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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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## **New Award to Recognise Exceptional Practice in Adult Social Care Workforce**

A new set of awards have been launched by the government to recognise the outstanding contribution made by social care workers and nurses in England and their enormous range of skills, expertise and enduring compassion. Presented as gold and silver awards, they represent an important step towards bringing recognition in line with the NHS workforce and recognise the extraordinary commitment of the adult social care workforce. This new award is the first of its kind for adult social care and is open to the workforce from all settings and parts

of the sector. The awards will be on an application basis and awarded throughout the year. Nominations will be considered by a panel of NHS and adult social care chief nursing officers and adult social care sector representatives. The Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care aims to present the first award later this year.

The gold award will recognise outstanding achievements and performance demonstrated by a nurse or social care worker in their sphere of practice. This may be clinical practice, education, research or leadership. The award recognises the exceptional contribution by an individual with a distinguished career in nursing or social care. The silver award recognises performance that goes above and beyond the expectations of the everyday role that the nurse or social care worker is expected to perform. Again, this could be demonstrated in education, research, patient and carer experience, leadership, tackling diversity and health inequalities, and could be awarded to either an individual or a team.

The awards will not be limited to registered nurses and will be extended to include all carers across all care settings, not only care homes.

Applications are available for the [gold award](#) and [silver award](#) which should be supported by 2 signatories:



## **Yorkshire Ambulance Service Dementia Friendly Strategy**

YAS has made a commitment to become a Dementia Friendly organisation as part of its Clinical Strategy (2019-2024). Information on how they are working towards this can be found in these [slides](#) from last week's Partners in Care Virtual Forum. This includes training of staff and innovative CPD opportunities including a dementia bus and sessions delivered by dementia champions, as well as making documentation dementia friendly. They have received 123 dementia patient friendly patient transport vehicles, and engaging with dementia awareness groups and health professionals/services involved in the care of those with dementia to get their views. If you would like to share any experiences or ask any queries please contact [laura.williams47@nhs.net](mailto:laura.williams47@nhs.net)

## **Recording and slides from PHE COVID -19 Webinar on Implementing the How to Work Safely in TWS in Care Homes PPE Guidance**

Please find presentation slides [here](#) from this webinar which took place last week, and please click on the following [link](#) to access the recording.

### **Guidance Update**

- [Summary of Homecare Testing](#)- CQC registered domiciliary care testing guidance has been summarised in this link
- [Visiting Care Homes](#)- The latest guidance came into effect on 17 May 2021 and replaces previous guidance on care home visiting. Residents can now have up to 5 named visitors ( including the essential care giver) , in addition to outdoor or screened visitors , however the number of people visiting at any one time remains at two people. The named visitors should be tested using rapid lateral flow tests in line with the testing regime detailed below, should wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), maintain social distancing and follow all other infection prevention and control measures (which the care home will guide them on) during visits. Named visitors and residents are advised to keep physical contact to a minimum (excluding essential care givers). Visitors and residents may wish to hold hands, but should bear in mind that any physical contact increases the risk of transmission. For this reason, there should not be close physical contact, such as hugging.
- [Visiting Out of Care Homes](#)- Visiting out of care homes guidance has also been updated with changes coming into effect on 17 May 2021. The list of external activities residents can take part in without isolating on return has been expanded. Full details are in the guidance

## Need to know



### Capacity Tracker Updates

- A national survey for care homes on proxy ordering of medication is currently live on the tracker which would be greatly appreciated for homes to complete. This will close on 31 May.
- The flu vaccination questions for care home have now been removed from the tracker, and will be reinstated later in the year prior to flu season. The question relating to numbers of staff who have received a letter from their local authority offering them a COVID vaccination has also been removed for all care settings.
- For care homes answering "no" to the IPC question relating to residents being allowed to receive visitors, you will now be asked to give more information on what challenges and barriers you are experiencing that prevent this.

### Using Digital Devices in Adult Social Care Survey

Ipsos MORI are asking care workers, social workers, and both nurses and occupational therapists working in adult social care to complete a short survey to share their views and experiences of using digital devices and technology, both at home and in the workplace. The survey will take no more than 20 minutes to complete, and respondents will receive a £10 shopping voucher as a thank you. The research is being carried out for NHSX, a joint unit of NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care, driving the digital transformation of care. The findings will help them identify what support is needed by adult social care staff, where further investment is required and help NHSX plan its future strategy. [Register for the survey](#) before it closes on **14 June 2021** or **call 0800 15 22 773** to take part.



## Family Members of Frontline Health and Social Care Workers' Experiences and Views During COVID-19

University College London are keen to hear from any family member (spouse, parent, child over 18) or supporter (neighbour, friend) of any frontline healthcare worker (nurse, doctor, midwife, physiotherapist, OT, radiographer, anaesthetist, healthcare assistant, care worker, administrator, porter, cleaner, mortuary worker or anyone working in a healthcare setting during COVID-19). So far attention has been paid to the impact on frontline healthcare workers themselves, but **no one has been paying attention to the impact that working on this pandemic is having on their families**. They want to change this and would like to invite family members to take part in A one off 45-minute online interview about their experiences and views

More information on the study is available through this [poster](#). If your family member is interested in taking part, or for more information please contact [sahra.tekin.20@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:sahra.tekin.20@ucl.ac.uk)

## Community Resources and Approaches for Parents with Learning Disabilities Study

As updated at Partners in Care Virtual Forum last week, this study being led by the National Institute for Health Research is aiming to explore how community resources and community-centred approaches can help parents with learning disabilities. We want to find out about community resources that are available in York, Calderdale, Kirklees and about the characteristics of community resources and community-centred approaches that are useful for parents. This information will help a range of organisations adapt their services for parents with learning disabilities. In the longer term, this project will inform future research to identify evidence-based approaches to support parents with learning disabilities. Further information on the project including details of how get involved are available through these [slides](#).

## Training and Development Opportunities

### **Growing Older, Living Well Webinar: Supporting People With Dementia to Live a Fulfilling Active Life**

**When: Wednesday 16 June 12.00-1.00**

In this Growing Older, Living Well webinar Jane Nickels from MacIntyre will speak about supporting people with Dementia to live a fulfilling, active life. There will be an opportunity to ask Jane your questions in our Q&A session following her presentation.

To book please follow this [link](#)

### **Cancer Champions Awareness Session**

The Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance has released new dates for their virtual Cancer Champion training sessions to help raise awareness of signs and symptoms of cancer to encourage early detection within local communities. The 90-minute sessions are available to both organisations and individuals across Hull, York, East Riding of Yorkshire, Scarborough and Ryedale.

To book please follow this [link](#)

## Further Information



### **Vitamin D Food Supplement Update**

Please find through this [link](#), information for care homes about the ongoing use of vitamin D 10 micrograms food supplements once the free supply from DHSC comes to an end.



### **Hairdressing Guidance Update**

Please find through this [link](#), guidance on enabling hairdressing in care homes which has been created by North Yorkshire County Council in partnership with the Independent Care Group.

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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)