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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](#)

Public Health England

Pregnant?

Have your COVID-19 vaccines!

It is important to have both doses of your COVID-19 vaccine to protect you and your unborn baby.

COVID-19 infection is currently circulating and can be serious for pregnant women.

Thousands of pregnant women have been safely vaccinated in the UK and worldwide.

Call 119 or go online to www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/ to register for your vaccination appointment. You can also attend walk in, mobile or pop up vaccination clinics in your area.

 **COVID-19 immunisation**
Helping to protect you and your pregnancy

COVID Vaccination in Pregnancy

Since the 16 April the Joint Committee on Immunisations and Vaccinations has recommended that pregnant women should be offered either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Any pregnant staff should already be supported in conversations relating to encouragement of the vaccine as part of their antenatal care, but there are also a series of posters in the style opposite and guidance available through Public Health England which may be useful to support you in any discussions you are having with any pregnant staff who remain vaccine hesitant.

This PHE guidance which is written for women to read prior to vaccination can be found through this [link](#), which states:

"The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that pregnant women should be offered COVID-19 vaccines at the same time as people of the same age or risk group. In the USA, around 90,000 pregnant women have been vaccinated mainly with Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and no safety concerns have been identified.

Evidence on COVID-19 vaccines is being continuously reviewed by the World Health Organization and the regulatory bodies in the UK, USA, Canada and Europe.

Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are the preferred vaccines for pregnant women of any age who are coming for their first dose.

Anyone who has already started vaccination and is offered a second dose whilst pregnant, should have a second dose with the same vaccine unless they had a serious side effect after the first dose"



COVID Vaccinations as a Condition of Employment in Care Homes- Guidance, Resources and Webinar

The government has published its full [guidance](#) on how care homes will be required to manage vaccination of staff and visiting professionals (such as maintenance workers and entertainers). CQC have produced parallel [guidance](#) on how this will be enforced.

The Department of Health and Social Care has worked with Skills for Care to provide [additional resources](#), to help care home managers and providers prepare for the new regulations. This includes a social media graphic with the key policy dates, a Q&A, vaccine communications toolkit and materials to support workforce capacity planning, recruitment, and retention.

There will also be a webinar hosted by DHSC, to answer any questions care home managers and providers might have about the new regulations on 'vaccines as a condition of deployment'. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday 17 August 2021 at 12.30**. To register please follow this [link](#).

Visiting in Care Homes- Named Visitors and Essential Visitors

A reminder that the guidance on [visiting in care homes](#) has been updated this week in reference to section 2.1 (named visitors) and section 2.2 (essential visitors). All residents may benefit from a visit from a loved one who provides a greater degree of personal care or support, to maintain their health and wellbeing. All residents should be enabled to have an essential care giver, who should be able to visit more often. Essential care givers will need to be supported to follow the same testing arrangements, and the same PPE and infection control arrangements, as care home staff. The care and support provided may still be critical even if it is not provided every day.



Webinars: Responding To Vaccine Hesitancy/Building Confidence – Further Dates Arranged

Following on from a series of workshops that have taken place over the last couple of months, Public Health England have arranged 3 further workshops focusing on responding to vaccine hesitancy as they have proven very popular. These may be helpful for providers in having conversations/building confidence in the vaccine amongst your staff.

This skills training is based on Making Every Contact Count (MECC), which is important skill that can be utilised to combat disinformation and myths and whilst providing the necessary reassurance and confidence in what is a safe and effective vaccine. The session will be interactive and include modelled conversations that showcase the core skills and processes being used. The application of this work can be far-reaching. Although this is focused on the Covid vaccination programme, these skills can be utilised for the flu vaccine, cancer screening and other health-promoting activities.

Dates and booking links are as below

- [16 August 10:30 – 12:00](#)
- [9 September 18:00 – 19:30](#)

Need to know



Skills for Care "Moving Up" Programme

This programme is aimed at black, Asian and minority ethnic leaders who are wanting to take the next step in their learning and development. The programme itself supports managers who have the desire and drive to progress in their career but are facing blockages and resistance preventing them from doing so. Previous participants have come from local government, social care, commissioning organisations, charities, third sector, nurses and occupational health. Please note, the Moving Up programme will be delivered through blended learning – a combination of self-learning modules and live online sessions. To find out more please follow this [link](#).



Partners in Care Virtual Forum

This week's Partners in Care Virtual Forum, will take place on **Thursday 12 August 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.

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.

Training and Development Opportunities

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](#)

Registered Managers Webinar- Recovery, Reflection and Moving Forward

When: Thursday 23 September 11.00-11.30

Skills for Care will be hosting this upcoming webinar, which will share stories, tips and ideas focused on how to support you and your teams to reflect on the past 18 months and move forward together. The webinar will include expert insight and guidance, as well as signposting to useful resources.

To register please follow this [link](#)

Further Information



WORKING WITH CARE HOMES IN NORTH YORKSHIRE

Do your customers have loan equipment which is no longer required?

DO NOT ALLOCATE TO ANYONE ELSE!

To arrange collection call Medequip on: 01423 226240
Or: Email – north.yorks@medequip-uk.com

Please quote the EIN on the equipment if possible.
If the EIN cannot be located but the equipment contains a Medequip or NHS label, collection can still be arranged.



Thank You

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.



Partners in Care Webpages

There's a lot more information to support care providers available through our [website](#), including:

- Information on upcoming training dates and webinars, as well as training programmes available through the CCG including React to Red, React to Falls, Infection Prevention and Identifying and Responding to Deteriorating Residents.
- Support with digital initiatives including NHS Mail, Capacity Tracker and Data Security Protection Toolkit.
- Details of upcoming meetings of the Partners in Care Virtual Forum and Partners in Care LD and Autism Forum.
- News relevant to care providers, and previous editions of the bulletin.
- Meet the Partners in Care Team.

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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