 7 to 10 days](#) for those in the community who have symptoms or a positive test result. This will help provide additional protection to others in the community. This is particularly important to protect those who have

been shielding and in advance of the autumn and winter when we may see increased community transmission.

Further Information

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 20 August**


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.

Health and Social Care Workers Flu Immunisation campaign 2020

Campaign materials specifically to encourage health and social care providers to have the flu vaccination [are now available to order](#). A separate campaign with materials will be available for the general public later this month.

If you are not already registered with the PHE Campaign resource Centre, you can do this on line and then print off resources encourage your staff to have the flu vaccination this year. The emphasis this year is on 'Protect'. Protect you, your family, your colleagues, those you care for', Badges for staff to wear with 'I've had my flu jab' on them are also available and nationally



they are encouraging the use of these so please order some and encourage staff to wear them.

There are a whole range of posters, leaflets, stickers, digital and paper resources to use.

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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