



Vale of York
Clinical Commissioning Group



Care Homes and
Domiciliary Care

Monday 11 January 2021

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](#)



PPE - Message from Public Health

- Following the announcements regarding increased national restrictions, we recognise that a number of people are still required to continue with face to face work and will in some circumstances need to wear PPE or face coverings to undertake this work. This has prompted queries regarding the impact of those tighter restrictions, potential changes to the

Covid Virus transmission rate, mutation of the virus presentation and does this mean a requirement to change or enhance PPE use.

- Whilst there are some scientific changes to the virus presentation and infectiousness and in the York area our positive cases have increased this has not required any change or enhancements to the existing PPE guidance.

By way of a refresher we would like to re- share the latest PPE guidance which can be found through this [link](#): and ask that staff ensure they are using the correct PPE for the task they are undertaking.

The most effective thing we can all do is to remember the basics even when using PPE: **Hands Face Space**

- [Meeting with Other Safely Easy Read](#)
- [Face Coverings- When to Wear one and How to Make your own?](#)

Need to know



Illustrated PPE Guide and Use of Long Sleeved Gowns

Following discussion at Partners in Care last week, please find through this [link](#) a useful illustrated guide from PHE showing which PPE to use in which situation.

Also as discussed, long sleeved gowns are not required to be worn unless working with an individual receiving aerosol generating procedure

Care Home and Supported Living Visits

- The [Stay at Home](#) guidance issued on Monday 4 January has the following guidance for visiting care homes:
- Visits to care homes can take place with arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, or behind windows. **Close-contact indoor visits are not allowed.** No visits will be permitted in the event of an outbreak.

You should check the guidance on [visiting care homes during COVID-19](#) (updated 19 Dec) to find out how visits should be conducted. Residents cannot meet people indoors on a visit out (for example, to visit their relatives in the family home). There is [separate guidance for those in supported living.](#)(last update 22 Dec)



Barclays Digital Eagles

Barclays Digital Eagles are supporting Care Providers across the UK to provide free training on using iPads to connect residents with families and Care Workers with Clinicians.

From week commencing the 11 January and over the following 6 months, Barclays Digital Eagles will be running live online training sessions for you to attend. Each training session will be designed to help you get started and how to access some of the systems in place for conversations and consultations for your residents and team.

Training sessions are held every weekday from the 11 January 2021. Please see the description of the training below:

1. **Getting started** - Learn how to connect your iPad/Tablet and discover what it can do

- 2) Entertainment** - An introduction to apps and games you'll find in the App Store. Great for residents to become familiar and comfortable with the device.
- 3) Digital safety** - Find out how to stay safe online by using secure email and avoid scams with our top tips
- 4) Connectivity** - Learn how to use apps to connect with your loved ones, GP's and Clinicians. This will include a popular platform run through and then offer signposted training resources for others not covered in the session.
- 5) Rapid run through** – If you're an advanced user and just need a quick run through of the above

The online training sessions are designed to be fun and informative! Barclays Digital Eagles can adapt the training to suit those that class themselves as an absolute beginner or a more advanced user, so you'll be in good company whatever your current understanding.

To book your free space on the training via Microsoft Teams, you just need to email the following details to digitaleagleshq@barclays.com

- Full name and role of person(s) who are interested in this training
- Training session (s) to attend (1 - Getting started, 2- Entertainment, 3 - Digital Safety, 4 - Connectivity or ALL or 5 – Rapid run through for advanced users)
- Please state whether you/they consider to be a beginner, intermediate user or advanced level user of an iPad/Tablet
- Organisation name and site post code
- Your ODS code if known (if not, find it here by entering your organisation name and post code only <https://odsportal.hscic.gov.uk/Organisation/Search> - Will begin with the letter V. - e.g. VLH6Q)

Barclays Digital Eagles will then confirm your training session details by email with a Microsoft Teams invite.

P.S. - Don't forget to send that request from your NHSmail account. (If you do not have an NHSmail account yet, please email sam.varo@nhs.net)

Training and Development Opportunities



Skills for Care Webinar: COVID-19 and BAME Communities – A Deeper Dive

**When: Tuesday 19 January 2021,
10:00 – 11:30**

This webinar will examine the recommendations from the COVID-19 and BAME Communities Advisory Group in more detail. We will look at each of the recommendations and give you the opportunity to ask questions about how you or your organisation can drive these recommendations forward for your staff.

⇒ [Book your place](#)

Skills for Care Registered Managers Webinar- Driving and Evidencing Improvements in Difficult Times

**When: Tuesday 26 January 2021,
14:00 – 14:30**

This webinar will look at how to maintain focus on quality improvement and robust ways to ensure your service continues to strengthen the quality of care, including how processes have been adapted during the pandemic. The webinar will also look beyond the pandemic to sharing tried and tested approaches to gather evidence, identify areas for improvement and progress towards achieving these. We'll be sharing insight from adult social care providers and introducing some new resources to help you.

⇒ [Book your place now](#)

Further Information

Upcoming Webinars and Sessions from Skills for Care

Practical collaboration during COVID-19: working together to support adults with learning disabilities

- Thursday
28 January 2021, 13:30 – 14:30
- To book follow this [link](#)

Meaningful activities - Leading the way

- Wednesday 3 February 2021, 14:00 – 15:00
- To book follow this [link](#)

Learning from local recruitment initiatives During COVID-19

- **Tuesday 2 February 2021, 14:00 - 15:00**
Thursday 4 February, 14:00 - 15:00
Friday 5 February, 14:00 - 15:00

To register for one of these webinars, please email CHIP@local.gov.uk stating which date you would like to attend.

Capacity Tracker Changes

Following feedback from providers nationally, the following data fields have been removed for care homes to make completion of the tracker easier:

Capacity, Costs and Business Continuity Page (Daily updates)

- Reduced number of **Workforce** questions
- **Second COVID Vaccination** questions and current data have been hidden temporarily for a period of 8-12 weeks
- **Automated Totals** added to tables to help make it easier for Providers with their updating

Help and Guidance on the changes

- Help and Guidance can be found from 08/01/2021 onwards via the **Help** tab and **Resource Centre** , **What's New** section <https://capacitytracker.com/resources/category/61/whats-new>

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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