



**Vale of York**  
Clinical Commissioning Group



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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](#)



## **Community Equipment Shortages**

Due to ongoing high demand and raw material shortages there are a number of standard community equipment out of stock. A reminder that if you have and equipment you no longer need (in particular the items below), then you can call Medequip direct to ask for the item(s) to be collected on 01423 226240 or email [north.yorks@medequip-uk.com](mailto:north.yorks@medequip-uk.com). It would be really helpful to provide the barcode numbers that are on each item, so Medequip are aware of which items they are collecting.

For those who are awaiting items below, the initial prescriber of the item will be contacted directly by Medequip if it is likely the equipment will not be delivered

within the timescale required to ensure they can adequately manage patients to ensure their safety.

- MOB647: Bariatric Walking Frame (OUT OF STOCK)
- BAT212: Adjustable Height Shower Chair (OUT OF STOCK)
- BAT210: Shower Stool (OUT OF STOCK)
- BED519 Bed lever and BED529 the CTE (OUT OF STOCK)
- BAT499 Shower Commode and BAT473 the CTE (LOW STOCK)
- MOB507 4 Wheeled Walkers (LOW STOCK)



## Long COVID Support for Staff

Many staff are now returning to work who may have been away from the workplace for some time due to the effects of COVID-19 and Long COVID, and many other staff are continuing to balance the pressures of work alongside a Long COVID diagnosis. The Humber, Coast and Vale Resilience Hub has set up Long COVID Peer Support Groups. These groups are delivered remotely and take place weekly on a Wednesday afternoon in blocks of 8 sessions.

Staff can access the group through referring themselves into the Resilience Hub by completing the [wellbeing questionnaire online](#).



## National Apprenticeship Awards- Nominations Now Open

The National Apprenticeships Awards are a fantastic opportunity to showcase the apprentices, employers and champions who have gone above and beyond, despite the challenges faced during the last year. Entries to the awards are open from 5 July to 28 July. It's free to enter the awards, and all entries must be made through the [website](#). There's nine categories which between them recognise exceptional employers, apprentices, and apprenticeship champions.

## Need to know



### Rapid Induction Funding

Funding is now available through Skills for Care, as part of a [fully funded rapid induction programme](#) is now available to ensure new workers can perform their duties safely.

The rapid induction programme covers the following:

- Assisting and moving people
- Basic life support
- Fire safety
- Food safety
- Health and safety awareness
- Infection prevention and control
- Medication management and safeguarding (specifically around isolation).

The rapid induction also contains the main knowledge elements from the [Care Certificate](#). Employers can select from 12 endorsed training providers, some of which are new additions this year. These providers have been awarded grants to deliver the rapid induction programme. Please note, all training will be delivered virtually.



### Partners in Care Virtual Forum

This week's Partners in Care Virtual Forum, will take place on **Thursday 09 July 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. This weeks session will include an update on how care providers can get involved in research, among other topics to be confirmed.

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](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net) if you don't have the calendar invite.

## Infection Control Fund and Capacity Tracker Update

It has been announced that the government are extending the Infection Control Fund and Rapid Testing Fund to the end of September. The full guidance around this can be found [here](#). As previously, access to the fund is conditional on timely completion of the Capacity Tracker. To align with the new guidance and make easier to complete, there will be changes to the IPC questions that care homes are required to complete from **Monday 19 July**. These will include around how many residents are self-isolating to help DHSC understand how many visits out of your settings are considered by providers to be high-risk. Providers will also be asked about barriers to visiting, regardless of whether they have been able to facilitate visiting over the past 7 days. The options for highlighting the burdens and / or barriers being experienced with visiting will also be updated.

## Training and Development Opportunities

### ASC: Continuing Healthcare All you Need to Know, as a Care Provider

**When: 20 July 2021, 1.30 – 4.30pm via Microsoft Teams**

Participants will:

- Have an enhanced understanding of the requirements of the National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and how NHS-funded Nursing Care differs from NHS Continuing Healthcare

### York Carers Awareness Training

**Dates (All sessions 10.30-12.30):**  
**Monday 26 July, Tuesday 24 August, Wednesday 29 September, Monday 22 November, Wednesday 26 January**

York Carers Centre are offering the chance to access their virtual Carer Awareness Training via Zoom. This offers an introduction to the Carers

- Understand the role of Providers when involved with NHS Continuing Healthcare referrals and assessments
- Be more aware of misunderstandings which may arise regarding the Decision Support Tool
- Be better able to manage families' expectations regarding NHS Continuing Healthcare
- Be aware of the difference between well-managed needs and well-controlled conditions
- Be aware of the difference between Fast Track funding and the standard assessment for NHS Continuing Healthcare.

How do I book on? Go to the course pages on [Mylo](#). Choose 'sign up next to the session you would like to attend. Contact WDU [wdu@york.gov.uk](mailto:wdu@york.gov.uk) with any further queries.

Centre, and how they can identify and support unpaid carers:

- It is an opportunity for professionals to learn more about York Carers Centre and the support available for unpaid carers across the city.
- Increase understanding of carers, their role and its effect on their lives.
- Opportunity to explore how we as professionals working in the health and social care field can help to: identify carers early; recognise them as 'partners' in care; help carers to maintain their own health and wellbeing.

The session will include a presentation, have brief introductions, share information around current carer issues (such as Covid-19/isolation), engage in discussions, include a quiz and share links to carer films on YouTube. One of their Volunteer Carer Champions plans to share her experiences also.

**For more information or to book a place on one of these sessions please contact [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net)**

## Audiology and Hearing Aid Update

Emily Litherland attended Partners in Care earlier in the month, to share an update on how care providers can help support those in their care with hearing impairments (including how to get the most benefit from their hearing aid). The [slides](#) from the update and may be useful to share with your teams. The main take home messages from the session were.

- The importance of washing hearing aids daily.
- That hearing aids should be kept in all day to allow an individual to get most benefit, not put in just when having conversations.
- Making sure the hearing aids is put in the correct ear, and inserting correctly to avoid a pressure sore.
- That the symptoms of dementia and a hearing impairment can be confused.
- That wearing of masks means you may have to speak louder to be heard.
- Specialist adjustments for clinics for those with dementia or LD can be made.

For further information or any queries the York audiology team can be contacted through **01904 726741**



## Flu and COVID Vaccination Insights Study

NHS England and Improvement are working with Public Health England to understand what makes it harder (a barrier) and what makes it easier (an enabler) to access the flu vaccination for people who work in care homes. They would like to talk to people about why they do - or don't get the flu and/or COVID vaccine. Findings from this project will be used to make it easier for people to get a flu vaccine.

If you or your staff would be interested in contributing, you will be asked to complete a short survey. You may then be contacted to arrange a time for you to take part in a focus group. The discussion will last about 60 minutes. You'll be asked to talk about why you do or don't get a flu and/or COVID vaccine and your experiences of getting a flu and/or COVID vaccine, now and in the past.

For more information please email: [england.cane.screeningimms@nhs.net](mailto:england.cane.screeningimms@nhs.net)

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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 [sam.varo@nhs.net](mailto:sam.varo@nhs.net)