



Monday 9 November 2020

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 Independent Care Provider colleagues.

[Please click here to bookmark these pages](#)

Flu Vaccinations for Care Home Staff

We are aware of the challenges you have faced obtaining a flu vaccination for your staff. We fully recognise how important it is to keep your staff well and to protect your residents from flu.

For any members of staff who are registered with one of the York City GP Practices (including Pocklington Group Practice, practices detailed below), we have agreed that staff can book with immediate effect a vaccine through the Drive through at Askham Bar.

- Dalton Terrace Surgery
- Front Street Surgery
- York Medical Group
- Priors Medical Group
- Haxby Group Practice
- Jorvik Gillygate Practice
- MyHealth
- Unity Health
- Old School Medical Practice
- Elvington Medical Practice
- Pocklington Group Practice

Please ask staff individually complete the form and booking on the following the link that has been circulated to homes. They will need to know their own GP, their NHS number and car reg. As always to avoid the risk of covid transmission – **Do not car share unless absolutely necessary – then use face masks, and passenger sit at the rear**

Nimbuscare federation is providing this service on behalf of the city practices. This means unfortunately it is not available for staff registered outside of these practices.

For staff registered with other GP Practices, please be patient, we have communicated with all GP Practices to ensure you are able to book a vaccine with them. Please contact your practice direct. Community pharmacies are now also able to reorder supplies, so may be able to take bookings shortly.

In all circumstances your vaccine should be free and no provider whether it is a community pharmacy or GP practice should be requesting payment.



Partners in Care Virtual Forum and Yorkshire Ambulance Service Session

The Partners in Care Virtual Forum will take place on **Thursday 12 November** from **2.00-2.45**.

The main update this time will be a presentation from Yorkshire Ambulance Service “YAS -Supporting Information for Care homes” This session is designed for care home managers and staff of all levels to inform about the 999, 111 and PTS services that YAS provide, giving an overview and information useful to staff when contacting our services, also giving opportunity for staff to give us feedback. This presentation is also a good resource for care homes to have to be able to refer back to and train new staff.

In order to help get an idea about how much the care homes know about 111/999 before the session, YAS are inviting care homes to fill out this [survey](#).

These sessions are shaped by our care providers so if you have anything else you

would like to add to the agenda for discussion. All care providers and partners agencies are welcome to join, please contact sam.varo@nhs.net. If you don't have the calendar invite.

Need to know



Your NHS Needs You- COVID Vaccine Research Trial

NHS researchers in Leeds, Harrogate and York are working together to help find a vaccine for COVID-19. We are recruiting now for the next stage of clinical trials to help find a vaccine. Together with the National Institute for Health Research, we have put together an [animation](#) to explain the process of vaccine research.

To better understand the effectiveness of vaccine candidates and help find a vaccine that works for as many people as soon as possible, researchers are particularly seeking more volunteers from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds as well as those with underlying health conditions and the over 65s.

Please share this information with your friends and colleagues. To sign up visit please visit this website- <https://www.nhs.uk/ResearchContact>

Medical Devices Safety Bulletin- T34 Syringe Drivers

Please find through this link a pilot bulletin that the MHRA have put together with the latest updates regarding T34 Syringe Drivers. This includes an update on previous that had previously be put in place on sales of pumps, as well as an update on battery issues that have been experienced.

Swabbing and Donning/Doffing Competency Videos

The Department of Health and Social Care have produced two useful instructional videos which demonstrate correct swabbing and donning/doffing technique which may be useful to care providers.

- [Taking a nose swab](#)
- [Donning/Doffing](#)

Stop the Pressure Day Thursday 19 Nov 2020

Be a pressure hero this **STOP THE PRESSURE DAY** by doing something, anything within your service that will raise awareness of the dangers of pressure damage; and how to prevent or stop it in its tracks!

Send us your photos of what you have done so we can show case your fantastic work

Certificates for everyone taking part!

The Tissue Viability Society are offering [free grab bags](#) of resources to care providers to help promote the campaign. For further information and to share any plans for Stop the Pressure Day, please contact h.degnan1@nhs.net

Training and Development Opportunities

Project ECHO- Upcoming Sessions

- “The role that Unconscious Bias can play in how we deliver care”

Wednesday 11 November 2.00-3.00

A panel discussion about how our own biases can influence how we see other people and deliver care

- **The Importance of Advance Care Planning**

Friday 11 December 2.00-3.00

Led by a palliative care Social Worker, a session to highlight the importance of empowering the people we care for to make choices about the care that they want.

To book your place please contact the [Project ECHO Team](#)



Continence Support and Training for Nursing Homes

Please find through this link a [flyer](#) from the provider of continence products for nursing patients in the Vale of York. They are able to support homes with continence education, correct use of products, profiling and product selection with your nursing care home staff . This training and support can be available virtually and there is also an abundance of support literature.

Further Information

Capacity Tracker- Updated IPC Questions

A review has taken place on questions on the tracker which are required to be updated to access the IPC fund. This review has meant that some existing questions have been removed, some have been re-worded and some new questions have also been added. These are expected to be live on the tracker from Monday 9 November

The new questions cover the following areas:

- **Limiting the use of public transport by members of staff**
- **Staff choosing to stay separately from their families**
- **Residents receiving visitors**
- **Regular weekly testing of staff for COVID-19**

The majority of the questions form part of a weekly submission for Care Homes and Hospice Providers with a number requiring an update on a **monthly** basis only. All providers are required to review and update responses to the questions each week/month and to confirm this has been done. Thank you for everyone's really hard work so far in submitting their information via Capacity Tracker, rest assured all the information you provide is reviewed daily and used to support collective planning across the health and social care sector both locally and nationally to swiftly resolve issues wherever possible, whether through local or national actions

Why Hypothermia is a Bad Sign in Infections

Often, a systemic infection like sepsis will cause a patient to develop a high fever as part of the body's immune system response. In some cases, though, a patient will develop hypothermia, or low body temperature instead.

When an individual develops hypothermia during sepsis, there is an increased risk of fatality than when a patient develops a fever. The reason body temperature can change is the body normally "resets" itself at a higher preferred temperature and begins to expend energy keeping the body warmer as a means of fighting infection. When this does not happen or when the body resets at a colder temperature, the body is at a disadvantage because decreased blood flow and circulation already occurs with blood vessel dilation with sepsis, and cold temperature further decreases this blood flow. Although further research is needed, hypothermia during sepsis can be indicative of larger immune system problems and an ominous course.

Health Education England have produced a [resource](#) on Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS) (of which sepsis is one such cause) – where hypothermia is one of the recognized features to look out for (in addition to tachycardia, tachypnoea or low blood pressure).

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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