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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.

[Please click here to bookmark these pages](#)

COVID Testing for Domiciliary Providers

Following queries at last week's Partners in Care Virtual Forum, the [national guidance](#) continues to be that domiciliary staff and personal assistants are required to take a weekly PCR test. Should domiciliary providers wish to access LFD tests, these can be accessed through [3 drop in sites in York](#), all of which also offer click and collect for home tests also. More information on accessing these can be found through this [national link](#).

North Yorkshire and York PPE Flowchart

See the latest North Yorkshire and York PPE flowchart which has been updated following r



Recall Alert- Gloveon Paloma Examination Gloves- NPC GVNI074, 0175 and 0176

Please find a product recall of Gloveon Paloma Nitrile recall gloves through this [link](#)

Actions to take if you have any in stock are:

1. Undertake a review of your Nitrile examination glove stock and identify if you have any of the product in question.
2. Please inform the NHS Product Enquiries Team on productqueries@ppeenquiries.com quoting Ref: Gloveon Paloma and confirming the volume of product in stock
3. The National PPE team will then make arrangements to collect any stock you have and replacement stock as appropriate



Data Protection Security Toolkit (DSPT)

Please slides through this [link](#) that were delivered by Liz Howarth from NHS England and Improvement at last weeks Partners in Care Virtual Forum. This is an annually reviewed self-assessment to demonstrate your organisation/services compliance with data protection legislation and CQC KLOE's. A reminder this is mandatory for all care homes and providers with a standard NHS contract and strongly recommended as good practice even for providers without one. Going forward it will act as your password to joined up care between providers and health/social care, and underpins initiatives such as NHS Mail, proxy ordering of

medication and shared care records as well as further programmes of work in the pipeline nationally. The slides cover.

- How to register for the DSPT
- The difference between "Approaching Standards" and "Standards Met"
- What support and resources are available to help you complete

There are a number of support sessions taking place every week which are detailed in the slides. To book on or for queries please contact england.dsptney@nhs.net. A reminder that the deadline for care homes to publish at at least "Approaching Standards" is **30 June 2021** and for all other providers is **31 October 2021**.

Need to know



Identifying and Responding to Deteriorating Residents- Training and Workbooks

The workbook for this training programme delivered by the CCG has been updated, and an additional workbook has now also been developed for staff supporting residents with autism or learning disabilities. Training both face to face and virtually is still available to both care homes and domiciliary settings, and aims to develop care staff skills and knowledge in recognising deterioration how to respond to change. Training also includes communication skills and how to use the SBAR (situation, background, assessment and recommendations) tool to help care staff relay accurate, relevant and timely information to other health and care services including GPs and District Nurses. To access the updated workbooks and for more information on the training please follow this [link](#).

NICE Quick Guide: Creating a Safeguarding Culture in Care Homes

Based on their recent safeguarding adults in care homes guideline, NICE's new [quick guide](#) provides concise practical guidance on how to develop a positive culture that encourages open conversations about safeguarding. Registered

managers of care homes may find this resource useful. The quick guide includes advice on:

- Safeguarding policy
- Systems and procedures
- Whistleblowing
- Roles and responsibilities
- Management and supervision.



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.

Training and Development Opportunities

Training Webinars and Opportunities Coming Up

- Webinar: Planning, Keeping Safe and Being Prepared Now and in the Future. **Wednesday 28 April 2021, 10:00-11:00**
- Exploring the World of Assistive Technology- **Regular series of monthly webinars**
- Reimagining Day Activities for Older People- **Series of dates available throughout May**
- Choosing and Using Everyday Technology to Support People- **Regular series of monthly webinars**
- York Carers Centre Carers Awareness Training- **Tues 25 May 10.30-12.30**
- Growing Older, Living Well webinar; Supporting people with Dementia to live a fulfilling active life. **Wednesday 16 June 12.00-1.00**

Join Live Music Now, Oomph! Wellness and Music for Dementia hosted by the National Care Forum

When: Wednesday 5 May, 12:00-13:00

The power of music and exercise is well documented as effective in improving mental health and wellbeing, reducing isolation and loneliness and bringing joy to people living and working in care and support settings. This webinar will highlight the importance of music and exercise and the science behind the 'feel good' feeling – providing comfort and relief, improving mood and thinking, maintaining or regaining mobility and independence.

To book please follow this [link](#)

Further Information

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

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 anything that we can do to help. We will respond to your learning

(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.

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 **Monday 3 May**.

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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