



Tuesday 23 March 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.

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Second Dose of COVID Vaccination for Care Home Staff

There have been a number of enquiries recently regarding access to second dose vaccinations by social care workers. We would like to reassure staff that there will be options for vaccination made at a local level and agreed between your Care Home Manager and Care Homes Vaccination Team through the GP Practice

- The Care Home Manager will be asked by the vaccination team to provide numbers of staff to be vaccinated at the same time the vaccination team visits your care setting for residents also;
- Numbers of staff who will require vaccination by attendance at the Askham Bar Vaccination site

This aims to reduce footfall within the home on vaccination day and allow for workforce planning. This approach also allows for the vaccination teams to plan accurate supply, appointments and staffing. If a Care Home Manager has not received notification of a visit within 10 weeks of the 12 week window please contact the Vaccination Team via the GP Practice.

Due to national supplies being centrally controlled this means there are limited opportunities for flexibility in appointments.

The Vaccinations Teams appreciate your patience and support in ensuring your whole home are vaccinated in a timely manner.

Diabetes Medication Stock Reminder

In the last month there have been some serious incidents relating to residents with diabetes. These have included residents not receiving oral medication or insulin as required. All diabetic medication as you appreciate is time critical and in one incident insulin could not be administered at the right time due to there being no stock available when the vial being used was identified as out of date.

District Nurse colleagues would like to ask that all care homes ensure that residents have sufficient stock of medications, particularly for those with diabetes. The Head of Nursing – Community will ensure the DN teams make you aware of expiry dates for opened insulin to enable further stock to be ordered without the need to stock pile, but that will prevent delays in your residents care.

If you wish to discuss this further please feel free to contact Tracy Means HoN – Community on 07552280316 or at tracy.means@york.nhs.uk



NHS Mail Discounts

Did you know that your NHS Mail account is able to be used as verification for registering for both [Health Service Discounts](#) and for [Blue Light Card](#)? These websites offer a larger number of special discounts online as well as cards that can be used instore a number of high street brands. There are also a number of offers available through the [NHS England and Improvement](#) website which you can access using your NHS Mail account.

Need to know



Barclays Digital Eagles

Barclays Digital Eagles are providing online direct support to the adult social care sector and training to staff including accessing healthcare appointments online, keeping residents connected to friends and family and accessing entertainment/hobbies online. Tailored e-learning and virtual learning sessions to meet the requirements of your care organisation are also available. To find out more information please follow this [link](#)



Partners in Care Virtual Forum

This week's Partners in Care Virtual Forum, will take place on **Thursday 25 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. Topics planned for this week's session include:

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.

Capacity Tracker Updates

- **Capturing second dose of COVID vaccination:** this information will be captured in the Capacity Tracker from mid-April 2021.
- **Enhanced Provider Access:** Work has commenced that will give enhanced access to the reports that are available within the Capacity Tracker. This will give providers the visibility of their organisation's information compared with consolidated information of comparable organizations. This is intended to share information collected from providers during the pandemic in a useful way that can support organizations understand both their information in a wider context as well as support benchmarking. More details will follow over the next few weeks.
- **Workforce Absence within Business Continuity for Care Homes and Hospices:** the collection of absence data for workforce contained within the daily business continuity has been slightly modified following feedback from providers.

The subtle change is to reflect that those staff 'not on shift' should no longer be recorded in the non-covid absence field. This should now only capture those members of staff that should be at work but are unable to due to non-related COVID absences such as non-covid sickness, maternity leave or furlough. Providers should no longer record staff not on shift within this part of their daily business continuity return.

Training and Development Opportunities

Webinar- Care Home Visiting

**When: Thursday 25 March 2021
3.00-4.00**

The DHSC and the Better Care Fund will be hosting a webinar to focus on how care providers can facilitate visiting safely, the importance and benefits of enabling visitors to come back into care homes and share some of the practical things that will ensure the risks are minimised.

The webinar is aimed at registered managers, care home providers and local authority and health colleagues to support sector-led improvement and ensure that best practice and innovative ideas are disseminated across the sector.

To book please follow this [link](#)

New Masterclass: Caring for your Teams - Compassionate Leadership

**When: Wednesday 31 March 2021,
10:30 - 11:30**

Join this exciting and practical masterclass. Professor Michael West CBE, a world-renowned speaker and national lead on teams and compassionate leadership will explore:

- How do we create cultures where staff can deliver compassionate care and cultures of compassion?
- How can we care for the health and wellbeing of our teams to ensure their effectiveness and their wellbeing?

To book please follow this [link](#)

Further Information

Vacancy- Project Nurse

Working Pattern: Full Time

Pay Band: Band 6 (£31,365 to £37,890 pa)

Closing Date: Wednesday 24 March 2021

The CCG Quality and Nursing Team have a vacancy an enthusiastic and motivated Project Nurse, with proven experience and knowledge in working with Independent care providers and quality improvement. The post holder will support quality improvement programmes across Independent Care Providers within the NHS Vale of York CCG. Primary focus will be on supporting implementation of the Enhanced Health in Care Homes Framework.

For further information or an informal discussion please contact sarah.fiori@nhs.net or 07702 657592. The full job specification and application form can be found through this [link](#)

Additional Training Sessions and Webinars Coming Up

- Towards Resilience: Making Community Matter in Social Care Webinar- Tuesday 23 March 2021 12:00-13:00
- NICE Webinar: Supporting Carers- Thursday 25 March 2021 11.00-12.00
- Practical Approaches to Working with Partners Webinar-Tuesday 20 April 2021 11.00-11.30
- National Nursing Associate in Social Care Community of Practice Virtual Event- Tuesday 20 April 10.00-13.00
- York Carers Centre Carers Awareness Training- Monday 26 April 10.30-12.30 (Sessions running throughout the year)

These sessions can all be booked onto through our [training page](#), which also has details of CCG's delivered programmes of training including React to Red, React to Falls Prevention, Recognising and Responding to Deteriorating Residents, Infection Prevention and Baseline Observation.

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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