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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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Capacity Tracker

Track and Trace Data on Capacity Tracker

From the evening of **Monday 16 August 2021**, Care Homes and Home Care providers will be able to view their own testing data within the Capacity Tracker. A DHSC pilot provided Adult Social Care managers with visibility of their testing. This resulted in 92% of managers taking meaningful action to encourage staff testing, leading to an increase in the number of registrations for both PCR and LFTs across the pilot settings. It is hoped that sharing this information wider with all Care Home and Home Care providers will help build on this success.

The Test and Trace data imported into Capacity Tracker is based on the number of registrations that have been recorded within the NHS Test and Trace system that have also included a Unique Organisation Number (UON). To ensure all

information is accurately captured and aligned to a provider, Care Home and Home Care staff are asked to continue supplying their UON details when registering test kits for their organisations via [Register test kits for your organisation - GOV.UK \(test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/test-for-coronavirus) (PCR tests) or <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> (lateral flow tests)

In addition, ALL Capacity Tracker registered users will now be able to view aggregate Test and Trace statistics on either a National, Regional, or more localised level via the Capacity Tracker reports function. This will enable all providers and health and social care professionals to review their own setting/area and make comparisons with other areas etc. Further guidance on how to use the Capacity Tracker Test and Trace Statistics report will be posted on the [Resource Centre](#) on the evening of Monday 16 August 2021



Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes
Scarborough, Ryedale and Vale of York

Huntington's Disease Champions Network



Project ECHO- Huntington's Disease Champion Network

First Meeting: Wednesday 15 September at 2.00

The Project ECHO team from St Leonards Hospice are inviting health and social care professionals to join their new network, which will be run in partnership with a Huntington's Disease Association local specialist advisor. The aim of the network is through collaboration between services, to help us learn, teach and share experiences to enhance our care skills. For more information, please see this [flyer](#).

To help share the forum content, they have created a [survey](#) which providers can complete with their experience of caring for those with Huntington's and what they would like to learn more about.



Improving Dignity While Eating

We've been sent a simple but effective way of improving dignity while eating that care providers may find useful. This is instead of using a normal bib, to use an old button down shirt to create a "dignity bib" as shown opposite. This is more discreet and can help preserve dignity, as it looks like the wearer is wearing a shirt rather than a bib.

Need to know



Guidance on Internet Connectivity for Care Providers

As organisations use more technology, Digital Social Care are often asked for advice on how social care organisations can improve their access to the internet. They have therefore worked with NHSX and care providers to produce [3 quick guides](#) on internet connectivity.

- A quick guide to care home broadband
- A quick guide to Wi-Fi for care providers
- A quick guide to mobile and satellite internet for care providers



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](#).

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 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"

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

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

- [9 September 18:00 – 19:30](#)

Moving Up

Developing the diversity of leaders in adult social care



The events of the past year have once again sparked much needed conversations surrounding race and diversity. For many this has been a time of reflection, while countless others have joined the global movement to fight racial inequality. More than ever before, it's important to offer opportunities and support to those from diverse backgrounds who wish to fulfil their career goals.

Our Moving Up 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.



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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