



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](#)



Temperature Screening Device Alert

Following on from questions at last week's Partners in Care ECHO Forum, it has been clarified that the recent IPC alert specifically relates to temperature screening devices you walk up to a screen and it takes your temperature. These were designed for building sites and are being missold to care establishments and only measure surface skin temp and highly inaccurate. The hand held infra-red ones that are medical devices like you see in hospital are excellent and are preferable to the in the ear one for IPC purposes.

The government guidance that came out can be found through this [link](#). The specific information relating to these products is below:

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulated Agency (MHRA) states that “There is little scientific evidence to support temperature screening as a reliable method for detection of COVID-19 or other febrile illness, especially if used as the main method of testing”.

Temperature readings from thermal cameras and other ‘temperature screening’ products, e.g. hand held non-contact thermometers, measure skin temperature rather than core body temperature. In either case, temperature variations can occur in healthy people, therefore, these readings are unreliable for detection of COVID-19 or other illness causing fever. Additionally, infected people who do not develop a fever or do not show any symptoms (asymptomatic) would not be detected by a temperature reading and are more likely to spread the virus unknowingly. Only use medical devices for temperature screening which are regulated by MHRA.



Care Home and Dementia Team (CHAD) York Update

This week we wanted to share links to a couple of music resources. [Music for Dementia](#), a radio station that plays music from different eras from 30s to the 70s to promote reminiscence. It can be accessed via Alexa and has a video about how this can be set up.

We also have [Playlist for Life](#) which has a downloadable personal music journal booklet that can be completed to help document a person’s musical preferences to build up a picture of likes and dislikes and music that can be calming or invigorating.

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 professionals only line: 01904 461196.

The Care Home and Dementia team, (CHAD) York

Need to know



Skills for Care August Update

The latest update from Skills for Care can be found through this [link](#). Angela Thompson will be giving an update covering the latest training and resources available in more detail at a future Partners in Care Virtual Forum.

The update includes information on the below among others

- Bite size resources around effective delegation and empowering your staff
- Resources to support those completing the care certificate
- Distance recruitment resources
- Fully funded rapid induction programme, refresher training and volunteer programme
- Apprenticeships
- Verification of expected death
- Digital leadership and skills

Emollients: Fire Risk and Precautions Campaign

The MHRA and National Fire Chiefs Council have launched a new campaign to raise awareness of fire risk and precautions that need to be taken by users of skin creams. This contains a short video and a PowerPoint presentation for staff training and information. Also links to other resources such as posters and information for people who use the products. The resources can be found through this [link](#).



Nursing Times Awards 2020

The CCG and Yorkshire and Humber Improvement Academy are delighted to have been shortlisted in the Care of Older People category for the upcoming Nursing Times Awards. This is for the Recognising and Responding to Deteriorating Residents programme to support care homes and domiciliary providers across the Vale of York.



Training, development and education opportunities

Carer Awareness Online Training

York Carers' Centre is pleased to offer virtual training via Zoom on the following dates:

Weds 26th August 11am-1pm

Weds 28th October 11am-1pm

Mon 23rd November 11am-1pm

Mon 7th December 11am-1pm

This session offers an introduction to York Carers Centre and how they can identify and support unpaid carers. It is an opportunity for professionals to learn more about York Carers Centre and the support available for unpaid carers across the city, as well as to increase understanding of carers, their role and its effect on their lives.

The session will include a presentation, have brief introductions, share information around current carer issues (such as Covid-19/isolation), engage in discussions, include a quiz and share links to carer films on YouTube. One of their Volunteer Carer Champions plans to share her experiences also.

To book onto these session please contact sam.varo@nhs.net

Skills For Care Registered managers Webinar

Time Management: Practical Approaches to Protect Your Time

Date: Thursday 27 August 2:00-2.30

This live webinar looks at practical ways for frontline care managers to help you manage your time. The webinar will tell you about time management techniques and provide access to a new self-assessment tool. The webinar will also look at how other managers have successfully been able to prioritise time in response to COVID-19 and share their tips with others.

To register for the live session please follow this [link](#)
The webinars in this series are all recorded and can be found through this [link](#)

Further Information

Partners in Care Virtual Forum

The CCG will be relaunching the Partners in Care Forum virtually on **Thursday 03 September from 2.00-2.45**. This follows the assistance of the Project ECHO team at St Leonards Hospice who have helped support us run the Partners in Care Project ECHO Covid-19 Support Network since the start of the current outbreak.

The forum is open to all care homes and domiciliary providers from across the Vale of York, and is designed to provide support with the latest guidance, updates from across health and social care and a chance to ask questions of both health professionals and fellow care sector colleagues. There forum is also open to and attended by partner organisations who support care providers from acute care, mental health, local authority and Skills for Care among others.

The forum will take place every **2 Weeks on a Thursday from 2:00-2:45**. The sessions will take virtually place using Zoom and calendar invites will be sent out to all partners very shortly.

As before, Partners in Care is a collaborative forum that is shaped by and intended to support the care sector. So if you have any topics for discussion or updates you would like to request please contact sam.varo@nhs.net. All are welcome so please forward the invites to any colleagues who would like to attend.

Data Security and Protection Toolkit- **For Action**

As you may be aware the deadline for completing the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT), which enables you to be compliant with national guidance around Information Governance has been extended due to Covid. The requirement to complete the DSPT in order to access NHS Mail has also temporarily been waived. Following discussion at a national level, the new deadline for DSPT completion is **31 March 2021**.

The only action that is required at this stage is for individual care homes/domiciliary providers to who have not yet registered or previously completed the DSPT, to register an account for the DSPT by 30 September. By registering for this, you will be able to access a training programme which is currently being designed at a national and regional level to help guide you through completion from October-March.

To register

- Register directly through this [link](#)
- Once registered you will receive an automated email with a time limited password for your account, which will require you to log in during the following 24 hours otherwise you will need to re-register.

If you have any queries at this stage, please contact sam.varo@nhs.net

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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