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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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COVID Vaccine Updated FAQ's, National Booking Portal and Principles of Vaccinating in Care Homes

North Yorkshire County Council have updated their [vaccine FAQ's](#) for care staff, which cover questions including:

- Is the vaccine safe?
- Will the vaccine protect me?
- Do I need two doses?

- If I've already had COVID-19 why do I need the vaccine?

We have also been advised self-referral route for frontline eligible health and social care workers through the National Booking System will be re-instated by 19 April. When using the online or telephone service, social care workers will need to self-declare at the point of booking and will be asked for identification and written authorisation when they attend their vaccination appointment. Appropriate forms of identification include a work photo ID card, authorisation letter from the local authority, a signed letter of authorisation from their employer or wage slip that is dated within the last 3 months. Where work photo ID is not available, alternative photographic identification is required to support verification.

Please find through this [link](#) the guidance and principles of vaccinating within care homes that vaccination teams are being asked to follow, focusing on communication, preparation and outbreaks/transmission. If you feel that these principles are not being followed in your home please don't hesitate to challenge.



Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes
Scarborough, Ryedale and Vale of York

Project ECHO Consultation on Staff Support

As we hopefully begin to come out of the acute phase of the pandemic, we are asking care providers across the Vale of York how we can support with any issues that may have arisen for your staff and if there is there anything that we can do to help. We will respond to your learning and support needs to build a programme of support around what you tell us. Our aim is to create a virtual safe place where care provider leaders can collectively support one another in dealing with any issues that are relevant.

For instance a theme which has come up already is around issues of bereavement and loss that care teams may be facing and how team leaders can support their staff.

If there is anything we can do to help or if you would like support on how to help your staff please let us know at ProjectECHOTeam@stleonardshospice.nhs.uk. If people could please respond to us by **3 May**.



Capacity Tracker- COVID Vaccination 2nd Doses Recording

A reminder the questions to track second doses of COVID vaccine across care providers are now live on the Capacity Tracker

- For care home providers this will ask how many residents and how many staff (by role type) are known to have received the second dose of the vaccine.
- For home care providers this will ask how many staff are known to have received the second dose of the vaccine.

Need to know



Dementia and Older People's Mental Health- Guidance for PCN's and Care Homes

One of our GP's has shared this useful resource with us that has been created by South East Clinical Delivery and Networks and discusses the role of primary care networks (PCN's) and MDT working in supporting deliver enhanced care in care homes. This comprehensive guidance is designed for both PCN/practice staff and care home staff. The topics covered include how to support MDT working, the importance of structured medication reviews and identifying and supporting residents with a range of mental health needs including dementia, delirium, anxiety, psychosis and walking with purpose. To access this guidance please follow this [link](#). It is also available through our "[Useful Resources](#)" webpage.



Partners in Care Virtual Forum

This week's Partners in Care Virtual Forum, will take place on **Thursday 22 April from 2.00-2.45**. At this session, Liz Howarth from the regional DSPT (Data Security Protection Toolkit) Team will be giving a brief overview of the changes to the toolkit, what the actions are for providers to complete and what support is available to help you in doing this.

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.

Consultation: Making Vaccination a Condition of Deployment in Older Adult Care Homes

To increase vaccine take up, the government is considering amending the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014. This would mean older adult care home providers could only use those staff who have received the COVID-19 vaccination (or those with a legitimate medical exemption) in line with government guidance. [A five-week consultation](#) has been launched to seek your views. The deadline for responding is **Friday 21 May 2021**. Please promote this survey with staff, families and residents.

Training and Development Opportunities

Choosing and Using Everyday Technology to Support People

Skills for Care have created a new ongoing learning and development [webpage](#) to support people using everyday technology. Starting in May, [workshops](#) will be available to help social care staff enable autistic people and people with a learning disability to make choices about using technology to stay connected and contribute to their communities. These interactive workshops will look at the key themes around using technology and how autistic people and people with a learning disability can and are using it to stay connected.

These sessions will cover: Everyday tech introduction, Supporting mental and physical health, Accessibility, Leading and co-producing , Hardware, software and practical technology, Safety and Everyday tech learning exchange



Reimagining Day Activities for Older People

NDTi (National Development Team for Inclusion) are running a series of two-hour workshops for people that run or commission day services, activity support or community provision for older people. The webinars will focus on how we can enable older people to reconnect, re-engage, and contribute once more to the communities around them. For more information please follow this [link](#).

Further Information



Yorkshire Ambulance Service Dementia Survey

As an NHS trust Yorkshire Ambulance Service is on a journey to become dementia friendly. This work involves engagement with people living with dementia as well as their carers. They

Webinar: Planning, Keeping Safe and Being Prepared Now and in the Future

When: Wednesday 28 April 2021, 10:00-11:00

This [webinar](#) is aimed at individual employers, and those supporting them, including personal assistants (PAs), and supporting organisations. This webinar aims to highlight Skills for Care's tools to support workforce planning, introduce the analyse – plan

currently have a [survey](#) open to record peoples experiences of using 999, 111 and Patient Transport Services which they would be interested in hearing from carers working with those with dementia in a professional capacity or a who have care responsibilities in their personal lives. The survey will close in early May.

– do – review model and bring to life how people employing PAs can apply them. Delegates will hear about the benefits of workforce planning, understanding, assessing and managing risk and the importance of having a solutions-focussed contingency plan.

Making sure you've got the right number of people with the right attitudes, skills, values and knowledge to support you at the right time is even more important now than ever before.

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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