



**Monday 08 February 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](#)



## **IPC Workbooks for Care Homes and Domiciliary/Supported Living- Update**

The latest update we have received on the IPC workbooks and policy folders that have been ordered for all York and East Riding registered care homes is that we

are expecting to receive these resources on approximately 16/17 February, and will be able to get these out to homes within a few days of this. Once we have a confirmed timescale and delivery date we will contact homes with this information.

We have also just received approval to provide workbooks to all domiciliary and supported living services registered within the Vale of York area. Therefore we will be contacting providers directly to ascertain how many each service would need and will then submit and order for these.

We are planning to have one of the infection prevention nurses from the team who produced these resources join us at a future Partners in Care Virtual Forum to give an overview of the content, as well as guidance on how to use the workbooks and get the most benefit out of them. This will be confirmed closer to the time.



## **Build the future - National Apprenticeship Week 2021**

Running from 8 to 15 February, the 14th annual National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) will celebrate the diversity of opportunity and value that apprenticeships bring, and how they can help employers and individuals 'build their future'. The key benefits of apprenticeships include raising staff morale to reducing staff turnover; from supporting your recruitment and increasing the diversity of your workforce to upskilling your existing workforce and supporting succession planning. Follow the campaign on social media **#BuildTheFuture** and **#NAW2021** and join the conversation.

Further information from Skills for Care on apprenticeships is available through this [link](#)



## Baseline Observation Skills Workbook

Carrying out clinical observations can support clinical decision making and these valuable skills can be learnt in any care home setting.

Training on why and how to take blood pressure, pulse, temperature and oxygen levels (using pulse oximeters) is available virtually and face to face. There is also a supporting workbook which can be found through this [link](#). The workbook accompanies the practical element of the training. Following training the trainees will need to be observed as competent within the workplace. For more information regarding this training please contact [kay.ford3@nhs.net](mailto:kay.ford3@nhs.net) or [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net).

## Need to know

### Making Sense of COVID-19 Testing and Shedding- Updated Guidance

Please find attached through this [link](#) updated clinical guidance around shedding which is based on the guidance originally created by Dr Andrew Lee and shared last May. This provides answers to frequently asked questions around interpreting test results, as well as contacts for further support.



## Donning and Doffing of PPE

The latest Bulletins from the Community Infection Prevention and Control Team Care focus on 'Donning and doffing of personal protective equipment'.

- [Care Home](#)
- [Domiciliary Care](#)

## COVID-19 Vaccination Programme – Updated Consent Forms

Both the consent form and letter for social care staff and adults has been updated. Please find updated versions through the below links

- [COVID-19 vaccination: consent form and letter for social care staff](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination: consent form and letter for adults](#)



## PPE for Staff Providing Care Outside Hospital: What to Wear

Please find through this [link](#) a short video designed by Public Health England which provides an up to date summary of where we are in the fight against COVID-19, as well as a summary of PPE and IPC process from the current guidance.

## Capacity Tracker for Domiciliary and Supported Living Providers

Providers are now also being asked to add in COVID vaccination figures for staff. This is to ensure a consistent mechanism for monitoring and reporting on vaccination status across the country, which will help to ensure equitable access to vaccines and ultimately the safety of staff and residents across social care. Therefore if this information could be kept as up to date as possible that would be a great help

Regional support sessions lasting approximately 20 minutes are taking place this week which are open to any providers who would like more support and guidance in updating. To book a place please contact: [pmattu@nhs.net](mailto:pmattu@nhs.net)

- Tuesday 9 February 2021 at 12:00
- Wednesday 10 February 2021 at 14:00
- Thursday 11 February 2021 at 12:00
- Friday 12 February 2021 at 13:00



## Partners in Care Virtual Forum

This week's Partners in Care Virtual Forum, will take place on **Thursday 11 February from 2.00-2.45**. These sessions are 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.

The sessions are shaped by our care providers so if you have anything you would like to raise for this meeting please get in touch.

All care providers and partners agencies are welcome at the forum, please contact [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net) if you don't have the calendar invite.

## Training and Development Opportunities



### **Webinar- Having Conversations About Workplace Race Equality Issues**

**Thursday 11 February 2021, 11:00 – 11:30**

This webinar will look at how managers can identify signs that discrimination is taking place and have conversations with staff about race equality to ensure inclusive practice. Acas will join the session, and will share their best practice guidance and highlight some of the resources and support available to managers.

To book your place please follow this [link](#)

### **Upcoming Webinars for BAME leaders and managers**

Skills for Care are hosting another series of virtual events focusing on the shared priorities of BAME leaders and managers.

#### **How to become an anti-racist organisation**

**Tuesday 9 February 2021, 10:00 - 11:30**

This webinar will explore the challenges an organisation may face, how they can embrace and understand race and what they should do to address the imbalance.

#### **Discrimination and workers' rights** **Tuesday 23 February 2021, 10:00 - 11:30**

The focus of this webinar is to share and understand the challenges of discrimination. An expert panel will explore how people are discriminated against, types of discrimination and what individuals can do to address this.

To book your place please follow this [link](#)

## Further Information

### Vitamin D Supplements Guidance for Care Providers

The vitamin D supplements being provided free by the Government should be arriving at all care homes shortly. The DHSC has published [guidance](#) to advise care homes on how to offer the supplements safely including what records must be kept. The full guidance must be read carefully and can be found [here](#). The guidance gives a clear direction for residents who should be offered the supplements and for when advice should be sought from a healthcare professional (see section 2 of the DHSC guidance). **Where advice is required this should be done as a routine (not urgent) query.** Starting the supplements can be delayed until the advice can be obtained. Record the action you have taken in the person's care plan. Further information on how to put the guidance into practice, including contact details for further advice is available in this [document](#).

Information is also available [on supporting people to take vitamin D](#) from CQC which is relevant to all adult social care providers including domiciliary and supported living.

**Karen Lepper who gave the update at Partners in Care around this is also happy to take queries and can be contacted at: [karenlepper@nhs.net](mailto:karenlepper@nhs.net)**



### COVID Vaccination FAQ's, Fraud Alert and Contacts For Queries

North Yorkshire County Council have produced a useful [set of answers to frequently asked questions](#) that you and your staff may have around the COVID vaccination.

You may be aware from national news of fraudulent communications relating to vaccines. Please can you ensure staff are aware of the information in this [link](#) on how to spot the fake texts/ emails etc. so they can be vigilant for themselves and in their conversations with others.

**If you have any questions regarding vaccination then please contact a member of the Partners in Care Team who will be able to offer support: [Sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:Sam.varo@nhs.net); [Sarah.fiori@nhs.net](mailto:Sarah.fiori@nhs.net); [h.degnan1@nhs.net](mailto:h.degnan1@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](mailto:sarah.fiori@nhs.net) or [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net)