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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](#)

Management of Staff and Exposed Patients and Residents in Health and Social Care Settings

As detailed in correspondence providers will have received last week, colleagues at City of York Council and North Yorkshire County Council have agreed a joint process for decision making on isolating staff coming into work for care providers in both areas. This is underpinned by a [flowchart](#) detailing the process providers will need to follow if they wish to establish why this staffing resource is so critical.

Returning staff into work when they have been 'pinged' comes with significant risks and it should only be considered as an **absolute last resort** when all other avenues have been exhausted and customer safety is at risk.

Contact details for both local authorities should you have any queries are:

NYCC- socialservices.contractingunit@northyorks.gov.uk

CYC- Adultscommissioning@york.gov.uk



Returning Community Equipment Poster

Please find a poster available through this [link](#) which may be useful to display in your care setting, detailing how to return any community equipment once no longer required. With the current shortages of raw materials impacting supplies, it's really important for any equipment to be returned rather than reused.

Deterioration Patient Tool Survey- Capacity Tracker

Care homes may have spotted a survey currently live on the capacity tracker, which is part of work being lead by Academic Health Science's Network (AHSN) to understand which tools care providers use to monitor and respond to deterioration in residents. If homes would be able to complete the survey that would a great help to understand what tools are in place across our area, you can find this in the "surveys" section under "care homes"

Many of you will use the Stop and Watch/SBAR method in your setting. This isn't given as selectable option but you can enter this in the "other" field. This is nothing to worry about out and there is no requirement to complete one of the tools listed in addition, as there are a wide range of different deterioration tools used across the country.

Need to know



Mandatory Vaccinations for Care Home Staff

The government have decided to make full COVID vaccination a condition of employment in care homes from 11 November, meaning the last date to get a first dose will be 16 September. Please note this will apply to all staff including visiting staff such as hairdressers, maintenance staff and entertainers. This [infographic and guidance](#) may help care home manage this in their setting.



Partners in Care Autism and LD Bulletin

Through this [link](#) you can find a copy of the first edition of Partners in Care Autism and LD Bulletin, which follows on from the first meeting of the new Partners in Care Autism and LD Forum. This edition includes:

- Slides from the forum detailing what service users and care providers can expect from an annual LD health check that practices offer, as well as how to be added to a practices' LD register to ensure you are offered one.
- A survey allowing you the chance to determine what the forum focuses on going forward, to help best support care provider and professionals supporting those with LD or autism
- Details of upcoming "Red Flag" roadshows designed for those with LD to help recognise signs and symptoms of cancer

The bulletin automatically goes to all individuals invited to the Autism and LD forum, but if you wish to be added to this list then please contact sam.varo@nhs.net

Training and Development Opportunities

Health, LeDeR and Constipation Webinar

When: Wednesday 18 August 12.00-1.00

In the 2020 LeDeR Action From Learning report, it was highlighted that "Some people with a learning disability are more at risk of constipation than the general population. Constipation is one of the five most common long-term health conditions reported in completed LeDeR reviews (23%)." Sarah Ormston (Dementia, Health and Wellbeing Manager at MacIntyre) and Sarah Bruce (Lead Clinician Physiotherapist for Adults with Learning Disabilities at Guys and St Thomas' Hospital), will be speaking about health, LeDeR and specifically focus on the management of constipation, including the use of abdominal massage.

To register please follow this [link](#)



Exploring the World of Assistive Technology Webinar

When: Thursday 19 August 2021 3:00 - 4:30

Digital Social Care will be hosting the 5th in a series of 6 sessions that will explore the world of assistive technology. At this session they will be looking at JAWS and ZoomText which have become a lifeline for millions of Blind and VI computer users across the globe. The session will discuss improvements and additions to the software including the new Voice Assistant features.

To register please follow this [link](#)

Further Information

Healthwatch York AGM

The Healthwatch York Annual Meeting will be taking place through Zoom on **18th August 12pm – 1pm**, where they will share their work from the last year and our plans for the next. There will be updates from the team, videos, Making a Difference Awards and opportunities for sharing feedback and Q&A.

If you would like to join please complete this [booking form](#).

Apps to Support Care Providers

The slides from the App presentation at the last Partners in Care Forum are available through this [link](#) for you. This discusses apps which may help your teams and how you can use them, including IDDSI, React to Falls, React to Red and IStumble.

All these apps are available through CCG provided tablet devices, and can also be downloaded for free.

This bulletin is produced by NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group.

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