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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](#)



Flu Vaccination for Health and Social Care Workers

Having the flu vaccination every year is important, but this year it is vital to make sure we do all we can to support and protect the NHS and care services due to the potential impact of flu and COVID-19 circulating at the same time.

Flu can be deadly and is easily spread from person-to-person, even amongst those not showing any symptoms. Unvaccinated and asymptomatic, but nevertheless infected, staff may unknowingly pass the virus on to vulnerable residents, friends, family and colleagues.

Flu outbreaks can have a serious effect on the social care sector. Every year there are flu outbreaks in care homes despite high flu vaccination rates for

residents. This is partly because as people age, they do not produce as good an immune response to vaccinations. The vaccination against flu protects the people we care for and protects staff, their family and friends, helping to keep services running safely during winter.

How can I support staff flu vaccinations?

If you are a manager, Public Health England produces resources specifically for those working in the social care sector and you can access these [here](#).

Please help the fight against the flu virus this year by encouraging your team and colleagues to book their flu vaccination.

If you're a frontline health and social care worker, your employer should offer you a flu vaccine. They may give the vaccine at your workplace. Ask your employer how they will be offering staff the flu vaccine this year.

You can also have the flu vaccine if you provide health or social care through [direct payments or personal health budgets](#), or both. The [NHS website](#) has more information.

Thank you to all our social care workers for your hard work and commitment during these profoundly challenging times, and we thank you in advance for your support by getting your flu vaccine this year!

PPE Portal: How to order COVID-19 PPE and Ordering Changes

Eligible health and social care providers can order PPE through the portal to meet the increased need that has arisen as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This [updated guidance](#) gives information regarding the increased order limit information for all sectors to reflect recent increases and has removed order information on type II masks.

The order limits for different types and sizes of eligible health and social care providers are listed within the guidance these are kept under review to make sure they reflect the latest public health guidance, COVID-19 demand modelling and analysis.

The PPE portal can be used by social care and primary care providers to get critical coronavirus (COVID-19) personal protective equipment (PPE). You can only log in and place an order if you've received an email invitation to register. The PPE portal can be used by:

- GPs
- residential social care providers
- domiciliary social care providers

- (and others)

If you're a provider in one of these categories, your invitation to register will be sent to your email account registered with Care Quality Commission (CQC), NHS Business Services Authority (BSA), NHS England or the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

PPE ordered from the portal is free of charge and will be delivered by Royal Mail within 4 days.

Eligible health and social care providers can use the portal to meet the extra need for PPE that has arisen as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. You should not use the portal to order PPE for non-COVID-19 requirements. You should get this through your normal channels.

Eligible providers can now use the portal to order PPE for COVID-19 requirements, rather than as an emergency top-up system. There have also been some other updates including:

- domiciliary care providers with 50 or more clients and residential care homes with over 50 or more beds can now order one box of visors (usually 200 per box) per week
- added type II masks to the list of items that can be ordered
- updated order limits for GPs and social care providers.

Need to know



Partners in Care Virtual Forum- Mental Capacity Act Visiting Case Studies and IPC Guidance Ahead of Winter

Thank you to everybody who joined us last week for partners in care, the presentations for both updates can be found below.

- [Presentation](#) from Abby Combes (CCG) and Claire Webster running through 3 case studies around mental capacity act and visiting to help guide providers.
- [Presentation](#) from Caroline Gent (IPC) on making how service IPC ready

ahead of winter.

The next Partners in Care Virtual Forum will take place on a slightly different day to normal, on **Tuesday 13 October from 2:00-2:45**. All care providers and partners agencies are welcome to join, please contact sam.varo@nhs.net if you don't have the calendar invite. The forum is shaped by its providers, so please get in touch if you have any requests for topics.



PRINCIPLE Study- Help the Fight Against COVID-19

Individuals who have been diagnosed with or who are showing symptoms of COVID-19 and are aged 65 or over (or 50-64 with certain conditions) are able to self-enrol into the PRINCIPLE study. This is a national trial to find treatments that reduce hospital admissions and improve symptoms. To join the study, please follow this [link](#).

For further information, the [poster](#) and [patient information leaflet](#) can be found through these links.



Text Message Wellbeing Support Pilot Launched

Skills for Care launching a text message pilot to support the wellbeing of leaders and managers working in adult social care. The study is based on wellbeing programmes that have supported other frontline professions which we believe can also promote wellbeing in social care. Text messages will be sent weekly for 15 weeks starting on 19 October and will include tips and prompts to help you look after yourself and help with your own wellbeing. Places are limited so take a look at the Skills for Care Website for more information and [register now](#).

Training and Development Opportunities



Skills for Care's FREE virtual half day 'Roadshows'

The Skills for Care Yorkshire and Humber and the North East team would like to invite you to the first series of virtual, interactive Roadshows, where social care employers can meet and interact with their peers, share ideas and best practice.

The interactive sessions will:

- supporting you with values-based recruitment and retention
- managing staff induction, ongoing training and assessment of competence
- CQC's new approach to inspections and enabling effective workforce risk assessments

To find out more and book your place click on the link below:

- [North Yorkshire - 14 January 2021, 10:00-12:30](#)

Places are limited despite the roadshows being delivered virtually (by Zoom), so please ensure you book your place asap. Places are restricted to no more than two people per organisation.



Upcoming Registered Manager wellbeing webinars

Skills for Care are offering Registered Managers a series of two wellbeing webinars.

It's never been more important to recognise your own emotional and support needs and how to maintain your own wellbeing in these difficult times.

You can attend either or both webinars and recordings of both will be made available on the website after the live webinar.

1. Wellbeing for managers

The first webinar will include practical support and ideas to look after yourself to help you look after others. This will be held on **Thurs 15 October from 3.00 – 3.30.**

[Booking link](#)

2. Leading for wellbeing

The second webinar will focus on 'Leading for Wellbeing' with practical support and ideas to support your teams with wellbeing. This will be held on **Weds 4 November 11:00 to 11:30.**

[Booking link](#)

The sessions are designed for registered managers and managers who directly supervise others. Places are limited and advance booking is required.

Further Information



Project ECHO Future Sessions

Project ECHO have a series of reflective learning sessions for care providers planned over the coming months, including around looking after ourselves in the workplace, unconscious bias and advance care planning.

For more information on these and to book, please follow this [link](#).

DSPT Registration Webinars for 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?

If so please contact sarah.fiori@nhs.net or sam.varo@nhs.net