



Vale of York
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Care Homes and
Domiciliary Care

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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](#)



Department of Health & Social Care

Antibody Testing for Social Care

Please find details of how access an antibody test for adult social care staff below. This information is also available through a [poster](#), alongside the [SOP/consent form](#) and [frequently asked questions](#).

What is the antibody test?

- Antibody tests are now being provided free of charge by the NHS to anyone in paid adult social care employment, whether they have had symptoms or not.
- The antibody test is a voluntary blood test which involves taking blood from the arm and determines whether you have had Coronavirus.
- Antibody test results will help to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country and may be helpful in the future if scientific research is released with conclusive findings about immunity.
- It is important to note there is currently no evidence to show that someone cannot be re-infected with the virus, or pass it on to others, or have protective immunity. This means anyone with a positive antibody test will need to continue following government guidelines, such as social distancing and using PPE.

Site locations and opening times and how to book

- To request an antibody test, please call this below number between 8am and 5pm Mon-Fri: **01904 725817**
- You will need to provide your name, DOB and either your NHS number or address.

Initial testing is being delivered at:

Peppermill Court, Ramsay Close, Clifton, York, YO31 8SS

Testing is open: Mon –Fri from 08:00 -17:00

There will be up to 100 slots available daily. These **must be booked** using the dedicated line.

Please **read, complete, and print** the attached consent form if you have access to a printer. This will reduce chance of delay. If you don't have access to a printer, paper copies will be available at Peppermill upon arrival.



Medicines Reuse Scheme Reminder

Following the discussion at Partners in Care last week, a reminder to all homes that are operating a medicines for reuse scheme that it can **only** be used when it is not possible to obtain a supply for the person in a timely fashion by the usual routes. Attempts should be made to obtain supplies in the usual fashion as the first step. Further information on the scheme can be obtained through this [link](#)

Need to know



Partners in Care Virtual Forum

Thank you to all those who joined us for the Partners in Care Virtual Forum last week. Topics discussed included.

- Timeliness of discharge
- Access to swabbing results
- NHS Mail change
- Medicines reuse procedure
- Learning opportunities through Project ECHO

The next session of the Partners in Care Virtual Forum will take place on

Thursday 01 October from 2:00-2.45. The agenda to the forum is shaped by its members, so if you have any topics you would like to see discussed at the next session please get in touch.

The session takes place by Zoom, and the joining details can be found in the calendar invite or by contacting sam.varo@nhs.net



NHS Mail Deactivation and Format Changes (Updated)

The CCG has been notified that any care provider NHS Mail accounts that haven't been active within the last 6 months will be **deactivated on 31 October**. We are currently contacting any providers that we have been notified have an inactive account, however to prevent this deactivation then all you need to do is to log into your account.

We have also been made aware that from 25 September the format of care provider generic email address will change from **care.location.careproviderODScode@nhs.net** to **care.ODScode@nhs.net**. A copy of this [message](#) has been sent by NHS Mail to care providers detailing the changes. We have been assured that messages sent to the old addresses after this point will be redirected to the new address.

For any NHS Mail queries please contact: sam.varo@nhs.net

Admission to Hospital Reminder

As we head into the winter season where infectious diseases traditionally rise, it is important that the hospital can plan for isolation effectively when admitting residents to prevent spread of infection. When



a resident is admitted to hospital, please can homes ensure ambulance crews and hospital staff are fully informed of:

- Any risk of infectious disease for the resident
- If possible when they were last tested for Covid-19 and the result
- Please also bear in mind any potential contacts the resident may have had within your home that could increase risk of infection

The Trusted Transfer document **or** your organisations equivalent will have opportunity for this information to be included, along with the Inter Health and Social Infection Control Transfer Form. Please ensure it is clearly identified for receiving staff. To access the Trusted Transfer document and inter health and social care infection control transfer form please follow this [link](#).

If you have any queries please contact sarah.fiori@nhs.net

Training, development and education opportunities

Funded Virtual Learning- October 2020

Health Education Yorkshire in partnership with Skills for Care and the University of Huddersfield are able to offer funded training on the below topics during October and November. More details can be found through the links below.

- [Loss, Grief and Bereavement](#)
- [Supporting People with Long Term Conditions](#)
- [Recognising and Responding to Service User Deterioration](#) * (Note the CCG also offers this training to providers through kay.ford3@nhs.net)
- [Practice Assessor and Preparation](#)

Closing date for applications for this training is **30 September 2020**

Skills for Care Webinar for New Managers

Wednesday 23 September 2020 1:30 – 2:00pm

This free, 30-minute webinar will introduce you to the support and resources that Skills for Care offers care organisations in England. Attendees will hear about how Skills for Care can support you with recruiting and developing your staff. The session will also explain the support available to help you effectively lead your organisation, develop best practice and keep up to date. You will be shown where to find things on the website and have an opportunity to ask questions to a panel of Skills for Care staff.

[Register for your place now](#)

Further Information



T34 Syringe Driver Alert- Incorrect Batteries

Please find through this [link](#) an internal alert from York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation that has been shared for your information. This is to note that PROCELL batteries are not suitable because they are significantly smaller and will lose contact, causing issues with infusion. NX batteries are a much tighter fit and are the best batteries to choose.



DSPT Registration Webinars from Care Providers

When: Weekdays from 2:00-2:15

All care providers who have not yet registered for the Data Security Protection Toolkit and invited to attend daily webinars run by the regional DSPT team from NHS England and Improvement. These will provide a chance to ask questions and be run through registration process. For more information and joining details please view this [flyer](#).

Alternatively if you have any further queries 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?

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