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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 Independent Care Provider colleagues.

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**The Humber,
Coast and Vale
Resilience Hub**



A new resilience hub has launched to support health, care and emergency services workers across the Humber, Coast and Vale area.

The [Humber, Coast and Vale Resilience](#) Hub provides independent and confidential support for health, care and emergency service workers who may be struggling with the impact of COVID-19.

The Resilience Hub is completely confidential and offers frontline workers and their families' advice and support for a range of issues such as emotional wellbeing to bereavement, debt, domestic violence and relationship issues. People can also access mental wellbeing support via an expert team of psychologists and health professionals where needed, by completing an online [wellbeing questionnaire](#) which assesses people's level of need.



IPC Resources for Domiciliary and Supported Living Providers-Update

The IPC workbooks for providers in the City of York and East Riding areas will be arriving into York later this week. Because of the volume of books and providers and that a lot of provider offices are closed, we will be operating a drop in collection service to get these out to providers. However for all supported living sites with permanent staffing or providers who have ordered a very small number of books we will be positing or delivering those. If you have not received an email around collection dates then your workbooks will be delivered/posted.

For providers registered in the NYCC area these workbooks will follow at a slightly later date.

Need to know



Health and Social Care Ambassador Scheme

Across Humber, Coast and Vale, partners are working together to promote Health and Social Care as a career of choice. The HCV Ambassador Scheme has been developed to support the careers promotion and maximise the reach and impact of employer engagement. Working in partnership with Skills for Care and their Icare Ambassadors, the scheme will be managed by the Workforce Consortium Programme Team and will provide support for employers to undertake Ambassador activity, coordinating that activity with schools and colleges and at careers events etc.

They are beginning the promotion of the scheme **now** with a planned launch for **Early Summer 2021**.

The details of the scheme are available through this [link](#)

If you would like to discuss this further please contact Lynne.MacDonald@hey.nhs.uk



Partners in Care Virtual Forum

This week's Partners in Care Virtual Forum, will take place on **Thursday 11 March 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 if you don't have the calendar invite.

Guidance Updates (Including Visiting Guidance)

- **Visiting Arrangements in Care Homes-** Sets out how care homes can support families and visitors to visit residents from 8 March
- **Increased testing for extra care and supported living.** High-risk extra care and supported living can now add twice weekly lateral flow device (LFD) testing to their current regime for staff. Wider settings which meet one of the criteria previously set out can now access PCR weekly testing for their staff too. Referrals to order tests can only be made through local authorities. For more help and advice, sign up to these [extra care and supported living testing webinars](#).
- **Staff Movement in Care Homes.** New guidance has been published (1 March) on measures providers should take to limit staff movement , and sets out the additional steps providers should take in extenuating circumstances such as significant numbers of staff self-isolation.
- **Updated guidance for people with Learning disabilities and autistic adults.** Guidance for [care staff](#) and [unpaid carers](#) has been updated in the social distancing section to include the link to the Governments Road Map
- **Revised Code of Practice for International Recruitment now applicable to the social care sector.** The UK has updated its Code of Practice for the International Recruitment of Health and Social care personnel.
- **Additional guidance: The Mental Capacity Act (2005) and deprivation of liberty safeguards (DoLS) during COVID-19.** This guidance has been updated to cover testing and offering a vaccine to someone who lacks the relevant mental capacity.

Training and Development Opportunities

Care Certificate Network Introductory Webinar

When: Wednesday 10 March 2021, 10:00 - 11:30

The Care Certificate network is a national forum available for all health and social care colleagues. The Care Certificate teams based in Skills for Care and Health Education England (HEE) are keen to hear the voice of the adult social care sector and are inviting you to join the network. HEE will be hosting an introductory webinar to the Care Certificate network, for anyone who's involved in the delivery or assessment of the Care Certificate in adult social care

To book your place please email carecertificate@hee.nhs.uk

NICE Webinar- Supporting Carers

When: Thursday 25 March 2021 11.00-12.00

The session is designed for professionals and others who support adult carers, this free webinar focuses on our [Supporting adult carers guideline](#) and [upcoming quality standard](#). It aims to improve the lives of carers by helping health and social care practitioners identify people who are caring for someone and give them the right information and support.

To book please follow this [link](#)

Further Information

Department for Work Pensions Programmes Supporting Recruitment

- The DWP [Sector Based Work Academy Programmes](#) can support employers to create a skilled workforce and could be helpful in targeting roles where there may be recruitment difficulties. Sector-based work academies help prepare those receiving unemployment benefits to apply for jobs in a different area of work. The academies are based around work place placements and include pre-employment training.
- [The Kickstart Scheme](#) provides funding to create new job placements for 16 to 24



CARE Badges

CARE badges are still available for all staff working in adult social care across England.

If you have placed an order but now need more badges for new and existing staff, use this [link](#)

year olds on Universal Credit who are at risk of long term unemployment. The Kickstart Scheme has changed – employers no longer need a minimum of 30 job placements to apply directly for a grant. Employers can now apply for a Kickstart Scheme grant by either – applying online themselves or – get help from a Kickstart gateway organisation. More information can be found at

below to place additional orders.

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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